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Sacramento AQMD Will Track Its Own Emissions with CA Registry

SACRAMENTO, California – The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (Sacramento AQMD) has joined the California Climate Action Registry (Registry), a distinguished group of organizations demonstrating leadership by voluntarily taking action on climate change. As a member, Sacramento AQMD will work with the Registry to annually track, report and certify its greenhouse gas emissions, the main drivers of global warming.

The Sacramento AQMD is the lead agency for developing and implementing plans and programs to help the Sacramento region meet clean air goals. It strives not only to improve air quality in the region, but also works internally on innovative programs and projects to curb its own emissions. Sacramento AQMD has been designated as one of the Best Workplaces for CommutersSM by the US Department of Transportation and was recently honored with a Clean Air Excellence Award by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

The Registry, created by the California legislature in 2000, helps companies and organizations throughout the United States to track, publicly report and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. The results are certified by independent third-parties to ensure compliance with Registry protocols and standardization across participants and sectors. The Registry has been widely recognized as a gold standard for public reporting of greenhouse gases.

"California' AQMDs have insured that millions of Californians breathe cleaner air and lead healthier lives. Climate change poses a new threat, and the Sacramento AQMD demonstrates leadership and integrity by 'walking the talk' by measuring and looking to reduce its own greenhouse gas emissions" said Diane Wittenberg, President of the California Climate Action Registry.

"Sacramento AQMD is proud to join this important effort with the other Registry members" said Larry Greene, Executive Director of the Sacramento AQMD.

The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (AQMD) works cooperatively to coordinate the efforts of local, state and federal government agencies, the business community, and private citizens to achieve and maintain healthy air quality for Sacramento. <u>www.airquality.org</u>

The California Climate Action Registry is a non-profit public/private partnership that serves as a voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) registry to protect, encourage, and promote early actions to reduce GHG emissions. Over 70 major companies, cities, government agencies and NGOs measure and publicly report their GHG emissions through the Registry. <u>www.climateregistry.org</u>