

**State of California
Air Resources Board**

RESOLUTION 06-21

WHEREAS, Mr. Stewart Wilson is retiring as Executive Director of the California Air Pollution Control Officer's Association (CAPCOA) on June 24, 2006;

WHEREAS, Stew began his air quality work on loan from the Fresno County Planning Department in 1977;

WHEREAS, Stew was subsequently hired as the first Air Quality Planner by the Fresno County Air Pollution Control District, and was the lead staff person for the development of the first of many non attainment plans for the district;

WHEREAS, Stew was the first in the State to actually devise a method to offer money to people who attended the Air Quality Plan workshops in Fresno by developing the "Penny for your thoughts" project (it was a bust);

WHEREAS, in 1984 Fresno County Board members so strongly opposed the Smog Check program they refused to let the APCO and district staff attend any of the original Inspection & Maintenance Committee meetings in Sacramento as it might send the message the Board was supportive, rather the Board was headed to Washington to straighten out EPA; further, realizing they would be faced with this program at some point, Stew secretly flew his private plane, with passenger Assistant APCO Norm Covell to attend the meetings in Sacramento. These missions were probably similar to working in the underground during World War II;

WHEREAS, in 1988 Stew left Fresno County and became the second Executive Director in the history of CAPCOA and managed with extreme honor and commitment the growth and influence of the organization into a nationally recognized professional group of air quality directors;

WHEREAS, Stew worked doggedly and with great perseverance to commandeer the PM 2.5, Section 103 pass-through grant through US EPA red tape;

WHEREAS, during his career, Stew worked with every Air Resources Board Chair and Executive Officer since 1974;

WHEREAS, Stew provided a window into the districts through the CAPCOA Newsletter, expertly written and edited. It served as a valuable communication tool and conduit between the districts and ARB;

WHEREAS, in a show of solidarity, Stew joined fellow CAPCOA members in a mooning photo shoot, providing a well rounded farewell for retiring APCO Norm Covell;

WHEREAS, Stew acted with integrity and strength of character in all dealings with ARB;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Air Resources Board finds great honor in recognizing Mr. Stewart Wilson for the outstanding service he has