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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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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 Retiring Employee

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution of Appreciation to Joel Cordes upon the occasion of his retirement.

### DISCUSSION:

Joel Cordes, Principal Monitoring Specialist, will soon be retiring after 30 years of service. As his long-standing service at the District shows, Joel played a key role in providing accurate and timely air quality information to the communities throughout Santa Barbara County. He will be greatly missed by us all.

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

Aeron Arlin Genet, Air Pollution Control Officer



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## RESOLUTION

**Whereas**, Joel Cordes had an outstanding career at the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District since March 1992; beginning his career as an Air Quality Specialist reviewing air quality data, and eventually taking on lead and supervisory roles running the District's air monitoring program and information technology functions; and

**Whereas**, Joel embodies the values and principles of the District, including customer service, commitment to excellence, and dedication to our air quality mission; and

**Whereas**, Joel's background in mechanical engineering and his patient, methodical approach to generating and maintaining accurate data have been critical to the successful operation of the District's air monitoring program; and

**Whereas**, Joel was instrumental in developing, implementing, and maintaining the District's data acquisition system that functions to collect, store, and report on ambient air quality throughout Santa Barbara County and continuous emission monitors at stationary sources; and

**Whereas**, Joel applied his analytical and instrumentation skills to facilitate a transition of air monitoring stations from the analog age to the digital age by networking the stations through the internet, providing remote access to operational information, automating instrument controls, and creating digital recordkeeping; and

**Whereas**, Joel worked with technicians, programmers, and web developers over the years to ensure that accurate real-time air quality data was made available to the public on the District website; and

**Whereas**, Joel participated in numerous regional, state, and federal level groups and presented, collaborated, and shared information to ensure that the District and other agencies were able to generate reliable and accurate air quality data; and

**Whereas**, Joel participated in an inter-divisional effort to acquire and deploy portable air quality monitors including low-cost sensors, particulate monitors, and a sophisticated multi-pollutant monitor for a variety of purposes including wildfires, prescribed burns, complaint response, and other air quality events; and

**Whereas**, during his tenure at the District Joel enjoyed biking to work and participated in many bike-related events; in retirement he is looking forward to biking, hiking, woodworking, home improvement projects, gardening, visiting with family, and road trips.

**Now, Therefore**, it is hereby resolved that the Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors expresses its great appreciation to Joel Cordes for his 30 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 District's Board of Directors present on March 17, 2022.

**Attest**

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Clerk of the APCD Board

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Chair  
Resolution No. 22-01