

**State of California
Air Resources Board**

RESOLUTION 09-55

WHEREAS, Mr. Michael H. Scheible has officially announced his retirement from public service after a successful 36 year career with the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board), faithfully serving six governors and every Chairman;

WHEREAS, Mike began his career as a Peace Corps volunteer in Brazil, after graduating from the University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and a master's degree in air pollution control;

WHEREAS, Mike represented a new breed of engineers that brought an awareness of both the environmental and social implications of his work to ARB in 1973 and quickly developed a reputation for finding practical solutions to vexing problems and seemingly impossible mandates with innovative analyses and tenacity of purpose;

WHEREAS, Mike quickly rose through the ranks and, in 1982, was appointed to be Chief of the infamous Office of Program, Planning, Evaluation, and Control, ensuring that the agency spent not one dime more than necessary;

WHEREAS, in recognition of his keen intellect and outstanding leadership qualities, Mike was appointed as a Deputy Executive Officer in 1987, where he has faithfully served for over 20 years, earning admiration for his devotion to the mission of cleaning up the air and reducing public health risk;

WHEREAS, Mike has consistently made sound technical and policy recommendations to this Board on a variety of air pollution control programs, including, but certainly not limited to, State Implementation Plans, transportation fuels, air toxics identification and control, diesel risk reduction, consumer products, goods movement, energy, public health research and, most recently, played a critical policy role in developing California's Scoping Plan for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and was the co-founder and primary architect of the low carbon fuel standard;

WHEREAS, Mike personified the "can-do" attitude of the Board, motivating staff to go above and beyond the norm, never accepting no for an answer when staff pleaded that there was a lack of data, and using his own elegant "back of the envelope" calculations to inevitably and annoyingly prove that his sixth sense about the data was correct;

WHEREAS, Mike was a one man emission inventory machine, routinely finding the one error in hundreds of pages of numbers or quickly estimating the emissions for any category using a "Scheible factor,"

WHEREAS, Mike retires with the tremendous respect of Board members and staff, the regulated industry, environmental advocates, the air pollution control community, and every Californian who breathes cleaner air;

WHEREAS, Mike always took time to visit his colleagues, especially those with dark chocolate on their desks, often parting with his famous "bye-bye" farewell;

WHEREAS, Mike "walked the talk" in his personal life, commuting to work via bicycle, bus, carpool, or train for his career at ARB – except for the year he had access to free parking by virtue of participating on the Grand Jury; and

WHEREAS, Mike has prepared well for this transition in his life, having developed many personal and professional friendships, a golf game that includes four holes-in-one, and a zippy new, bright red, MINI Cooper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board gives tribute to Michael H. Scheible for his contributions to the people of California, and extends a heartfelt "THANK YOU" for his accomplishments and the significant role he played in shaping ARB into an innovative and effective world leader in air pollution control.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs Mike to enjoy his retirement with his wife Judy, travelling the world, sampling the culture, cuisine – and of course, the regional brews – of many interesting locales.

Executed at Sacramento, California, on this 30th day of December 2009.

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