



RESOLUTION

Whereas, Craig Strommen has had an outstanding career at the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District since April 1982; and

Whereas, Craig began his career as an Air Quality Engineer writing permits and due to the breadth of his skills, abilities and efforts was promoted to the role of Compliance Division Manager in 2013 where he further shaped the Division into a more cohesive, professional, and dedicated team; and

Whereas, Craig led the District's permit efforts for the Exxon Santa Ynez Unit Project, a major source of air pollution in Santa Barbara County in the 1980s; and

Whereas, Craig was fair and equitable, gaining the respect of the regulated community while creating and maintaining an efficient compliance and mutual settlement process; and

Whereas, Craig skillfully operated as the conduit between the regulated entities seeking Variances and the District Hearing Board, and expertly represented the District at numerous Hearing Board meetings; and

Whereas, Craig has provided exceptional service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County in responding to concerns of backyard burning and smoke in the Santa Ynez Valley and dust in Santa Maria; and

Whereas, Craig played an integral part of the District team that saw Santa Barbara County's air quality improve significantly, from the First Stage Smog Alerts of the late 1980s to attainment of the federal ozone standard in 1999; and

Whereas, Craig's associates and the District are grateful for his outstanding service, dedication and invaluable knowledge; and

Whereas, Craig's reinvigorated passion for motorcycling will keep him young and entertained, and in fine physical health during his many years of retirement.

Now, Therefore, it is hereby resolved that the Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors expresses its great appreciation to Craig Strommen for his near 33 years of service and recognizes his contribution to improving the air quality of Santa Barbara County, 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 January 15, 2015.

Attest

Clerk of the APCD Board

**Chair
Resolution No. 15-**