

RC comments before CARB

- **Good Morning**
- **Thank you for the opportunity to speak on what I consider a vital and timely issue regarding air quality in our basin.**
- **Vital because of the health crisis that exists.**
- **54-hundred premature deaths a year due to air pollution.**
- **140-thousand kids with asthma.**
- **980-thousand lost hours of work every year.**
- **Time is important because ---depending on your action today---this board may be risking more than it wants to in meeting federally mandated targets of pollution abatement.**
- **So here is the question I pose.**
- **Why are you willing to approve the Proposed State Strategy for California's State Implementation Plan for federal 8-hour ozone and fine particle pollution standards-----**

- **Without first looking more closely at and considering the South Coast Air Quality Management District's 2007 Air Quality Plan?**
- **You, fact, want to wait until October to take it up.**
- **Wait to look at a plan that clearly compliments, enhances and improves SIP, particularly in addressing the problems of mobile pollutants--diesel trucks and other carriers.**
- **In AMQD's own words—its 12 recommended control measures “...more aggressively attacks existing mobile sources of pollution and accelerates deployment of the cleanest commercially available vehicles---(while) enhancing the greater use of cleaner fuels.” And the measures are feasible.**
- **Is AMQD not an important piece of the abatement puzzle needed to make your work complete? Not to mention effective?**

- **Are you not interested---as the public expects--in attacking air pollution with the most sensible plan available?**
- **If the answer is yes---what other answer could you offer---then I urge you to withhold your decisions until you've seen the forest---and not simply the trees.**
- **I urge you to look at the AQMD's measures first.**
- **Strengthen you state strategy to commit to additional emission reductions from mobile sources as needed to meet federal clean air standards.**
- **Because it doesn't make sense to approve the mobile source measures that are incomplete --measures that just might complicate and possibly slow up clean up efforts.**
- **Thank you!**