

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Resolution 83-2
March 10, 1983

Agenda Item No.: 83-2-1

WHEREAS, the Legislature, in order to protect the health, safety, welfare, and sense of well-being of the people of California, declared its intent for an intensive, coordinated state, regional, and local effort to protect and enhance the ambient air quality of the state;

WHEREAS, the Legislature has charged the State Air Resources Board with the responsibility for control of emissions from motor vehicles and the responsibility to coordinate, encourage, and review the efforts of all levels of government as they affect air quality;

WHEREAS, the Legislature, having recognized the need for a regional approach to the problems of air pollution, vested in the local and regional authorities primary responsibility for control of air pollution from stationary sources of air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility for control of air pollution in California is shared among the state and local entities, it is in the best interest of the public that state and local air pollution control agencies work together to solve California's air pollution problems.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Air Resources Board recognizes the significant contribution of local air pollution control agencies to improved air quality in the state and the commitment of local agencies to carry out an effective air pollution control program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Air Resources Board affirms its intent to work cooperatively with local air pollution control agencies to improve and maintain the quality of California's air, for the protection of the public health and welfare of the people of the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Air Resources Board through this resolution and the attached guiding principles reaffirms its support of local air pollution control agencies' activities and declares its intent to forge an even stronger state/local partnership, to build trust between the state and local air pollution control agencies, and to affirm the common goals of protecting the public health and welfare which bind together state and local air agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Air Resources Board hereby adopts this Resolution and the attached "Guiding Principles Governing Relations Between the Air Resources Board and Local Air Pollution Control Agencies."

ATTACHMENT TO RESOLUTION 83-2

Guiding Principles Governing Relations Between the Air Resources Board and Local Air Pollution Control Agencies

This set of guiding principles is the foundation on which the Air Resources Board's interaction with local air pollution control agencies is based in fulfilling its obligation as the state agency charged with coordinating statewide efforts to attain and maintain ambient air quality standards. It is also the Board's intent in adopting these principles to affirm its desire to form an even stronger state/local partnership dedicated to managing an effective and efficient California air program to protect the public health and welfare of the people of California.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- 0 The Air Resources Board affirms that local districts have the primary responsibility for the control of non-vehicular sources of air pollution. In fulfilling its obligation to coordinate and review air pollution control activities in the state, the Board will consider the districts' responsibility and will largely rely upon local districts as the air pollution authorities closest to the public to be responsible to the public for non-vehicular pollution control.
- 0 The Air Resources Board, in its capacity as the responsible state agency for air pollution control in California, will review and comment on the activities of local districts and, where necessary, in accordance with law, take action to ensure the protection of the public health. However, in exercising its authority with respect to local district activities, the Air Resources Board will not act without full communication with the district affected.

INTERRELATIONSHIPS

- 0 The Air Resources Board recognizes the importance of effective communication between state and local governments. To this end, the Air Resources Board endorses ongoing discussions with local districts to develop more effective mechanisms for improving cooperation and communication.
- 0 To provide for continued understanding of issues at both the state and local levels, the Air Resources Board will, when invited, attend and participate in air basin and district meetings to the extent possible. The Air Resources Board also encourages testimony from local districts at Board meetings so that local district positions can be considered in Board decisions.

- o To deal with issues and problems of mutual interest, the Air Resources Board will continue to participate, when invited, on CAPCOA and other district established committees and will invite CAPCOA/districts to participate on ARB established working groups.
- o The Air Resources Board recognizes that problems and issues will arise that may result in differences of opinion between state and local agencies. When such occurrences do occur, it is the Board's desire to resolve them in a cooperative manner. It is the Air Resources Board's intent to minimize such occurrences.

ASSISTANCE

- o The Air Resources Board recognizes the severe economic conditions now facing both state and local governments. Because of this, it is important that state and local resources be efficiently utilized to manage air quality in California. To this end, the Air Resources Board will, to the extent resources are available, continue to respond to districts' requests for technical assistance. The Air Resources Board will also continue to work with EPA, as necessary, to assist districts in fulfilling federal requirements.

FUNDING

- o The Air Resources Board recognizes the need for adequate fiscal resources to carry out an effective air pollution control program at the local level. To this end, the Air Resources Board supports the adequate funding of local districts and will work with districts to provide for appropriate levels and sources of funding.