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Air District Announces Winners of the Bay Area's Great Race for Clean Air

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air District is proud to announce the results of the Great Race for Clean Air, a two-month competition between Bay Area employers to see who could reduce the most CO₂.

During the months of August and September, 4,589 employees from 152 companies logged in their daily air-friendly commutes. Approximately 900 tons of CO₂ were saved by employees who chose not to drive to work alone.

"Participants in the Great Race demonstrated that we all can find alternatives to driving alone to work," said Jack Broadbent, Air District executive officer. "Anytime employees rethink their commute and carpool, take transit, bike or walk to work instead of driving alone, they save money and spare the air."

The Great Race for Clean Air challenged employees and employers from small to large companies to commit to finding alternatives to commuting by car alone for two full months. CO₂ savings were calculated based on the length of the employee's commute, their vehicle's gas mileage and the number of miles that were traveled using one of the commute alternatives.

Winners were chosen in several categories, including highest CO₂ savings per capita and highest percentage of employee participation per small, medium and large company.

The companies with the largest amount of CO₂ savings per capita were:

- SYSTIME Computer Corporation, San Francisco County and overall Bay Area winner
- Cisco Systems, San Mateo County winner
- Yahoo! Inc., Santa Clara County winner
- Agilent Technologies, Sonoma County winner
- City of Hayward, Southern Alameda County winner
- ValleyCare Health System, Tri-Valley Region winner

A complete list of regional winners is available at <http://www.sparetheair.org/Get-Involved/Your-Community/Great-Race.aspx>.

The Great Race for Clean Air began as a project of the Air District's Tri-Valley Air Quality Resource Team and was previously held in the San Ramon, Livermore, and Pleasanton area. This was the first ever Bay Area wide Great Race.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency chartered with protecting air quality in the Bay Area. For more information about *Spare the Air*, visit www.sparetheair.org.

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