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Media Advisory

State air pollution control officers to release new report

Who: California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA)

What: *California's Progress Toward Clean Air*, the second annual collaborative state of the air report available for download at www.capcoa.org

When: To be released April 17, 2012 at 9 a.m.

Where: Media invited to conference call at 11 a.m.

Conference call # 1-888-955-5369

Participant code: 585685

Why: New and current information about regional and joint efforts among the state's air quality management districts for attainment of federal standards

The second annual collaborative report between all 35 of California's air quality management districts will be released April 17.

California's Progress Toward Clean Air details progress and challenges individually and collectively toward attaining federal health-based air quality standards, statewide.

"This is an important document that not only provides a current, objective assessment of the state of the air throughout this most diverse state, but also illustrates the complexity of the air quality issues we all face," said Kenneth Koyama, executive director of the association.

The report contains statistical information, trends and programs within each air quality agency. Among the highlights are an analysis of the past winter, which saw historically challenging air quality conditions in several air basins, and the attainment outlook for new, more stringent particulate matter standards.

California, the most populous state in the union, includes regions with pristine air quality as well as regions with the nation's most challenged air quality. The state has the strongest regulatory program in the nation, and coupled with significant public and private investment in voluntary, incentive-based measures, has had widespread improvements in air quality throughout the past 20 years.

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This multifaceted strategy serves as a model for the rest of the nation and throughout the world.

"The San Joaquin Valley air basin is an excellent example of the importance of not only using regional solutions to regional challenges, but also the benefits of collaboration with a network of agencies that share the same objective: clean air," said Seyed Sadredin, the Valley Air District's executive director and air pollution control officer.

CAPCOA invites media to participate in a conference call at 11 a.m. on April 17 as the new report is released to discuss its contents.

For a copy of *California's Progress Toward Clean Air*, visit www.capcoa.org. For more information about CAPCOA and the state's air districts, call 916-769-7769.