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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - COUNTY OF MARIPOSA
Resolution No. 75-166


WHEREAS, Mariposa County is interested in the action taken by the Air Resources Board relative to Air Basin designations and air quality standards and other items related to Air Pollution Control, and


WHEREAS, Mariposa County believed it should have the right and privilege of offering comments at Public Hearing held relevant to the above subject.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa fully concurs with the attached letter from John Thomson, Mariposa County Air Pollution District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa this 16th day of December, 1975, by the following vote:

- AYES: Clark, Dalton, Long, Moffitt, Richardson
- NOES: None
- NOT VOTING: None
- ABSENT: None


TOM R. RICHARDSON
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

ELLEN BRONSON, County Clerk and
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board

Mariposa County Health Department

AVERY E. STURM, M. D.

COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

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December 17, 1975

Mr. Tom Quinn, Chairman
California Air Resources Board
1709 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

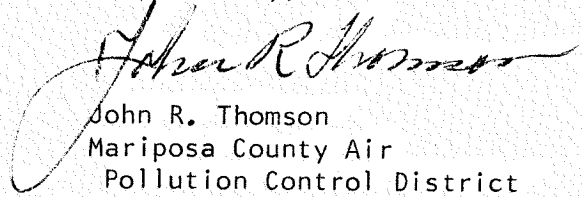
Sir:

Upon my return to my office after attending the A.R.B. meeting at South Lake Tahoe on December 15, 1975, I found a "News Release" dated December 12, 1975 advising the recipient that the A.R.B. will consider the formation of a Lake Tahoe Air Basin on Monday (Dec. 15, 1975.)

As was pointed out repeatedly at the meeting, and ignored by you and the other Board members, it is grossly unfair and unrealistic to expect pertinent input from the public at a public hearing on a subject that the public has not been advised of prior to the hearing. It is not only unfair and unrealistic, it is a waste of taxpayer's money to hold such a "Public Hearing." It appears obvious, especially to those who were in attendance, that the only persons advised of the subject prior to the meeting were those who would be favorable to the action contemplated. I refer particularly to the League of Women's Voters, the League to Save Lake Tahoe, the Sierra Club, a representative of a Research Coordination Board, and others who constantly encourage absolute sterility of the Environment regardless of cost or practicability, and, regardless of testimony to the contrary, it will cost. It will increase the cost to Lake Tahoe residents and it will increase the cost to the Mountain Counties Air Basin. What is more, the funds available to Air Basins throughout the State in 1975 were insufficient to provide the \$ 0.23 per capita that had previously been allotted for air pollution control, yet, it was at least implied at the "Public Hearing" that "about \$ 30,000.00" will be available to assist the new Air Basin because of its size. Where, may I ask, will that money come from? It appears that approximately \$ 8,000.00 of it will come directly from Mountain Counties Air Basin, but that does not explain the other \$ 22,000.00, nor does it explain how M.C.A.B., currently struggling to provide the expertise, manpower, equipment, etc. to satisfy the demands of A.R.B., is to function more effectively with \$ 8,000.00 less money available to it.

I realize that the above remarks have no bearing upon facts in this matter and that you are not interested in them. If you were, the notice of December 12, 1975 would have been mailed early enough to allow all interested persons to participate in the "Public Hearing" intelligently. I sincerely hope that notices of future "Public Hearings" will be mailed so as to be received before the hearing is held.

Respectfully,



John R. Thomson
Mariposa County Air
Pollution Control District

JRT/pm

cc: Governor Brown