

**State of California
Air Resources Board
Resolution #97 - 39**

WHEREAS, National Pollution Prevention Week, September 15 - 21, 1997, provides government agencies, businesses, and the public an opportunity to collectively plan for a successful and sustainable future by renewing our common commitment to protect our environmental resources and help reduce the amount of pollution generated;

WHEREAS, the Air Resources Board is directed to coordinate and work with the local air districts in an intensive effort to protect and enhance California's air quality;

WHEREAS, pollution prevention conducted at the source will minimize the creation of waste streams and is often a more cost-effective and practical way to reduce environmental risks than add-on controls;

WHEREAS, new environmental technologies have helped the Air Resources Board reduce air pollutants while recognizing the effects of pollution control on the economy;

WHEREAS, the use of alternative transportation such as bicycles, buses, car pools and zero-emission vehicles can help contribute to a decrease in ozone-producing emissions, half of which come from vehicles in California;

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

WHEREAS, events promoting pollution prevention to government, business, and the public will be conducted by the Air Resources Board to raise awareness of an issue that affects the public health, welfare, and ecological resources of California;

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 partnership that will advance the frontier of pollution prevention;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Air Resources Board endorses National Pollution Prevention Week and pledges that pollution prevention shall continue to be an important consideration in its air pollution control efforts in order to eliminate or reduce the creation of air pollutants by the most cost-effective means while still considering the effects on the economy of the state.

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

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