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Air Pollution Board OKs Controversial New Sources Revision

WATSONVILLE — A highly controversial revision of the new sources review law was approved of the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District's board of directors after a lengthy meeting Wednesday at Watsonville City Hall.

The vote of the proposal was 4 to 1 with two directors abstaining.

Voting in favor of the proposal were Santa Cruz County Supervisors Robley Levy and Gary Patton and Monterey County Supervisors William Peters and Marc Del Piero.

San Benito County Supervisor George

Shore opposed the measure while Monterey Supervisors Dusan Petrovic and Barbara Shipnuck abstained on the grounds they believed the proposal required further study.

The proposal was on Option 3 of eight plans to revise the new sources review regulation of the district which governs permits for new facilities within the three-county district. It also contains material to provide for the prevention of serious deterioration of air quality (PSD).

The measure was strongly opposed by members of industry and labor and supported by representatives from the Sierra

Club, Lung Association, Carmel Valley Property Owners and others.

Peter Fearey of the Council for Environmental and Economic Balance claimed it would be the most stringent regulation of its type in the nation. He maintained it was an expensive and unnecessary overkill.

Rod Holmgren of the Monterey Peninsula chapter of the Sierra Club and Earl Moser, a former member of the district's advisory committee, urged approval on the grounds it was essential to maintaining the air quality of the area.

Industry spokesman denied the regula-

tion was essential to health and welfare or air quality, claiming it simply went too far in restricting possible industrial growth.

Industry spokesmen urged approval of Option 7, a less stringent measure which did not include such items as pollution offsets and the use of Best Available Control Technology on pollutants below federal levels.

Industry also objected to the classification of all of Santa Cruz County as a Class One area, an action which was supported by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors.

Class One areas are normally restricted

to national parks and to areas around some state parks.

Among the speakers in favor of the more stringent regulations were Margaret Brazil of the area League of Women Voters, Dave Bockman of the Santa Cruz chapter of the Sierra Club, and representatives of health organizations.

Speaking in opposition were Jack Bullard and Arly Davidson of the Operating Engineers, Ralph Gains of the Electrical Workers, Will Hansen of the Monterey County Industrial Development

agency, Byron Golden of Kaiser Refractories, Larry Durbin of Mobil, Neal Pickus of PG&E, Fearey and Peter Reese of Texaco along with David Armstrong of Lone Star Industries.

Robert Kelly, vice chairman of the district's advisory committee, explained why that committee recommended Option 3 without two revisions made by the district's staff.

The final approval was given to Option 3 with the revisions sought by Air Pollution Control Officer Larry Odle.

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