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MECA Clean Air Award Honors Career Achievements of CARB's Annette Hebert

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 | Sacramento, CA – In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the catalytic converter, and the birth of the clean mobility industry, MECA (<https://meca.org>) presented Annette Hebert, Deputy Executive Officer at the California Air Resources Board with the MECA Clean Air Award to recognize her career achievements at the agency. Hebert's contributions have been grounded by her passion and dedication to her work at CARB and her commitment to clean air and public health. Her leadership has been defined by a strong belief in the mission of the agency and recognition of the contribution of stakeholders, including technology suppliers in achieving those goals. Her list of career accomplishments include:

- 1) As Chief of the Heavy-duty Diesel In-use Strategies Branch she was responsible for CARB's diesel fleet rules and diesel retrofit verification of technology installed on in-use diesel vehicles. As Chief of the Mobile Source Operations Division in El Monte and later creating the ECARS division she and her staff were involved in enforcement, certification, OBD and anti-tampering exemptions for aftermarket parts.
- 2) Hebert oversaw the promulgation of the Advanced Clean Cars and LEV3 regulations and mid-term review and was part of the CARB team that uncovered the emissions cheating approaches used by VW and other OEMs that resulted in a global diesel scandal.
- 3) Most recently, she was a leader on the committee providing oversight on the construction, instrumentation and relocation of CARB's state-of-the-art laboratory and testing facility to Riverside. She has managed the facility since it opened in 2021.

"I am delighted to add Annette to the list of past recipients of MECA's Clean Air Award. It has been a pleasure knowing Annette for almost 20 years. She has always brought valuable perspectives to make our interactions constructive. We wish her continual success as she focuses on her future passions," said MECA's Executive Director, Rasto Brezny.

"This award is a great acknowledgement of Annette's extraordinary public service," said CARB Executive Officer, Dr. Steven Cliff. "Annette has mentored generations of the world's best air quality scientists and engineers, has graciously shared her amazing breadth of knowledge and skills and played a leading role in building CARB into a global leader on air quality and greenhouse gas emissions. She has helped to make CARB a source of trusted research and a strong partner with the transportation industry."

ABOUT THE MECA CLEAN AIR AWARD

Over the course of nearly 50 years, MECA – the voice of the clean mobility supplier industry – has recognized the significant contributions and collaborations of key people in the regulatory, environmental and scientific communities with the MECA Clean Air award. Previous awardees – champions of clean air and public health – include leaders from CARB, EPA, industry, environmental and health organizations, as well as, members of Congress who helped shepherd important environmental legislation, such as the Clean Air Act and 1990 Amendments. Past recipients include Mary Nichols, Michael Walsh, Edmund Muskie, Dan Greenbaum and John Mooney, among others.