

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

For Agenda of: March 24, 2005

TO: Board of Directors
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

FROM: Larry Greene
Air Pollution Control Officer

SUBJECT: SMAQMD Project Review Principles

Recommendations: This report is before you to offer the following recommendation for your approval:

1. Approve the attached Resolution endorsing the District's Project Review Principles.
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Purpose: The Project Review Principles establish the key guidelines to be utilized by staff to review projects submitted to the District. These land use and transportation projects are reviewed under the District's existing Land Use Mitigation Program and the Construction Mitigation Program. Both of these Programs currently rely on the California Environmental Quality Act for their implementation authority.

These Principles will also ensure consistency in comments and recommendations made by staff to the local jurisdictions for their consideration during the project approval process.

The ultimate purpose for the Project Review Principles and the District's Mitigation Programs is to ensure appropriate mitigation of the air quality impacts of all projects. Use of these Principles provides an objective means to determine air quality impacts and recommended measures to mitigate those impacts.

Background Staff of the Mobile Source Division, Land Use and Transportation Section, review approximately 1200 local jurisdiction land use, transportation and other public

infrastructure projects each year. Comments and recommended air quality mitigation measures are provided to the local jurisdictions for the majority of these projects.

Staff on a regular basis also provides testimony at public hearings where land use projects are discussed and approved.

**Intended
Outcomes**

Having Board endorsed Principles upon which our comments and recommended air quality mitigation measures are based will lend additional credibility to these comments and recommendations. Additionally, using standardized principles endorsed by the Board of Directors will promote long-term community building and will provide additional opportunities to create health benefits for residents of the Sacramento region.

Recognizing that Sacramento is a serious ozone non-attainment area with an attainment date of 2013, having Project Review Principles will serve as an additional tool which can be used to assist in the regional effort to reach attainment.

Fiscal Impacts

There will no fiscal impacts associated with establishing SMAQMD Project Review Principles.

Respectfully submitted,

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Air Pollution Control Officer

Approved as to form:

Kathy Pittard
District Counsel

Attachments: Proposed Resolution
SMAQMD Project Review Principles