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Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Aeron Arlin Genet, Air Pollution Control Officer

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SUBJECT: Resolutions of Appreciation for Departing Hearing Board Members

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt and present Resolutions of Appreciation to Donald Ward and David Schmarje for their service on the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) Hearing Board.

DISCUSSION:

Donald Ward has served on the APCD Hearing Board for thirty years. David Schmarje has served on the APCD Hearing Board for twenty two years. As the longest running APCD Hearing Board members for Santa Barbara County, these two gentlemen have devoted countless hours to working with staff, petitioners and the public to ensure all parties receive due process in respect to APCD permits and rules. Staff thank them for their dedication to public service and wish to honor them with the attached resolutions.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolutions (2)



RESOLUTION

Whereas, Donald Ward has a distinguished record of dedicated public service, serving on the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board since 1987, including several terms as Chair and Vice-Chair; and

Whereas, during Donald Ward's tenure on the APCD Hearing Board, Santa Barbara experienced dramatic improvements in air quality, improving from a status of "severe nonattainment" of the federal ozone health standard to full compliance with all federal air quality health standards since 2012; and

Whereas, during Donald Ward's tenure on the APCD Hearing Board, he participated in several major proceedings that effected numerous permit holders including the abatement order of an oil & gas processing facility in 1999; the State of California's Phase I and Phase II Enhanced Vapor Recovery requirements in 2009; and the rupture of an oil & gas pipeline in 2015; and

Whereas, Donald Ward was fair and equitable, listened with respect and asked thought provoking questions during the hearings of several abatement orders and permit appeals, as well as hundreds of variance petitions; and

Whereas, Donald Ward has been actively involved in his community as a member of the Board of Friends of Waller Park, a founding member of the Central Coast Green Team, and is known locally as "Mr. Water" for his success in advocating for affordable clean water in Orcutt, and

Whereas, Unless he was spending time with his grandkids or touring the country, Donald Ward could always be relied upon to hear a variance case at a moment's notice, briefcase in tow;

Now, Therefore, it is hereby resolved that the Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors expresses its appreciation to Donald Ward for his thirty dedicated years of service on the APCD Hearing Board and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

Passed and Adopted by unanimous vote of the APCD Board members present on June 15, 2017.

Attest:

Clerk of the APCD Board

Chair
Resolution No. 17-



RESOLUTION

Whereas, David Schmarje has a distinguished record of dedicated public service, serving on the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board since 1995, including several terms as Chair and Vice-Chair; and

Whereas, during David Schmarje's tenure on the APCD Hearing Board, Santa Barbara experienced dramatic improvements in air quality, improving from a status of "severe nonattainment" of the federal ozone health standard to full compliance with all federal air quality health standards since 2012; and

Whereas, during David Schmarje's tenure on the APCD Hearing Board, he participated in several major proceedings that effected numerous permit holders including the abatement order of an oil & gas processing facility in 1999; the State of California's Phase I and Phase II Enhanced Vapor Recovery requirements in 2009; and the rupture of an oil & gas pipeline in 2015; and

Whereas, David Schmarje was fair and equitable, listened with respect and asked thought provoking questions during the hearings of several abatement orders and permit appeals, as well as hundreds of variance petitions – including over half of the single member variances during his tenure due to his consistent availability; and

Whereas, David Schmarje has been an active Lompoc community member, including membership in the Lompoc Downtown Revitalization Committee and Allan Hancock Proposition I Review Board, as well as owning several small businesses; and

Whereas, A long time California resident, David is ready to officially retire and has set his sights on spending more time with his family in Branson, Missouri;

Now, Therefore, it is hereby resolved that the Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors expresses its appreciation to David Schmarje for his twenty two dedicated years of service on the APCD Hearing Board and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

Passed and Adopted by unanimous vote of the APCD Board members present on June 15, 2017.

Attest:

Clerk of the APCD Board

Chair
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