

State of California  
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Resolution 84-12

May 24, 1984

Agenda Item Nos. 84-8-3  
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WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 39701 provides that the Air Resources Board (the "Board") shall coordinate and collect research data on air pollution, and Health and Safety Code Section 39703 authorizes the Board to establish applied research objectives, to receive and review research proposals, to recommend specific research projects, and to establish necessary administrative and review procedures;

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 39705 directs the Board to appoint a screening committee to review, and to give its advice and recommendations with respect to, all air pollution research projects funded by the state, and authorizes the Board to determine the rotation of the committee's members;

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1984, the Board met with the Research Screening Committee appointed pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 39705 in a duly noticed public meeting;

WHEREAS, the involvement of the most knowledgeable and distinguished people in air pollution research remains the goal of the Board in selecting Research Screening Committee members;

WHEREAS, the criteria used by the Research Screening Committee to review proposals and recommend proposals for funding by the Board should be approved periodically by the Board, and these criteria should be public knowledge, available to the public generally, and be well known to people submitting research proposals for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered issues relating to the role and functioning of the Research Screening Committee and has received public comment on these issues at public hearings held April 27, 1984, and May 24, 1984.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board intends to pursue a policy of close liaison between the Board and the Research Screening Committee as a means of ensuring that the Board is aware of the latest developments in the research program and that the Committee is apprised of the Board's regulatory priorities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board finds that the research priorities reflected in the allocation of funds among research categories in the proposed 1984-85 research budget are consistent with the Board's current regulatory priorities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the staff and the Research Screening Committee, without precluding consideration of other research areas, to place particular emphasis on research on the adverse health effects of particulate matter emitted by diesel engines, on the adverse health effects of toxic and potentially toxic air contaminants, and on the adverse economic impacts of damage to agricultural crops caused by air pollution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board establishes a policy of regular rotation of the membership of the Research Screening Committee, such that members will be appointed to terms of three years, with one-third of the members to be replaced annually.

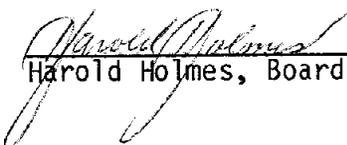
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board shall periodically review and approve the criteria used by the Research Screening Committee to review and select projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in the interests of avoiding potential conflicts of interest and the appearance of such conflicts, the Board's policy with respect to the review and selection of research projects for Board funding shall be as follows:

- o A Research Screening Committee member shall not participate in the consideration of any project for which the member has submitted, or may wish to submit, a proposal; and
- o In the case of any proposal which the Research Screening Committee recommends for funding and which is to be carried out by a Research Screening Committee member or a member's institutional colleague, the participation of the member or the member's colleague in the project shall be clearly identified and described for the Board's consideration in its review of the proposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, with respect to the implementation of the above policy, the Board hereby directs the staff to take appropriate action to assure that the criteria used to review and select research proposals are publicly available and are applied universally to proposals submitted for consideration.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution 84-12, as adopted by the Air Resources Board.

  
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Harold Holmes, Board Secretary