

# Memorandum of Understanding to Enhance Academic Development and Community Involvement on Air Quality and Climate Change Issues Between the California Air Resources Board and the Riverside Community College District

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Whereas, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) is the agency charged with providing healthful air to all Californians and is leading the world in reducing emissions of greenhouse gases.

Whereas, the Board's aggressive mobile source emission reduction program is a key reason for the significant improvement in air quality that the State has experienced.

Whereas, the success of CARB's programs depends on well-trained, skilled and experienced staff that represent the diversity of the communities CARB serves.

Whereas, CARB is constructing its Southern California Headquarters in Riverside to be a world-standard center of research, emissions compliance and regulatory development.

Whereas, Riverside Community College District's (RCCD) strength is based in over 100 years as a California Community College, with three comprehensive colleges, serving as a leader in inclusive education and workforce development training in the Inland Empire.

Whereas, RCCD's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) departments, together with Career and Technical Education divisions, provide unique and innovative educational opportunities in Environmental Studies, Automotive, Air Quality, and Energy Sustainability.

Whereas, CARB and RCCD can leverage their facilities and staffing resources to promote and develop air quality and climate change educational and workforce opportunities.

Whereas, RCCD is already partnering with RUSD and UCR to offer guided pathways for local residents to become scientists and technicians in relevant fields of study, with an emphasis on educating underrepresented populations, including women and minorities.

Whereas, the new CARB Southern California Headquarters provides an opportunity for CARB and RCCD to create a nexus for educational opportunities relating to climate change and air quality education and innovation.

Whereas, the new CARB Southern California Headquarters also provides RCCD and CARB with an opportunity to partner to advance their mutual goal of building a strong and diverse workforce with the skills to tackle the air quality and climate change challenges of the Inland Empire and the world.

Whereas, together with other local educational institutions, CARB and RCCD, intend to cooperate on development of educational pathways from primary grades through the university level for the Southern California Inland region to support the CARB facility and related industry jobs.

Therefore, CARB and RCCD enter this MOU to confirm their commitment to work in partnership to achieve the purposes of this MOU as stated herein.

## Part 1: Areas of Cooperation

The parties may cooperate in the following areas and other related areas as appropriate and for the mutual benefit of both parties:

- Development and delivery of STEM and other STEM-based Career and Technical Education training programs and curricula related to CARB efforts in air-quality and climate-change.
- Development of continuing education and certificates for continued learning relevant to CARB employees.
- Promotion of air quality and science career pathways for students from a range of diverse backgrounds.

- Development of a greenhouse gas footprint audit of RCCD as a model to promote sustainability and reduction in energy use for other community colleges.
- Opportunities to obtain grants, industry sponsorship, or other funding to obtain equipment and other resources to promote STEM, air quality education, and environmental careers.

## Part 2: Forms of Cooperation

The forms of cooperation may include the following and any other forms agreed to by the parties:

- CARB participating on advisory committees, as appropriate, to provide technical expertise and information to assist in the development of training programs, curriculum and related educational opportunities.
- CARB providing guest speakers/participants for assemblies, classrooms, speaker series and other events.
- CARB promoting opportunities for its employees to serve as adjunct and visiting professors throughout RCCD.
- CARB informing RCCD of opportunities for RCCD employees to obtain training at CARB facilities as appropriate.
- CARB and RCCD coordinating on employment opportunities including CARB participation in RCCD career fairs and RCCD providing CARB job opportunity information to students.
- RCCD providing continuing education opportunities relevant to existing CARB employees as a mechanism to provide upskilling for future growth and success of CARB.
- RCCD offering opportunities to share educational resources (e.g., facilities, equipment) for the promotion and success of both RCCD and CARB.
- RCCD promoting air quality and climate change topic inclusion in classroom curriculum, science fairs and other venues.

## Part 3: Implementation

The parties will consult with each other on a regular basis regarding matters of common interest that represent opportunities for mutual benefit consistent with this MOU.

The parties designate the following individuals as primary contacts for the implementation of this MOU:

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## Part 4: General Provisions

This MOU will remain in effect from the date of its signature by the parties for two years and may be amended upon agreement of the parties in writing.

This MOU is non-binding and is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity.

Nothing in this MOU binds the parties to perform beyond their respective authorities.

Nothing in this MOU is intended to or will be construed to limit or affect in any way the authority or legal responsibilities of the parties.

The mission requirements, funding, personnel, and other priorities of the parties may affect their ability to fully implement all the provisions identified in this MOU.

Nothing in this MOU may be construed to obligate the parties to spend funds on any particular area or form of cooperation.

Specific activities that involve the transfer of money, services, or property between or among the parties will require execution of separate agreements or contracts.

Nothing in this MOU is intended to or will be construed to restrict the parties from participating in similar activities or arrangements with other public or private agencies, organizations, or individuals.

All press releases and public statements issued by the parties concerning or characterizing this MOU will be jointly reviewed and agreed to by the parties prior to issuance.

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Mary D. Nichols, Chair  
California Air Resources Board



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