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RETIRING RIVERSIDE MAYOR RECOGNIZED FOR CLEAN AIR CONTRIBUTIONS

RIVERSIDE, Calif. –Riverside’s outgoing Mayor, Ronald O. Loveridge, was recognized last week for his career contributions to establish environmental policy to clean Inland air. The award is sponsored by California Environmental Protection Agency Air Resources Board.

“I am honored by this recognition – it highlights a lifetime of work to improve air quality in Riverside and Southern California” said Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge.

Ronald O. Loveridge is retiring this year following 32 years of public service. He served on the Air Resources Board since 2004, as Riverside’s mayor since 1994, an unprecedented 4 terms, and as a City Council member before that.

Under Loveridge’s leadership, he has been honored by the American Lung Association for his work to protect public health from air pollution. He led the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan to Make Riverside a Model Clean Air City which was recognized with an annual award by the South Coast Air Quality District as a Model Clean Air Community. As Mayor, Loveridge appointed a “Clean & Green Task Force” for the City and in 2007 the Task Force, with the Mayor’s endorsement, put forth a “Sustainable Riverside Policy Statement” which led to Riverside being officially designated as the first “Emerald City” by California Department of Conservation.

The Haagen-Smit Clean Air Award, named for the Air Resources Board’s first Chairman and pioneer in air pollution science and regulation, Dr. Arie J. Haagen-Smit, was established in 2001. The award recognizes 2 to 3 recipients each year for career contributions in improving air quality in research, environmental policy, science & technology, public education, and community service.

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