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Bay Area Air District Board commits to Paris climate agreement

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors voted today to support the Paris climate agreement and move forward with significant climate efforts despite the Trump administration signaling the United States’ withdraw of the landmark international climate accord.

“The Air District Board confirmed our commitment to finding innovative approaches to address climate challenges and reducing impacts to air quality and public health,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Bay Area Air District. “The Bay Area leads the nation in innovative, effective climate initiatives and in the absence of national leadership, we must step-up our climate efforts with unwavering commitment.”

Today’s Board of Directors’ vote commits the Air District to the *We Are Still In* movement. The movement is a coalition of mayors, governors, college and university leaders, businesses, and investors joining forces to declare support for climate action to meet the goals of the Paris climate agreement and ensure the U.S. remain a global leader in reducing carbon emissions.

“Today’s vote demonstrates the commitment of the Air District in working with other climate leaders to support the Paris climate agreement, said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Bay Area Air District. “Now we must focus on developing needed actions to reduce greenhouse gases, ensuring a sustainable future for our children. The Air District’s clean air plan, *Spare the Air, Cool the Climate*, is the blueprint to get us there.”

Today’s vote also commits the Air District to joining the *Under 2 Coalition*. The coalition is made up of a diverse group of governments from around the world who set ambitious targets to combat climate change and are committed to act to limit greenhouse gas emissions to less than 2 metric tons per capita by 2050.

The Bay Area Air District is the first air quality agency in the nation to formally join these climate efforts. Find out more about the Air District’s plan to address climate change in the nine-county Bay Area through *Spare the Air-Cool the Climate*. This innovative plan is a blueprint for tackling regional air pollution and climate pollutants while improving the health of Bay Area residents for the next several decades. Check out this video about our bold vision on climate change at <https://youtu.be/p9Bxhrlqrl>.

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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