

State of California
Air Resources Board
Resolution #96 - 53

WHEREAS, Pollution Prevention Week, September 16-22, provides government agencies, businesses, and the public an opportunity to come together to plan for a prosperous and sustainable future by renewing our common commitment to conserve environmental resources and reduce the amount of waste we generate;

WHEREAS, the Air Resources Board is dedicated to a clean and healthy environment and is directed to coordinate an intensive effort to protect and enhance California's air quality;

WHEREAS, preventing pollution at the source by minimizing the creation of waste streams is often a far cheaper and more effective way to reduce environmental risk than add-on controls;

WHEREAS, use of alternative transportation, including bicycles, buses and zero-emission vehicles, can reduce air pollution caused by cars and trucks, which contribute more than half the ozone-producing emissions in California;

WHEREAS, pollution prevention can help governmental agencies, businesses and consumers use resources more wisely and reduce waste disposal costs;

WHEREAS, incentives for pollution prevention, such as providing technology transfer information, education and outreach, and flexible control approaches, represent practical ways to develop an interactive public/private partnership that will advance the frontier of pollution prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the ARB endorses Pollution Prevention Week and pledges that pollution prevention shall continue to be an important consideration in its air pollution control efforts in order to reduce or eliminate the creation of air pollutants by the most cost-effective means.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs staff to consider integrated pollution prevention in all facets of its daily operations and control activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board invites industry to develop, propose, share, and practice pollution prevention ideas and techniques which will help us achieve a prosperous, healthy and sustainable future, and to this end invites testimony at future regulatory hearings regarding pollution prevention as an alternative or supplement to other air pollution control options.