

State of California
Air Resources Board

RESOLUTION 05-30

WHEREAS, after a rewarding and successful 33 year career with the Air Resources Board, Mr. Peter D. Venturini, Chief of the Stationary Source Division, has officially announced his retirement from public service;

WHEREAS, the young and enthusiastic Peter began his career at ARB in 1972, after graduating from the University of California at Berkeley with both bachelor's and master's degrees in Mechanical Engineering. He described himself as "a new type of emerging engineer: one whose engineering competence includes an awareness of the environmental and social implications of his work;"

WHEREAS, Peter was well trained in his initial years at ARB to endure and persist through a management system that progressively agonized, terrorized, harmonized, tailored and simonized his work products;

WHEREAS, he quickly established himself as an expert in air pollution control engineering, and in 1977 moved into a management position in the Energy Strategy Section; by 1978 was appointed the Chief of Research and Economic Studies; became the Regional Programs Division Chief in 1981; then in 1983 he became Chief of the Stationary Source Division. As he moved up the organizational ladder he gained respect and gratitude from those who worked in his "ARB family;"

WHEREAS, Peter has demonstrated his belief that people rarely succeed unless they enjoy what they are doing;

WHEREAS, Peter has consistently made sound technical and policy recommendations to this Board on a substantial array of air pollution control strategies ranging from cleaner burning motor vehicle fuels, air toxics identification and control, diesel risk reduction, consumer products, best available retrofit technology, energy issues, air toxic hot spots and more;

WHEREAS, he has doggedly wrestled with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency over issues such as the OCS negotiated rulemaking, the Title V Operating Permit Program, and equivalency of California's air toxics control program;

WHEREAS, Peter has complemented his technical competence with a great sense of humanity, kindness, and ethical behavior. As our valued colleague leaves his post here at ARB, he takes with him the respect of the Board members and staff, regulated industry, environmental advocates, the nationwide air pollution control community, and every Californian that breathes cleaner air;

WHEREAS, Peter has utilized his skills as a trained Porsche race car driver to run the Stationary Source Division with precision;

WHEREAS, Peter now wishes to reinvent himself in his retirement as a gentleman rancher, world traveler, grandfather, retired annuitant, seasoned mechanic/pit crew/race car driver, and man-about-town; and

WHEREAS, Peter is a man who knows how to make the most of any golden opportunity, and that is why we have no doubt that he will enjoy every moment of his life after ARB with his wife Jeannie; daughters Catherine, Laura, and Jean-Marie; and sons-in-law Dean and John.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board gives tribute to the superb achievements of Peter D. Venturini for his successful career and extends a heartfelt "THANK YOU" for his superior accomplishments over the years.

Executed at Sacramento, California, on this 26th day of May 2005.

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