

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 2008-

A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to Continue Reducing Air Contaminants in Impacted Communities

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (District) to achieve clean and healthful air for all who live and work in the Bay Area, including segments of the population that bear disproportionately high and adverse health impacts from air pollution;

WHEREAS, the governing Board of Directors (Board) of the District recognizes that while most criteria and toxic air contaminants have been substantially reduced in the Bay Area, these contaminants continue to pose serious health risks;

WHEREAS, the Board further recognizes that these health risks are not equally distributed throughout the region and that some areas, where pollution levels are higher than others and where residents are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of air pollution, are more impacted;

WHEREAS, the Board has expressed its strong commitment to reduce toxic air contaminants in the Bay Area through its creation of the Community Air Risk Evaluation (CARE) program;

WHEREAS, the District has demonstrated its commitment to focus efforts to reduce toxic air contaminants in communities with high emissions and large populations of sensitive people through its implementation of the CARE Mitigation Action Plan that calls for

- * Identifying impacted communities
- * Focusing grant and incentive funding in impacted communities
- * Increasing outreach efforts in impacted communities
- * Developing land use guidance for local decision makers
- * Updating CEQA guidelines
- * Increasing collaboration with public health officials;

WHEREAS, the District has begun focusing grants and incentive funds from the Carl Moyer Program, the Transportation Fund for Clean Air, and the Goods Movement Bond on impacted areas as identified by the CARE program;

WHEREAS, the District has created and staffed a Community Outreach Program to increase and improve outreach and collaboration with community groups in impacted areas;

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that ongoing collaboration with impacted communities, including input to the CARE Mitigation Action Plan, is desirable;

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted a rule (Regulation 2, Rule 5) for new source review for toxic air contaminants, requiring best available control technology of toxic contaminants to reduce risks from new sources and from existing sources when they are modified or replaced;

WHEREAS, the District has developed enhanced complaint response programs, working with community groups to improve the District's reporting and response times;

WHEREAS, the District has collaborated with the California Air Resources Board and the Port of Oakland in the West Oakland Health Risk Assessment to identify health risks from diesel emissions in and around West Oakland and encourage community participation in the study;

WHEREAS, the District has participated in the implementation of the memorandum of understanding between the California Air Resources Board and the Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroads to ensure that rail emissions are reduced and their health impacts are clearly identified, and ensure that the public may actively participate in these processes;

WHEREAS, the District considers these activities to be a furtherance of its long-standing commitment to address disproportionate impacts of air pollution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board commits to continue to address the cumulative impact of new and existing mobile and stationary sources of air pollution—particularly in disproportionately impacted communities—for sources that on a relative basis contribute most to health risk at a local and regional level;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will continue its commitment to reduce air quality impacts throughout the Bay Area and will continue to implement the CARE Mitigation Action Plan to address health risks related to air quality in impacted communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board will continue to explore and consider additional actions to reduce cumulative impacts throughout the Bay Area and that these actions will include, but not be limited to

- * Participation in Statewide processes to address cumulative impacts; and
- * In partnership with community groups, industry, health officials, and other agencies, development of new tools and methods, potentially including regulatory approaches, to consider and reduce cumulative impacts for sources that contribute most to health risk at a local and regional level,
- * Promotion of interagency collaboration in impacted communities.

The foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District on the Motion of Director _____, seconded by Director _____, on the ____ day of _____, 2008 by the following vote of the Board:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Jerry Hill
Chairperson of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Brad Wagenknecht
Secretary of the Board of Directors