

**State of California  
Air Resources Board**

**RESOLUTION 05-26**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Shankar Prasad joined the Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) in 1988 with a fervent passion for public service, first as Air Pollution Research Specialist and most recently as Health Advisor to the Chairman and the Board, with a five year hiatus as Health Effects Officer at the South Coast Air Quality Management District;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Prasad, a physician by training with experience as a clinician and health effects researcher, has used his skills to develop and implement environmental health policy in India, South America, and the United States, serving as an advisor on several federal and state scientific and policy review panels, including the Advisory Committee of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council which adopted his "Pollution Burden Matrix" for assessing cumulative risk and impacts;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Prasad has been a tireless and effective advocate for Environmental Justice, helping the Air Resources Board turn it from an abstract concept to a robust practice;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Prasad has brought together a broad spectrum of interested parties to discuss and address Environmental Justice on an ongoing basis, including the Environmental Justice Symposium at the Sierra Health Foundation, assisting Cal/EPA's Environmental Justice efforts, co-chairing the Neighborhood Assessment Program stakeholders group, and organizing Environmental Justice meetings for the ARB Executive Staff;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Prasad helped develop an Environmental Justice research program by identifying an environmental researcher for the Research Screening Committee, encouraging additional outreach to researchers, supporting scientific-based and policy-relevant Environmental Justice studies, and securing co-funding from the California Energy Commission;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Prasad also strengthened ARB's health research program by organizing a workshop of health scientists, encouraging the formation of external advisory committees for major epidemiology studies, and promoting additional health studies;

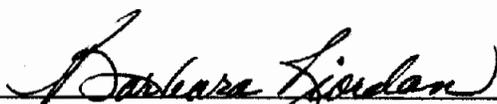
**WHEREAS**, as an intermittent disciple of both good wine and the low-carb lifestyle, Shankar well knows the key of food as a motivator, supplying pistachio nuts to his staff at meetings, organizing post-work feasts, and scouting out the best restaurants for his weary colleagues after long meetings;

**WHEREAS**, Shankar's generosity, humor, and fine spirit will be sadly missed as he joins Dr. Lloyd at Cal/EPA to lend his skills to a wider constituency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board commends Shankar for his unstinting efforts to promote the fair treatment of all California's residents in the development, implementation, and enforcement of clean air policy, and congratulates him on his promotion.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board thanks Dr. Shankar Prasad for his democratic spirit, his good deeds, his kind soul, and his design of ARB's Environmental Justice pin, "the right to clean air," and wishes him a productive and successful future.

*Executed at Sacramento, California, this 17th day of March 2005.*



Mrs. Barbara Riordan  
Interim Chairman

