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Air District issues response to former employees' allegations about records

SAN FRANCISCO – A press conference was held today by former employees of the Air District making various allegations about the agency's record keeping practices. The Air District is issuing the following response:

The Air District is committed to transparency. The public's right to review records is vital to our responsibility to protect air quality in the nine-county region.

The data that former employees of the Air District have accused the agency of destroying are in fact, all available in electronic format and available for public review. For nearly 30 years, the Air District has retained information in an electronic database for all notices of violation, facility complaints, investigation documents and correspondence. All allegations were thoroughly investigated by an independent, third party investigator and were determined to be false and without merit.

Because these allegations involve pending litigation and personnel issues, the Air District will not comment further at this time.

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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