State of California

# AIR RESOURCES BOARD

## RESOLUTION NO. 03-28

WHEREAS, Kathleen C. Walsh has loyally served the California Air Resources Board as General Counsel for seven years, having joined the ARB as Legal Counsel in 1982 after beginning state service with the Office of Administrative Law;

WHEREAS, for the past 20 years Ms. Walsh has been a master at juggling numerous complex legal matters with aplomb, patience, thoroughness, and a fresh breeze of humor;

WHEREAS, armed with her experience as lead counsel for the Monterey County Office of Legal Aid, her superior organizational skills, and her innate sense of balance and fairness as honed at the Office of Administrative Law, Kathleen single-handedly created the Office of Administrative Appeals for ARB's Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection Program by working literally around the clock during the summer and fall of 1991, becoming the ARB's first Administrative Law Judge and holding her first hearing early in 1992;

WHEREAS, during her two years as Administrative Law Judge for the Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection Program, through her unprecedented dedication Ms. Walsh endured, considered, and decided 1157 appeals out of the approximately 8500 citations issued, a marathon race through about 50 hearings a month;

WHEREAS, as Senior Staff Counsel, Kathleen assisted and advised the Executive Office and the Board on numerous critical projects of vehicular emission control, such as the adoption of tough new standards for heavy-duty vehicles, passenger cars, and motorcycles, and cutting-edge provisions for Zero Emission Vehicles;

WHEREAS, Kathleen's stamina and ability to remain calm under pressure were again demonstrated during the development of the 1994 State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Ozone, which has more than once saved important ARB initiatives;

WHEREAS, with her characteristic compassion and generosity, Kathleen has always found time to discuss the quirky practice of law with law students and aspiring young lawyers, inspiring several to pursue the profession;

WHEREAS, Kathleen has also helped inspire her two sons to pursue professional careers, with her son Matthew becoming a mechanical engineer and her son Joshua becoming a lawyer.

WHEREAS, during her long and fruitful career at ARB, Ms. Walsh has excelled at all aspects of complex legal practice, drafting hundreds of legal opinions, pursuing and wisely avoiding litigation, drafting key ARB regulations, and negotiating difficult settlement agreements on matters as diverse as the SIP, locomotives, and ZEVs, creatively securing ARB's interests;

WHEREAS, Kathleen has sacrificed her scholarly preference for secluded legal opinion drafting to successfully manage a growing staff of attorneys, enforcers, and regulations coordinators; to provide immediate and cogent legal advice to the Board and to staff; and to be constantly available to assist in all manner of urgent policy matters;

WHEREAS, Kathleen has elected to jump from the frying pan into the fire by joining the legal staff at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District as Assistant Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board offers fervent gratitude for the significant contribution Ms. Walsh has made to the practice of air pollution and administrative law in California and for her substantial contribution to improving air quality for our citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board wishes Kathleen the best during her tenure at the Bay Area District, and urges her not to suffer too much nostalgia for the warmth of Davis and Sacramento through the foggy San Francisco summers.

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Alan C. Lloyd, Ph.D.
Chairman