

**State of California
Air Resources Board**

RESOLUTION 04-17

WHEREAS, sections 39600 and 39601 of the Health and Safety Code authorize the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) to adopt standards, rules, and regulations and to do such acts as may be necessary for the proper execution of the powers and duties granted to and imposed upon the Board by law;

WHEREAS, Mr. Donald J. Ames is officially retiring after devoting 37 years of his life to public service, beginning as an Engineering Student at the Department of Public Works (later known as CalTrans) in 1967 and coming to the Board in 1975 to dedicate the next 29 years to the protection of public health through the reduction of air pollution;

WHEREAS, Don began his career at the Board in 1975 as an Assistant Air Pollution Engineer and has risen through the ranks to serve with excellence as an Associate Air Resources Engineer, Senior Air Resources Engineer, Supervising Air Resources Engineer, Assistant Chief of the Stationary Source Division, and given the title of Career Executive Assignment 2 in 1996;

WHEREAS, under Don's guidance and expertise, many programs at ARB have been successfully implemented and are nationally recognized, including the toxic air contaminant and the consumer products programs;

WHEREAS, Don has done "as-best-os" he can in reducing the environmental footprint of ARB through many pollution prevention activities;

WHEREAS, Don, through his work on the EMS committee and on Consumer Products regulations, has made the air in restrooms more healthful for the citizens of California;

WHEREAS, through Don's mentoring many current ARB staff, including Section Managers and Branch Chiefs, are successful, dedicated, and effective individuals who will never forget his patience, sharp intellect, and friendship;

WHEREAS, Don's dedication is unsurpassed as he never missed an important meeting, even if illegal U-turns on Market Street were necessary to make it to the Board meeting on time, or going on road trips to Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo for emission inventory purposes;

WHEREAS, Don has been a generous provider of chocolate candies and nut snacks in the Division and staff will truly miss those high energized afternoons;

WHEREAS, Don, an avid horse owner and rider, plans to compose a series of short stories and poems titled, "From A Whisper To A Scream: When Your Horse Can't Hear You."

WHEREAS, Don's tricks and practical jokes have brought much laughter to the office (and maybe a few screams) that will be sorely missed; and

WHEREAS, family and friends have always been and will always be Don's priority.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds great honor in recognizing Don upon his retirement for the outstanding service he has performed as an engineer and as a member of ARB's management team and congratulates him for a job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board extends a sincere wish for Don, his wife Lyn, and his family a long and happy retirement and hope that he will meet us at Starbucks once in a while to make us all jealous.

Executed at Sacramento, California, this ____ day of July 2004.

Alan C. Lloyd, Ph.D.
Chairman