

**SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

For Agenda of: March 23, 2006

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Larry Greene
Air Pollution Control Officer

SUBJECT: Resolution Honoring Ron Maertz for his Twenty-Eight Years of Service, Air Quality, Land Use and Transportation Vision and Expertise, and his Commitment to Improving the Lives of the Sacramento Region's Residents

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution, which honors Ron Maertz' long service to the Sacramento community and his commitment to improving the region's land use and transportation planning efforts.

Ron Maertz has served the Sacramento region for over 28 years as a visionary transportation, land use and air quality planner. During this time Ron has evolved into an influential statesman on behalf of planning principles that are now becoming the norm: coordinated land use, transportation and economic planning that will reduce reliance on the automobile and move the region toward a more sustainable future. While these principles seem ordinary today, not too long ago they were considered radical, unproven and unsupportable. Ron's principled adherence to a vision that this region is starting to embrace will leave a lasting legacy that we all will benefit from for decades to come.

I am happy to note that Ron has agreed to return to the SMAQMD on a part-time basis to help us implement the many projects that he has nurtured along during his tenure as the SMAQMD's land use and transportation leader. He will be working with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments to implement Blueprint and with the Local Government Commission to develop better tools to model and analyze land use and transportation projects to provide the public and elected officials with better decision-making tools as the region moves forward.

Respectfully submitted

Approved as to Form:

Larry Greene
Air Pollution Control Officer

Kathrine Pittard
District Counsel

Resolution No. _____

**RESOLUTION HONORING RON MAERTZ FOR HIS
TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE, HIS
AIR QUALITY, LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION VISION AND EXPERTISE,
AND HIS COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF THE
SACRAMENTO REGION'S RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, Ron Maertz served with Sacramento County Planning for twelve years and for more than sixteen years with the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District; and

WHEREAS, Ron has been a planning pioneer in the Sacramento region, calling for coordinated transportation, land use and air quality planning long before "smart growth" was fashionable; and

WHEREAS, Ron devoted countless hours to dozens of county-wide and regional planning efforts, including the Sacramento County Transportation and Air Quality Collaborative, Sacramento Regional Transit's Strategic Plans and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' Blueprint Project; and

WHEREAS, Ron forged long-term, effective relationships with the elected officials, planning and public works staffs, and the community to move the region toward a more sustainable vision of growth; and

WHEREAS, Ron was instrumental in establishing Sacramento County General Plan Policy AQ-15, a landmark step in mitigating the air quality impacts of land use development, which has served as a model for jurisdictions throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Ron served as an exemplary supervisor of the SMAQMD's land use division, forging an innovative and effective team while creating and maintaining a supportive work environment that contributed to his staff's professional development and personal work enjoyment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District Board of Directors hereby proclaims its appreciation to Ron Maertz for his twenty-eight years of commitment to improving the quality of life of the residents of the Sacramento region and wishes him a happy and productive retirement.

ON A MOTION by Director _____, seconded by Director

_____, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, State of California, this twenty-third day of March, 2006 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

Chairperson of the Board of Directors
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality
Management District

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board