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Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Terry Dressler, Air Pollution Control Officer

SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation for Tom Murphy

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution of Appreciation for Tom Murphy upon the occasion of his retirement.

DISCUSSION:

Tom Murphy, the District's Technology and Environmental Assessment Division Manager, will be retiring from the Air Pollution Control District in July after 23 years of service.

Tom has made countless contributions to the Clean Air Mission, including the management, authorship and leadership in connection with seven Clean Air Plans. He will be greatly missed by his colleagues and community partners.

We thank Tom for his service and wish him well in his retirement and future endeavors.



RESOLUTION

Whereas, Thomas Michael Murphy has had an outstanding career in the air quality management field for 26 years and worked for the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District for 23 of those years, since July 6, 1987; and

Whereas, Tom began his career as an atmospheric scientist processing and analyzing meteorological data for such projects as the Western Regional Air Quality Study, the Ormond Beach Plume Characterization Study, and the Sierra Nevada Long Range Air Pollution Transport Study; and

Whereas, Tom was hired at the District as an engineer in 1987 and due to the breadth of his analytical skills and the quality of his work products received regular promotions, becoming an Air Quality Scientist in 1991, the Planning & Technology Supervisor in 1997, and a Division Manager in 2004; and

Whereas, Tom was part of the District team that saw steady improvements in Santa Barbara County's air quality over the past 20 years; and

Whereas, Tom made countless contributions to the Clean Air Mission, which include his expertise in photochemical modeling, mesoscale meteorological modeling, and dense gas modeling, as well as his management, authorship and leadership in connection with seven Clean Air Plans, and his management of the Innovative Technologies Program, which has provided over \$22 million in grants that resulted in the reduction of over 3,000 tons of air pollution; and

Whereas, Tom is highly respected as a scientist by his peers throughout California, serving a term as Chair of the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association Planning Managers Committee, sitting on the steering committee of the South Coast Ozone Study, and acting as a peer reviewer of the San Luis Obispo County APCD South County Phase 2 Particulate Study; and

Whereas, Tom has made invaluable contributions to the cause of raising awareness of the problem of marine shipping pollution, an area that has seen tremendous progress in recent years; and

Whereas, even within the stuffy world of air quality science, Tom has been able to retain his cool and laid-back Santa Barbara style, although he was unsuccessful at establishing the Hawaiian shirt as the official District uniform.

Now, Therefore, it is hereby resolved that this Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors expresses its appreciation and regard to Thomas Michael Murphy for his service and wishes him well in his retirement from public service and in all his future endeavors.

Passed and Adopted by unanimous vote of the APCD Board members present on June 17, 2010.

Attest:

Clerk of the APCD Board

Chair

Resolution No.