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Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Dave Van Mullem, Air Pollution Control Officer

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SUBJECT: Resolution of Recognition for Riccardo Magni, teacher at Pioneer Valley High School in Santa Maria

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution of Recognition for Riccardo Magni on his selection for a **Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators** from the White House Council on Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

DISCUSSION:

Riccardo Magni has received numerous “Care for Our Earth” grants from the APCD and the Santa Barbara County Education Office, and has invited APCD to do multiple presentations in his classroom. He is Santa Barbara County Teacher of the Year for 2012-2013, and is an outstanding environmental educator. Mary Byrd of the APCD nominated him for this national award in January of 2012, and he was selected to receive the award in April.

The Presidential Innovation Award program recognizes outstanding kindergarten through twelfth grade teachers who employ innovative approaches to environmental education and use the environment as a context for learning for their students.

Magni is **one of only eighteen teachers to receive this award in the U.S., and is the only teacher from EPA Region Nine to receive this award.** Region Nine includes California, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, the Pacific Islands, and almost 150 tribes.



RESOLUTION

Whereas, Education of our students on the importance of the environment and caring for our earth is of critical importance; and

Whereas, Riccardo Magni, the Santa Barbara County Teacher of the Year for 2012-2013, is an outstanding teacher and environmental educator at Pioneer Valley High School in Santa Maria; and

Whereas, Riccardo Magni has demonstrated commitment and creativity in many areas of environmental science education; and

Whereas, Riccardo Magni has been a leader in air quality education, featuring Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District presentations in his classes, and receiving several "Care for Our Earth" grants from the APCD and the Santa Barbara County Education Office to perform innovative projects with his students; and

Whereas, Riccardo Magni was nominated by Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District for a national award from the White House Council on Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and

Whereas, Riccardo Magni was selected as one of only eighteen teachers around the U.S. to receive this award, and is the only teacher in EPA Region Nine to receive this award; and

Whereas, Riccardo Magni has brought great honor to Pioneer Valley High School, the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, and Santa Barbara County in his leadership in environmental education and through all the achievements that resulted in his selection for this award.

Now, Therefore, it is hereby resolved that this Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors expresses its appreciation and admiration to Riccardo Magni for his outstanding achievement.

Passed and Adopted by unanimous vote of the APCD Board of Directors present on May 17, 2012.

Attest

Clerk of the APCD Board

**Chair
Resolution No.**