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Sac Metro Air District To Debut New Portable Air Monitoring Lab in South Sacramento-Florin Community

Sacramento, Calif. – The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (Air District) will debut its new portable air monitoring laboratory during a Sac Clean Air Celebration held at Fern Bacon Middle School in South Sacramento tomorrow, April 29. The community event will feature tours of the portable lab, food, kids' activities, and exhibitor tables with information about air quality and other topics of interest.

The Air District, in collaboration with the AB 617 South Sacramento-Florin Community Steering Committee, is implementing a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) to collect air pollution data and address the community's air pollution concerns. Saturday's event will showcase the success of the CAMP and the deployment of the new portable lab, the final phase of the CAMP.

"As an AB 617 community, the South Sacramento-Florin area has historically been overburdened by the impacts of air pollution. The portable lab is a big step forward for better monitoring and responding to air pollution concerns in the community and helping residents to protect their health," said Air District Air Pollution Control Officer Alberto Ayala. "This new portable air monitoring lab will help provide the localized data needed to develop new air quality and climate resilience strategies to ensure clean air for all."

Sac Metro Air District Board Chair and Sacramento County Supervisor Patrick Kennedy will speak at the event alongside Eric Guerra, Air District Board Member, City of Sacramento Vice Mayor, and California Air Resources Board Member representing the Sacramento region; Sacramento City Unified School District Board Member Jamee Villa, representing Fern Bacon; and AB 617 Community Air Protection Steering Committee Co-Lead Vincent Valdez.

The portable lab will be located at Fern Bacon Middle School for at least the next six months to one year. The data collected at the lab will be used to assess local air pollution levels and help determine future actions, strategies, and resources to help improve air quality in the community.

About Sac Metro Air District

The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District is the leading regional agency responsible for monitoring air quality, reducing air pollution, and enforcing air quality regulations, and promoting decarbonization efforts. The Sac Metro Air District also works to ensure clean air and meet National Ambient Air Quality standards. For more information about the Sac Metro Air District, please visit www.AirQuality.org.

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