

State of California
Air Resources Board

RESOLUTION 04-27

WHERE AS, Mr. Norman Covell is retiring from the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District having served with distinction as Air Pollution Control Officer for the last 20 years (1984-2004);

WHERE AS, prior to that, Norm served 20 years in Fresno County as Assistant Air Pollution Control Officer and Assistant Director of Environmental Health;

WHERE AS, Norm is recognized as a visionary and dedicated leader at the local, state, national and international levels to improving air quality. Such efforts are evident through the State and Territorial Air Pollution Program Administrators, and Association of Local Air Pollution Control Officials (STAPPA/ALAPCO), where, acting as External Relations Committee Chair, Norm led an international effort to educate countries around the globe in the ways of air pollution monitoring and control;

WHERE AS, Norm was a founding father of the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association when the Association was formed in 1975; and has served that organization continuously for 29 years, including 20 years on the Board of Directors and 3 terms as President;

WHERE AS, Norm served as the Governor's appointee to the California State Inspection and Maintenance Review Committee. In this capacity Norm has worked with tireless resolve to increase the effectiveness of the State's smog check programs. This resulted in every zip code in Sacramento County being included in the enhanced smog check program. In addition he led the effort to require the Bay Area to adopt and implement the enhanced smog check program;

WHERE AS, Norm worked diligently to reduce mobile source emissions through market-based incentives that became the model for the statewide Carl Moyer and Sacramento/San Joaquin Emergency Clean Air and Transportation Programs;

WHERE AS, Norm partnered with community and regional organizations to implement programs that included over 1,000 re-powers for on and off road vehicles and engines and the Regional Transit fleet and school bus fleet conversions to cleaner fuel use;

WHERE AS, Norm participated in numerous other key partnerships where the efforts concentrated on a collaborative approach in the Sacramento Region to remedy and address air quality issues. Some of those created under Norm's leadership and patient guidance includes: The Clean Fuels Forum; the Greater Sacramento Inter-District Coordinating Working Group Council; the Cleaner Air Partnership; and the Sacramento Valley Air Basic Control Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Air Resources Board finds extreme honor in recognizing Norm for the outstanding service he has performed for this great State and nation and sincerely congratulates him for a job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board expresses to Norm its sincere wishes for a long, happy, healthful, productive, and enjoyable retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on behalf of the Board, Chairman Alan C. Lloyd hereby sets forth his hand on this 26th day of July, 2004.

Alan C. Lloyd, Ph.D.
Chairman