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CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
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Transportation and Community Development Committee  
Sacramento, California

BUILDING INSPECTIONS  
916-449-5716

Honorable Members In Session:

PLANNING  
916-449-5604

**SUBJECT: CITY STAFF SUPPORT OF AIR QUALITY DISTRICT (M90-033)**

### SUMMARY

This report recommends approval of a Resolution in support of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality District as the lead agency in working towards a consensus on specific programs to improve air quality in the County. Specifically, the Resolution is intended to address air pollution related to transportation and energy use, especially from on-road vehicles (mobile sources). A working group, consisting of SMAQMD and staff from other agencies (including the City) is urged to refine the programs and rules related to these mobile sources of air pollution.

### BACKGROUND

On September 4, 1990, Councilmember Mueller introduced a draft Resolution as Council Agenda Item 7.2. The item was referred to the City Manager for staff review. Staff has attached the revised Resolution. The revisions are minor and are intended to strengthen the City's commitment of staff, clarify the authorities over land use regulations, and to include SACOG in the participating agencies.

### Staff Analysis

The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) was authorized by the Connelly legislation to have primary responsibility for adopting and enforcing regulations to achieve State and Federal ambient air quality standards for the Sacramento area. SMAQMD is formulating specific programs and rules to reduce emission of criteria pollutants (carbon monoxide and precursors of ozone). These rules will include Transportation Systems Management techniques, and other project design and operational controls. These rules should not infringe upon the local control of land uses, although a certain degree of concurrent authority seems inevitable. For this reason, the City should be actively involved to clarify District roles and responsibilities.

In addition to SMAQMD, the County, and the City, other agencies should be included in the working group. Regional Transit will be especially useful in determining realistic transit alternatives. SMUD will be especially useful in facilitating alternative vehicles (e.g., electric fleets). SACOG has been designated as the metropolitan transportation planning agency and has provided numerous and substantive local and regional strategic options for reducing air pollution.

Finally, it must be noted that on-road vehicles do not generate the totality of the County's air pollution problem. The working group should also consider stationary sources of air pollution (e.g., solvents, pesticides, factory smokestacks, etc.)

**FINANCIAL DATA**

Financial impact on the City is not known at this time. The nature of these costs will become clearer during the development of specific programs and rules.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

The City recognizes its leadership role in setting a proactive policy towards reducing emissions from automotive vehicles.

**MBE/WBE IMPACTS**

There are no MBE/WBE impacts associated with this item.

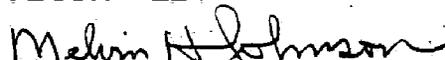
**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Transportation and Community Development Committee forward the attached resolution to the City Council for adoption.

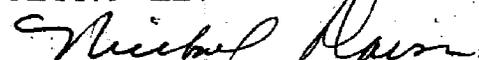
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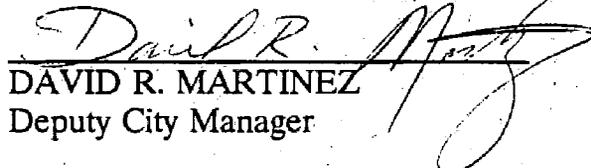
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# RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

## SUPPORTING COORDINATION AND COOPERATION OF THE SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento metropolitan area ranks as the twelfth worst region of the United States in terms of Ambient Air Quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento region exceeds both federal and state Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, and state standards for particulate matter on a significant number of days each year; and

**WHEREAS**, these pollutants are known to cause significant health effects on the citizens of Sacramento County; and

**WHEREAS**, 1988 (Sher) and 1989 (Connelly) legislation established the Sacramento metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) and expanded its authority to address air pollution from on-road, vehicular sources; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County's major source of pollution is from these on-road vehicular sources; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a distinct interrelationship between energy production and use, transportation, and air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and County of Sacramento, and cities and counties generally, have independent authority to regulate land use within their respective jurisdictions, yet land use decisions have an impact on transportation and air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, these agencies have a need to coordinate, cooperate and pool their efforts, funding, and expertise to achieve a united approach to reduce transportation and energy related air pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, the coordination of the staffs of these agencies would benefit air quality as a result of three distinct opportunities:

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2. Forming a working group among these distinct agencies will reduce the time and resource demanding formalities involved with inter-agency communication.
3. Each of these four agencies has unique expertise that should be shared, pooled, and focussed on reducing transportation related air pollution emissions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Sacramento, that we hereby support the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District and join the working group comprised of County Environmental Management Department, Sacramento County, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, the Sacramento Regional Transit District, and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the purpose of this working group is to coordinate, cooperate, and work toward a consensus on projects to reduce pollution from transportation and energy related sources, and to reach a common understanding among the agencies represented as to their respective roles and responsibilities in dealing with air quality problems and investigate the feasibility of the formation of a new governing board which will consist of members of the Board of Supervisors and City Council;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this working group will meet on a regular bimonthly basis and produce an annual report on its activities to the respective boards and Council;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the work program to reduce pollution from transportation and energy related sources shall be approved by each of the respective boards and Council;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager designate a staff member to coordinate the City's involvement in the activities of the work group.

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