BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - COUNTY OF MARIPOSA

RESOLUTION NO. 73-108

WHEREAS, the Federal Clean Air Act emphasizes the concept of local control of efforts to improve air quality; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa acting as the Mariposa County Air Pollution Control District Board was organized under State Law for the purpose of developing an air quality implementation plan for the Air District while retaining local control in the preservation of air quality; and

WHEREAS, this Board has considered the proposals of the Environmental Protection Agency for the control of photochemical oxidants and carbon monoxide, review of complex sources and policies on air quality deterioration; and

WHEREAS, this Board has concluded that some of the control strategies and implementation dates proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency are unrealistic, unworkable, and unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, it must be recognized that on-going programs exist at both State and local levels which deal with many of the control strategies proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, it is apparent that the Environmental Protection Agency has failed in meeting objectives to control vehicular emissions which contribute the greatest pollutant burden to deteriorated air quality; and

WHEREAS, this failure has resulted in attempts to improve ambient air quality with proposals by the Environmental Protection Agency which have a more severe affect on stationary sources; and

WHEREAS, the Mariposa County Air Pollution Control District Board and the State of California have developed an effective implementation plan for air pollution control in the Mariposa County Air
Pollution Control District; and

WHEREAS, this Board is advised that the proposed by the Environmental Protection Agen
modifying the Clean Air Act in order to make workable can result only by act of Congress.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress action to redirect the efforts of the Environ Agency toward assisting local Government agenc local programs rather than imposing mandatory the Federal level;

The foregoing resolution was passed and a of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa actin County Air Pollution Control District Board me of October, 1973, by the following vote:

AYES: Davis, Long, Hurlbert, Moffitt, Ri
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
NOT VOTING: None

ATTEST:

Ellen R. Ritter
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
WHEREAS, this Board is advised that the control strategies proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency and efforts toward modifying the Clean Air Act in order to make it more practical and workable can result only by act of Congress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Congress is hereby requested to take appropriate action, relative to the Clean Air Act and the strategy of the Environmental Protection Agency, which is necessary to alleviate the pending socioeconomic effects resulting from the implementation of said proposals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress take the necessary action to redirect the efforts of the Environmental Protection Agency toward assisting local Government agencies in carrying out local programs rather than imposing mandatory requirements from the Federal level;

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa acting as the Mariposa County Air Pollution Control District Board meeting this 30th day of October, 1973, by the following vote:

AYES: Davis, Long, Hurlbert, Moffitt, Richardson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

NOT VOTING: None

[Signature]
Chairman of the Board

[Signature]
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Dr. Avery B. Sturm
Air Pollution Control Officer
Mariposa County Health Department
P. O. Box 5
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Dear Dr. Sturm:

Congress is reviewing the recent plans ordered by the Environmental Protection Agency in an effort to assure that final plans are workable and reasonable. The Senate Subcommittee on Air and Water Pollution, chaired by Senator Edmund Muskie, currently is holding open hearings on the EPA regulations and some legislation is likely to emerge from those hearings.

It is too soon to tell what action, if any, Congress will take toward the EPA plans, but there are aspects of the plans which trouble many members of Congress, including myself.

If state and local plans can be effectively implemented I think a large percentage of Congressmen would support plans to keep as many decisions at that level, rather than having the federal government mandate certain programs. As you know, however, some states have delayed drawing up plans, forcing EPA to step in.

- Dr. Sturm, I have always thought the federal government should become involved in most matters only as a last resort, and I certainly believe there are many aspects of problems dealing with environment that can best be left to local governments. However, there is no question that the federal government must involve itself in assuring that we have a quality environment and assure future generations of a better life, but that involvement should be in harmony with local agencies.

Bernie Sisk
B. F. Sisk
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November 14, 1973

SRS: ppm/pd