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Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board
FROM: Aeron Arlin Genet, Air Pollution Control Officer
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation for Mary Byrd

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution of Appreciation for Mary Byrd upon the occasion of her retirement.

BACKGROUND:

Mary Byrd, who has held the positions of Community Programs Supervisor and Public Information Officer, retired from the Air Pollution Control District in July after over 20 years of service.

Mary has worked with educators, news media, and many different agency and community partners on a variety of air quality topics including wildfires, marine shipping initiatives, teacher grants, sensors, and a long list of other topics and programs. Mary worked to provide air quality information to groups ranging from preschool age to seniors, and has contributed to numerous successful information and incentive programs to promote clean air. She will be missed by her colleagues and community partners.

We thank Mary for her service and wish her well in her retirement and future endeavors.

ATTACHMENT:

- Mary Byrd Retirement Resolution



RESOLUTION

Whereas, Mary Byrd has had an outstanding career working at the District, eventually working her way up to the positions of Public Information Officer and Community Programs Supervisor, at the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District since December 1997; and

Whereas, Mary's background in writing and journalism helped provide agency information and notice to the public on critical air quality issues and programs, in furtherance of the District's mission of protecting the health of all Santa Barbara County; and

Whereas, In 1998 Mary founded the Santa Barbara Car Free Project (known then as Take a Vacation from Your Car), which received multiple awards including a 2009 national Clean Air Excellence Award from the USEPA, and

Whereas, Mary, working with educators in all parts of the County, started an internship program with the UCSB Bren School in 2000, and in 2004 formed a partnership with the Santa Barbara County Education Office, supporting multiple curriculum development and teacher grant projects; and

Whereas, Mary coordinated the District's participation in community events to celebrate clean air and educate the public, including the Santa Barbara Car Free program, Earth Day events, and other events throughout Santa Barbara County; and

Whereas, Mary supported marine shipping initiatives, including Vessel Speed Reduction incentive programs in 2014, 2016, 2017 (expanded to San Francisco Bay Area), and 2018 (expanded to a fleet approach), and a yearlong Marine Shipping Working group process in 2015. The District and partners were recognized with a 2016 USEPA National Clean Air Excellence Award for 2014 and 2015 efforts; and

Whereas, as Community Programs Supervisor Mary provided staff support for many District programs including Wood Smoke Reduction, CEQA review, media relations, social media, District website, and emerging sensor technologies; and

Now, Therefore, it is hereby resolved that the Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors expresses its great appreciation to Mary Byrd for her more than 20 years of service and recognizes her contribution to improving the air quality of Santa Barbara County, and sincerely wishes her well in her retirement and future endeavors.

Passed and Adopted by unanimous vote of the APCD Board of Directors present on August 16, 2018.

Attest

Clerk of the APCD Board

**Chair
Resolution No. 18-**