

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Supervisor Roy Wilson

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** February 27, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Resolution in Support of the Development of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Draft 2007 Air Quality Management Plan Focusing on Mobile Source Controls

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board:

- 1) Support the attached Resolution No. 2007-075 and direct the County Executive Office to further the Board's position, and
- 2) Direct the Executive Office and the Board's Sacramento and Washington D.C. representatives to further the Board's position.

**BACKGROUND:** Every three to five years the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) develops an overall plan for air quality improvement. The AQMD has recently released the Draft 2007 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP.)

While the AQMD's primary regulatory authority to reduce air pollution is limited to reducing emissions from stationary sources, such as power plants, refineries, gas stations, etc.; the AQMP addresses the need to further reduce emissions from all sources, including mobile sources. Due to effective regulatory efforts spearheaded by the AQMD, emissions from stationary sources have been reduced by over 90% in our region. Consequently, the AQMP focuses on reductions from mobile sources, such as cars, trucks, trains, and airplanes.

Therefore, I ask for your support of the Draft 2007 AQMP and to urge the two agencies with primary responsibility for mobile emissions, the California Air Resources Board and the federal Environmental Protection Agency, to accelerate their emission reduction programs as called for in the AQMP.

Attachment

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 Roy Wilson, Fourth District Supervisor

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 RECEIVED AIR QUALITY DISTRICT BOARD  
 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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AGENDA NO.

Board of Supervisors

County of Riverside

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-075**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH  
COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S DRAFT 2007 AIR QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT PLAN FOCUSING ON MOBILE SOURCE CONTROLS.**

**WHEREAS**, the over 16.5 million individuals residing within the jurisdictional boundaries of the South Coast Air Quality Management District are impacted by the poorest air quality in the nation, despite some of the most advanced pollution control requirements in the world yielding dramatic improvements in recent decades;

**WHEREAS**, health studies conducted in this region repeatedly show that residents are suffering significant health effects from today's air pollution, including cancer and chronic conditions, such as asthma, emphysema, and heart and pulmonary diseases, among others;

**WHEREAS**, the California Air Resources Board recently estimated that approximately 8,200 Californians die prematurely each year as a result of air pollution, and that residents who live, work, or go to school in close proximity to marine port and goods-movement activities are subjected to unhealthy levels of air pollution, resulting in numerous health problems;

**WHEREAS**, a landmark study noted that the lungs of children born in Southern California today are not likely to fully develop and may never recover from smog's damage, and that children are especially susceptible to the harmful effects of air pollution;

**WHEREAS**, this region has exceeded the health-based federal 8-hour ozone standard on 86 days in 2006;

**WHEREAS**, the recently revised 24-hour PM2.5 standard is more stringent and more health-protective than the prior clean air standards;

**WHEREAS**, there is a fast-approaching PM2.5 attainment deadline of 2015, and an even more challenging 8-hour ozone attainment deadline of 2021 or 2024, necessitating additional emissions reductions;

**WHEREAS**, failure to meet these deadlines will prolong the adverse health impacts to residents and could trigger significant federal economic and administrative sanctions on this region;

**WHEREAS**, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has the responsibility to draft and implement a plan to bring this region into compliance with clean air standards, and is about to issue the Draft 2007 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP);

**WHEREAS**, AQMD's primary regulatory authority to reduce air pollution is limited to reducing emissions from stationary sources, such as power plants, refineries, chemical plants, gas stations, industrial facilities as well as operational requirements for mobile sources - and the AQMP addresses the need to further reduce emissions from all sources to help reach clean air goals;

**WHEREAS**, stationary sources have already reduced emissions upwards of 90% and mobile sources are the primary source of emissions in the basin and remain comparatively under-regulated;

**WHEREAS**, the AQMP has identified that the majority of emissions reductions must be achieved through further control of mobile sources - including, but not limited to cars, trucks, ships, trains, and planes;

**WHEREAS**, the California Air Resources Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have most of the authority over mobile source emissions, and the Southern California Association of Governments is responsible for developing the plan's transportation control measures;

**WHEREAS**, the Draft AQMP focuses on additional measures that the California Air Resources Board and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency can implement to reduce mobile source emissions, especially from locomotives and ocean-going ships;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that by adoption of this resolution, the County of Riverside declares that there is an urgent need for all responsible authorities to expeditiously adopt and aggressively implement effective control strategies to reduce emissions as quickly as possible, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County of Riverside strongly supports the development of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Draft 2007 Air Quality Management Plan focusing on mobile source controls, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County of Riverside calls upon the California Air Resources Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to substantially accelerate their emission reduction programs in our region by implementing the AQMP measures within their respective authorities.