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CAPCOA releases *California's Clean Air Legacy* video
Informational short about work of air quality districts posted to YouTube

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air District has released a short video depicting the ongoing efforts and achievements of California's air quality management districts to improve air quality and protect public health throughout the years. The video was developed by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association.

Developed this year to educate the public and media about the work local air quality districts have done to reduce air pollution, [California's Clean Air Legacy](#) has been posted to YouTube and is now available for viewing at sparetheair.org.

"The campaign to improve air quality has been one of California's greatest and most defining success stories," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. "*California's Clean Air Legacy* throws a spotlight on the challenges local air districts have faced and overcome in protecting the health of our residents and dramatically improving the quality of life throughout the state."

The Bay Area Air District worked closely with other local air districts to produce this visually appealing video, which features staff members of various air agencies explaining recent clean air initiatives. Solutions to historical challenges are examined, along with an overview of ongoing air district activities.

California law has established 35 local air pollution control districts in California. These range from small, single-county districts to multi-county agencies such as those in the Bay Area and Los Angeles area. These agencies are governed by boards of elected officials and are staffed by engineers, planners, attorneys, inspectors, meteorologists, chemists, technicians and other employees. Local districts are responsible for control of stationary sources of emissions, while mobile source emissions, such as those produced by automobiles are mostly controlled by state and federal regulations. The activities of local air districts are subject to oversight by state and federal agencies.

The California Air Pollution Control Officers Association is a non-profit association of the air pollution control officers from all 35 local air quality agencies throughout California. CAPCOA was formed in 1976 to promote clean air and to provide a forum for sharing knowledge, experience, and information among the air quality regulatory agencies around the state.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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