

State of California  
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Resolution 92-7

January 3, 1992

**WHEREAS**, William Wirsén Sylte has devoted himself to improving California's air quality for over 20 years, first with the Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, and then for 15 years at the Air Resources Board (ARB), most recently as Chief Deputy Executive Officer;

**WHEREAS**, Bill's compendious knowledge of air pollution control strategies, his ability to see the "big picture," and his remarkable political astuteness have allowed him a prominent role in masterminding the goals, policies, and priorities of California's air quality program, the most progressive in the world;

**WHEREAS**, Bill's skill, tact, and good fortune in charting a course among the captains of industry, the shoals of government agencies, the schools of environmentalists, the currents of public opinion, and the tides of national, state, and local politics have kept the ARB afloat and on course and have greatly benefited all of us;

**WHEREAS**, Bill's sensitivity, intuition and patience at the ARB have also manifested themselves in his ability to play poker, catch fish, and raise teenagers with apparent equanimity;

**WHEREAS**, Bill is leaving a long career in public service to accept a position in the private sector as an environmental consultant;

**WHEREAS**, the loss of Bill's unflagging energy, dedication, and creativity as well as his personal warmth and good humor, will be lamented throughout the Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board extends to Bill its wholehearted appreciation and warmest wishes for future success and happiness, and exhorts Bill to continue to expend his unstinting efforts on behalf of air quality.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board expresses its hope that the Golden Gophers of the University of Minnesota, Bill's alma mater, may in his lifetime achieve the summit of success that Bill has achieved.

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