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AQMD to Honor Clean Air Heroes at 22nd Annual Clean Air Awards

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LOS ANGELES—The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) on Friday, Oct. 1 will host its annual Clean Air Awards, honoring individuals and businesses for making significant contributions to cleaner air in the Southland over the past year. More than 400 people are expected to attend the award ceremony.

At a luncheon in downtown Los Angeles to be emceed by CBS 2 and KCAL 9 News meteorologist Henry DiCarlo, AQMD will honor a local mayor, two university professors and a noted actor and activist.

“These honorees represent the best and brightest air quality stewards we have in the region,” said Dennis Yates, mayor of Chino and vice chair of the AQMD Governing Board. “From a local mayor dedicated to improving air quality, to a beloved public television personality who showcases the best our state has to offer, to two local professors on the leading edge of environmental health, we benefit greatly from the work of these individuals and are pleased to honor them.”

AQMD’s 2010 Clean Air Award winners are: *{partial listing}*

Award for Promotion of Good Environmental Stewardship

John R. Froines, Ph.D., Professor, Environmental Health Sciences, UCLA School of Public Health: John Froines has a long and distinguished history in teaching and conducting pioneering research on air pollution-related health effects. At UCLA he has served as the director of the Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, and has directed the Southern California Particle Center and Supersite. He is associate director of the Southern California Environmental Health Sciences Center. He is on the faculty of UCLA’s Institute of the Environment, a multidisciplinary center that employs cross-disciplinary approaches to address critical environmental challenges and to educate the next generation of professional leadership in this field. In addition to his teaching and research, Froines is active in translating scientific information into formats that can inform policymaking. From May 1999 to July 2010, he chaired the state’s Scientific Review Panel on Toxic Air Contaminants, the central review panel at the state level for identifying toxic air contaminants. During his term as chair, he was instrumental in fostering the use of the best available scientific information as a basis of setting policies to protect health. He enthusiastically participates in community forums and has participated in numerous legislative hearings on improving public health related to exposures to toxic substances, including diesel exhaust and ultrafine particulates.