Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board
FROM: Air Pollution Control District Staff
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation for Terry Dressler

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution of Appreciation for Terry Dressler upon the occasion of his retirement.

DISCUSSION:

Terry Dressler is retiring from the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District after 33 years of service in the air quality field, 24 of which were in Santa Barbara. As Air Pollution Control Officer for the past seven years, Terry has effectively led the District in its clean air mission. His strong leadership has enhanced the agency’s reputation for excellence in the local community and statewide. Prior to beginning his outstanding career with the Santa Barbara County APCD, Terry worked for Ventura County APCD for one year and San Luis Obispo County APCD for over seven years.

Terry served as Manager of the District’s Technical Services Division, Regulatory Compliance Division and Major Source Division prior to his promotion to Control Officer. Terry also served as President of the Board of the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association. Terry has made many contributions during his long career at the District, including carrying forward the fight for regulation of marine shipping in the Santa Barbara Channel. He leaves behind an important legacy of clean air, and colleagues, staff, and stakeholders who will miss him.

We thank Terry for his service and wish him well in his retirement and future endeavors.
RESOLUTION

Whereas, Terry Dressler has served admirably as the Air Pollution Control Officer of the Air Pollution Control District since March 2004; and

Whereas, from 1978 to 1987 Terry Dressler worked for the Ventura County and San Luis Obispo County air districts as an inspector, then joined the Santa Barbara County APCD and promptly became the supervisor of the District inspection program; and

Whereas, Terry Dressler’s leadership skills and intellect propelled him into a management role at the District where he successfully spearheaded the compliance, permitting, and rulemaking programs; and

Whereas, Terry Dressler was instrumental in the creation of the District Community Advisory Council (CAC) and worked diligently with its’ members on state and federal clean air plans and rules, strategically guiding meetings by bringing his creativity and depth of knowledge into the process; and

Whereas, Terry Dressler has taken a strong leadership role in promoting action to reduce pollution from marine shipping, and tremendous progress has been made in recent years; and

Whereas, Terry Dressler’s Degree in Political Science not only served him well in his professional career, his deep knowledge of political science and philosophy has also enabled him to quote Nietzsche, discuss social contract theory, and prolong meetings; and

Whereas, Terry Dressler’s immense vocabulary has others nodding in agreement, then running to their dictionary to find out what he actually said; and

Whereas, Terry’s rediscovered passion for surfing will keep him entertained and in fine physical health during his many years of retirement.

Now, Therefore, it is hereby resolved that this APCD Board expresses its appreciation to Terry Dressler for his 33 years of service in the field of air quality and recognizes his immense contribution to improving the air quality of Santa Barbara County, and wishes him well in his retirement and future endeavors.

Passed and Adopted by unanimous vote of the APCD Board of Directors present on June 20, 2011.

Attest

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Clerk of the APCD Board

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Chair
Resolution No. 11-06