Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board
FROM: Dave Van Mullem, Air Pollution Control Officer
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation for Doug Grapple

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution of Appreciation to Doug Grapple upon the occasion of his retirement.

DISCUSSION:

Doug Grapple, Air Quality Engineer, has retired from the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District after 34 years of service. During his long career at the District, Doug was involved in various functions and played an integral role in helping to improve Santa Barbara County’s air quality. He will be greatly missed by us all.

We thank Doug for his service and wish him well in retirement!
RESOLUTION

Whereas, Doug Grapple has served admirably with dedication and distinction as an Air Quality Engineer since September 1980; and

Whereas, as the longest tenured employee, Doug Grapple acted as the APCD Historian and was part of the District team that saw Santa Barbara County’s air quality improve from a designation of “Serious Nonattainment” to “Attainment” of the national ambient air quality health standards; and

Whereas, during his tenure, Doug Grapple made extensive and lasting contributions to the permitting processes at the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District; and

Whereas, Doug Grapple has skillfully facilitated and expertly integrated the viewpoints of all stakeholders in the complex rulemaking process with unbiased integrity and attention to detail; and

Whereas, Doug Grapple has consistently demonstrated a principled and profound dedication to the health and well-being of our community by upholding the agency’s mission of clean air and bicycling to work many days, rain or shine; and

Whereas, Doug Grapple has exhibited a humble and helpful disposition at all times in the course of dispatching his duties, endearing himself to coworkers as a true gentleman, and earning him the approbation and high-esteem of the regulated community and the public at large; and

Whereas, Doug’s coworkers will greatly miss his kind and empathetic listening skills, thoughtful insights and up-building comments, his appreciation of humor, movies, and nature, his Minnesota accent and winsome smile, and his commitment to exhibiting proper professional attire by wearing a tie each and every day.

Now, Therefore, it is hereby resolved that the Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors expresses its great appreciation to Doug Grapple for his 34 years of service in the field of air quality and sincerely wishes him well in his retirement and future endeavors.

Passed and Adopted by unanimous vote of the APCD Board of Directors present on October 16, 2014.

Attest

Clerk of the APCD Board

Resolution No. 14-