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Newly Constructed Bike Lane Dedicated to Late Air District Executive Director

(Davis, CA) – The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (Air District) is proud to announce the dedication of a new bike lane to honor the late Mat Ehrhardt, who served the Air District with distinction for over two decades. The Mat Ehrhardt Bike Lane is located on a 2.5-mile section of Pedrick Road just south of the Pedrick Road Bridge. This significant addition to the active transportation network in the region was constructed by Solano County Resource Management with assistance from the Air District's Clean Air Funds.

On Thursday, July 18th, a dedication event was held to commemorate the new bike lane. Mat Ehrhardt's family, the Air District Board of Directors and staff, along with other local officials, gathered to honor his legacy. During the event, the sign for the Mat Ehrhardt Bike Lane was unveiled to the public.

"I had the honor of working alongside Mat for over twenty years," said Paul Hensleigh, the Air District's Deputy APCO. "He would have been embarrassed by this dedication, but this road sign will serve as a lasting reminder to the residents of Solano and Yolo Counties that there are people who tirelessly advocate for improving our quality of life. Mat was a strong advocate for better air quality, not only through regulation but also by promoting bicycling, one of the many outdoor activities he cherished."

Mat Ehrhardt joined the Air District in 1997 as an Associate Air Quality Engineer. He quickly advanced, becoming a Supervising Air Quality Engineer in 2000 and the Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer just two years later. In 2005, he was appointed Executive Director of the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, a position he held with distinction until his passing in late 2022.

The newly unveiled Mat Ehrhardt Bike Lane is now open to the public and stands as a lasting tribute to Ehrhardt's commitment to clean air and active transportation. The Air District is proud to honor his memory and his significant contributions to air quality management and community health.

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Mat Ehrhardt's Family

Mat Ehrhardt's family participated in the unveiling and expressed their gratitude to the community for honoring his legacy and dedication to improving air quality.