

State of California
Air Resources Board

Resolution 87-67

August 13, 1987

Agenda Item No.: 87-11-1

WHEREAS, the Congress is considering amendments to the Clean Air Act;

WHEREAS, the current Act contains attainment deadlines that cannot realistically be met and needs substantial revision;

WHEREAS, current Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) policies implementing the Act may result in the imposition in California of sanctions which will not further efforts toward attaining air quality standards;

WHEREAS, air pollution levels in California are creating extensive public health problems and economic damage;

WHEREAS, ambient air quality standards should be attained as expeditiously as practicable;

WHEREAS, California has implemented the most extensive and effective air pollution control program in the country;

WHEREAS, California's unique geographical and meteorological features demand a particularly low rate of emissions per capita in order to attain standards and thus greatly increase the difficulty of attaining national ambient air quality standards;

WHEREAS, despite substantial progress, California continues to have the most serious ozone air quality problem in the country;

WHEREAS, continued progress toward attainment will require innovative advances in control technology and the development of non-traditional approaches to reduce emissions from transportation and non-industrial sources;

WHEREAS, such future control activities will require more time and resources to develop and implement than more traditional controls required in the past; and

WHEREAS, implementation of sufficient measures to attain standards will result in substantial costs to California business and the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board urges the Congress to promptly amend the Clean Air Act to:

1. Provide California with a realistic timetable for attaining ambient air quality standards in all areas of the state as expeditiously as practicable;

2. Prescribe a schedule for emissions reductions and other control requirements that recognizes California's past accomplishments and the time and difficulty involved in developing non-traditional means of achieving additional emissions reductions;
3. Specify an equitable system of incentives and sanctions to fairly encourage full compliance with provisions of the law;
4. Maintain California's authority to regulate vehicles and fuels; and
5. Provide timely and effective federal policy support and adequate financial assistance to implement new requirements of the Act.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution 87-67, as adopted by the Air Resources Board.



Harold Holmes, Board Secretary