State of California
Air Resources Board

RESOLUTION 09-56

WHEREAS, William Vasiliy Loscutoff (Bill), is officially retiring after devoting over thirty-six years of his life to public service and the people of California, faithfully serving six governors;

WHEREAS, Bill completed his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from University of California at Berkeley in 1971, M.S. in Environmental Engineering from University California at Davis in 1976, and obtained a Professional Engineer Certificate in Mechanical Engineering in 1976;

WHEREAS, after working at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Bill joined the Air Resources Board in 1973 as a Junior Mechanical Engineer, became a Senior Engineer in 1976 with the Planning Division, was appointed Branch Chief of the Industrial Strategy Development Branch in 1980, and in 1987 became the Chief of the Monitoring and Laboratory Division (MLD);

WHEREAS, under Bill's direction, MLD produced technically sound and defensible air quality data and test results that were crucial to the success of ARB control strategies to protect public health;

WHEREAS, Bill successfully developed, implemented, and improved several major ARB programs such as Air Toxics Control, Ambient Air Monitoring, Children's Environmental Health Protection, Community Health, Emergency Response, and Vapor Recovery, and led efforts to reduce volatile organic compounds from coatings, oxides of nitrogen emissions from combustion sources, and gasoline emissions from gas cans and small engines;

WHEREAS, under Bill's leadership over 200 tons per day of air pollutants, including toxic compounds, were reduced to protect public health;

WHEREAS, in 1998 Bill was given the unenviable task of developing and implementing the enhanced vapor recovery or EVR program, which showcased his vision, leadership, flexibility, courage and fortitude and resulted in cleaner air for California but also outside of California since many states and nations adopt California requirements;

WHEREAS, Bill is not known as a dispassionate public speaker, but rather as an enthusiastic advocate, who can explain difficult scientific terminology to the lay person;

WHEREAS, no matter what the "crisis du jour", Bill maintained his daily regimen of basketball games in the earlier years and a brisk walk in the later years; yet despite Bill's healthy diet and exercise routine, his hair refused to stay as youthful as he and made him appear wise beyond his years; and

WHEREAS, Bill will be deeply missed by his colleagues and those who worked with him over the years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds great honor in recognizing Bill upon his retirement for the outstanding service he has performed as an engineer and as a member of ARB's management team and congratulates him for a job well done;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board extends a sincere wish to Bill and Carol for a long and happy retirement being "dedushka", attending Cal football games, and touring California in his Corvette.

Executed at Sacramento, California, this 19th day of November 2009.

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