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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Community Board Resolution

Dear Ian, Sarah, and Susan,

Our coalition is currently reaching out to AQMD Board and Staff members in the hopes that the Board will consider passing the attached resolution to honor communities' concerns about emissions reductions and AQMD's role in protecting communities across the air basin. We would love get staff support to pass the resolution on August 7th along with any CAAP+ measures. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or comments on the attached resolution language and let us know any next steps for how to get this on the agenda. We are also soliciting feedback and support from board members at this time.

Best,

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South Coast Air Quality Management District Board Resolution to Protect Community and
Reduce Emissions from the San Pedro Bay Ports

Whereas, in response to community concerns, this Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District resolves to continue addressing port related emissions and that the Ports Cooperative Agreement (“Agreement”) and this addendum to the Clean Air Action Plan Plus (“CAAP Plus) Measures are not the only actions the Board will take to ensure that emissions from the San Pedro Bay Ports are being reduced; and

Whereas, the South Coast region, home to approximately 17 million residents, has been ranked the nation’s smoggiest region for 25 of the past 26 years; and

Whereas, in the 2022 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan, measures MOB-O1 (Commercial Marine Ports) and MOB-02 (Railyards and Intermodal facilities) highlight the urgent need to reduce emissions from the San Pedro Bay Ports to reduce ground-level ozone, as the South Coast Air Basin is in “extreme” nonattainment under the federal Clean Air Act; and

Whereas, in the California’s State Implementation Plan port emissions reductions are necessary to reduce our state’s mobile-source emissions and there is a risk of federal action on California’s non-attainment status; and

Whereas, infrastructure is the first step to enabling emissions reductions AND the residents of the Air Basin would benefit tremendously from reducing emissions from sources associated with the Port – oceangoing vessels, drayage trucks, locomotives, commercial harborcraft, and cargo handling equipment; and

Whereas, the Agreement terminates after approximately five years on December 31, 2030 and residents of the Air Basin need to see assurances that the Agreement is fulfilling its stated goal of “achiev[ing] cleaner air for community and public health protection”; and

Whereas, in 2024 there was an increase according to the San Pedro Bay Ports Emissions Inventory in total diesel particle pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and either NOx or SOx for the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach Ports; then

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Board will live up to its obligation to help the Air Basin achieve federal air quality standards; and

Be it further resolved, that any interim status update and annual progress reports on the Agreement provided to the Board shall be made publicly available, including methodology for emissions reduction associated with the implementation of the CAAP Plus Measures and rationale for any suggested additional action; and

Be it further resolved, that the South Coast AQMD Board and Staff will continue to look at other actions that can be taken, especially for locomotives, at-anchor ships, and commercial harbor

craft, during the next five years of the agreement, to measurably reduce emissions at the Ports to reach our clean air objectives; and

Be it further resolved, that the Board will bring this matter up for an interim status update of emissions reductions and evaluation no later than August 2028. At that time, South Coast AQMD Staff should return to the Board with a CAAP Plus Measure implementation interim status update. Should overall emissions reductions not be meeting the pace necessary to meet state and federal air quality emission standards, Staff should prepare recommendations for actions the Board can take during and after the term of the Agreement; and

Be it further resolved, that the South Coast AQMD reaffirms the necessity of creating, maintaining, and growing partnership with communities impacted by environmental injustice; and

Be it further resolved, that the South Coast AQMD commits to providing transparent and public opportunities to engage on the Agreement in additional venues beyond the one time provided to the community by the ports on the infrastructure plan at the CAAP Stakeholder Advisory Meetings; and

Be it further resolved, that the community will be engaged more frequently on port air quality updates in the following ways:

- A. Holding multiple public engagement opportunities at key milestones.
- B. Publishing a clear public engagement timeline in advance.
- C. Partnering with existing community structures (the Environmental Justice Advisory Group, AB 617 groups, trusted local organizations) to co-host engagement.
- D. Holding at least one engagement opportunity accessible to Inland Empire residents (in-person or hybrid).
- E. Providing public reporting back on how community feedback influences the final infrastructure plan.
- F. Building in measurable accountability metrics and progress updates on emissions reductions since infrastructure does not directly benefit communities while considering additional third party analysis on data collection and evaluation.
- G. Redesigning public engagement meetings to be more community-centered and participatory. Move beyond staff presentations by dedicating more meeting time to public discussion, interactive feedback collection, and opportunities for residents to ask questions, deliberate, and influence decisions before plans are finalized.
- H. Providing public education or public study groups for community education on pollution and emissions reduction mechanisms.

Be it finally resolved, that this Board will work to protect the air for each member of our Air Basin.