



MENDOCINO COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

NEWS RELEASE

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New Air Quality Control Officer Named

Chief Executive Officer Al Beltrami announced today that the Board of Supervisors, acting as Directors of the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District (MCAQMD), appointed Mr. Christopher D. Brown MA AICP as the District's Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO). In this capacity Mr. Brown will serve as the District's Executive Officer.

Mendocino County Air Quality Management District is one of the 35 Local Air Districts in California and was created by the legislature in 1971. The mission of the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District is to protect and manage air quality, an essential public resource upon which the health of the community depends.

Mr. Brown, who has served as the Interim Air Pollution Control Officer since July, replaces Dr. C. Dean Wolbach, who has retired due to health considerations. Dr. Wolbach began working for MCAQMD in August of 1998. In February 2002 Dr. Wolbach was named the Air Pollution Control Officer and served in that role until his retirement. During the February 6th Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board adopted a Proclamation recognizing Dr. C. Dean Wolbach's dedicated service to Mendocino County and the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District upon his retirement. Dr. Wolbach has worked in the field of environmental protection for over 30 years.

Mr. Brown assumed his new position February 11, 2007. Mr. Brown has worked for MCAQMD since January 2000 when he was hired as the District's Air Quality Planner. Mr. Brown received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Nevada, Reno and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). Mr. Brown and his family reside in Willits.

District Board of Directors, Chair, Kendall Smith said "Mr. Brown's proven experience and ability to work with the Board members and the public will be a strong asset in his new responsibilities..."

Mr. Brown thanked the District Directors for their confidence and stated "I look forward to working with the community to maintain our outstanding air quality in Mendocino County."

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