

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Resolution No. _____

Whereas, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) and the four other districts within the Sacramento Federal Ozone Nonattainment Area are responsible for preparing a State Implementation Plan demonstrating attainment of the federal standards and intend to rely on emission reductions from land use projects to demonstrate attainment; and

Whereas, to rely upon the land use emission reductions, the districts must develop a mechanism for quantifying the emission reductions achieved through the review and revision of land use projects; and

Whereas, SMAQMD is already engaged in the review of projects and development of emission reduction mitigation measures through its general authority under Health and Safety Code section 40918 and Public Resources Code section 15044, which collectively require SMAQMD to review the air quality impacts of land use projects under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

Whereas, SMAQMD currently has a Project Review Program and corresponding staff which evaluate over 900 projects a year by looking at project descriptions, environmental documents, projected emissions and staff comments on approximately 300 of those projects and follows a sub-set of them to the deciding bodies of local jurisdictions; and

Whereas, to add its review of land use projects, SMAQMD currently uses a land use project tracking database (land use data base) that tracks project information, construction and operational emissions from projects, as well as approved air quality mitigation ; and

Whereas, while the land use database has proved useful, it does not adequately quantify the reductions achieved through the CEQA review process to allow the air districts to claim credit for the reductions in the SIP; in addition, its usefulness can be greatly enhanced by adding

a GIS-based mapping function so that users can easily identify project locations and determine whether the projects are part of larger Specific or Community Plans, which may also have mitigation requirements; and

Whereas, both Placer County APDC and El Dorado County APCD would like to acquire a land use database for their use and have agreed to contribute funds to improve the SMAQMD date base with the understanding that they will have access to the new database system; and

Whereas, SACOG has determined that it will likewise benefit from the development and use of an improved land use database and has agreed to incorporate emission reduction calculation functions, as well as a GIS function into the existing SMAQMD database and to make the improved database available to Sacramento, El Dorado and Placer air districts through the SACOG website; and

Whereas, the resulting interagency land use monitoring database and mapping system will provide an internet-based platform for possible greater standardization of the project review process and cooperation among districts.

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved that the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District approves and authorizes the expenditure of up to \$120,000 for the enhancement of the regional land use database.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District authorizes its Air Pollution Control Officer to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Sacramento Area Council of Governments, in a form similar to the attached, on behalf of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District and to do and perform everything necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution.

On a motion by Director _____, seconded by Director _____, the foregoing Resolution was approved by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District on April 27, 2006,

by the following vote:

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

Chairperson
Board of Directors

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board