

RESOLUTION NO. RES-07-0025

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S DRAFT 2007 AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT PLAN FOCUSING ON MOBILE SOURCE
CONTROLS

WHEREAS, the over 16.5 million individuals residing within the jurisdictional boundaries of the South Coast Air Quality Management District are impacted by the poorest air quality in the nation, despite some of the most advanced pollution control requirements in the world yielding dramatic improvements in recent decades;

WHEREAS, health studies conducted in this region repeatedly show that residents are suffering significant health effects from today's air pollution, including cancer and chronic conditions, such as asthma, emphysema, and heart and pulmonary diseases, among others;

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board recently estimated that approximately 8,200 Californians die prematurely each year as a result of air pollution, and that residents who live, work, or go to school in close proximity to marine port and goods-movement activities are subjected to unhealthy levels of air pollution, resulting in numerous health problems;

WHEREAS, a landmark study noted that the lungs of children born in Southern California today are not likely to fully develop and may never recover from smog's damage, and that children are especially susceptible to the harmful effects of air pollution;

WHEREAS, this region has exceeded the health-based federal 8-hour ozone standard on 86 days in 2006;

WHEREAS, the recently revised 24-hour PM2.5 standard is more stringent

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1 and more health-protective than the prior clean air standards;

2 WHEREAS, there is a fast-approaching PM2.5 attainment deadline of 2015,
3 and an even more challenging 8-hour ozone attainment deadline of 2021 or 2024,
4 necessitating additional emissions reductions;

5 WHEREAS, failure to meet these deadlines will prolong the adverse health
6 impacts to residents and could trigger significant federal economic and administrative
7 sanctions on this region;

8 WHEREAS, the South Coast Air Quality Management (AQMD) has the
9 responsibility to draft and implement a plan to bring this region into compliance with clean
10 air standards, and is about to issue the Draft 2007 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP);

11 WHEREAS, AQMD's primary regulatory authority to reduce air pollution is
12 limited to reducing emissions from stationary sources, such as power plants, refineries,
13 chemical plants, gas stations, industrial facilities as well as operational requirements for
14 mobile sources - and the AQMP addresses the need to further reduce emissions from all
15 sources to help reach clean air goals;

16 WHEREAS, stationary sources have already reduced emissions upwards of
17 90% and mobile sources are the primary source of emissions in the basin and remain
18 comparatively under-regulated;

19 WHEREAS, the AQMP has identified that the majority of emissions
20 reductions must be achieved through further control of mobile sources – including, but not
21 limited to cars, trucks, ships, trains, and planes;

22 WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board and the U.S. Environmental
23 Protection Agency have most of the authority over mobile source emissions, and the
24 Southern California Association of Governments is responsible for developing the plan's
25 transportation control measures;

26 WHEREAS, the Draft AQMP focuses on additional measures that the
27 California Air Resources Board and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency can implement
28 to reduce mobile source emissions, especially from locomotives and ocean-going ships;

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1 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution,
2 the City of Long Beach declares that there is an urgent need for all responsible authorities
3 to expeditiously adopt and aggressively implement effective control strategies to reduce
4 emissions as quickly as possible, and;

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Long Beach strongly supports
6 the development of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Draft 2007 Air
7 Quality Management Plan focusing on mobile source controls, and;

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Long Beach calls upon the
9 California Air Resources Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection agency to
10 substantially accelerate their emission reduction programs in our region by implementing
11 the AQMP measures within their respective authorities.

12 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council
13 of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of February 20, 2007, by the
14 following vote:

15 Ayes: Councilmembers: B. Lowenthal, S. Lowenthal, O'Donnell,
16 Schipske, Reyes Uranga, Gabelich,
17 Lerch.

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19 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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21 Absent: Councilmembers: DeLong.

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26 City Clerk