




air pollution control district
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

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SUBJECT: Appointment of District Board members to the following APCD committees:
Executive Committee; Hearing Board Nominating Committee; and South Central
Coast Basinwide Control Council

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint District Board members to the following Air Pollution Control District (APCD) committees: Executive Committee; Hearing Board Nominating Committee; and South Central Coast Basinwide Control Council as specified:

1. Select three members of the Board to serve on the Executive Committee during calendar year 2026;
2. Select five members of the Board to serve on the Hearing Board Nominating Committee during calendar year 2026; and
3. Appoint one Board member to serve as the primary representative and one Board member to serve as the alternate to the South Central Coast Basinwide Control Council during the calendar year 2026.

DISCUSSION:

Executive Committee

On March 20, 2003, your Board adopted a resolution to annually establish a standing, Executive Committee consisting of the Chair and at least two additional members. The purpose of the committee is to provide review and input to staff and the full Board on certain complex and time-sensitive issues that may arise between Board meetings. The committee will also prepare the Air Pollution Control Officer's performance evaluation and may provide input on other personnel issues such as employee negotiations and salary surveys. While the Executive Committee may

review and provide input to staff on these subjects, final decisions would be made by the full Governing Board.

At this time, your Board is requested to select three members to serve on this committee during calendar year 2026. To aid in your Board's discussion, the members of the Executive Committee for the previous three years are listed below. In recent years, the composition of the Executive Committee has been the Chair, Vice Chair, and Prior Board Chair of the Board.

Board Seat	2025	2024	2023
Chair	Ariston Julian	Laura Capps	Alice Patino
Vice Chair	Steve Lavagnino	Ariston Julian	Laura Capps
Prior Board Chair	Laura Capps	Alice Patino	Joan Hartmann

Hearing Board Nominating Committee

On February 15, 1996, your Board adopted a resolution to annually establish a standing, five-member Hearing Board Nominating Committee, with a representative from each supervisorial district, which would make nominations for appointment to the APCD Hearing Board. The final decisions of Hearing Board appointments are made by the full Governing Board.

Should a Hearing Board member recruitment need to be conducted, it would generally be done over the course of 2 meetings: first to give recruitment parameters to the Clerk, and second to conduct interviews. After which time a candidate is brought to the Governing Board for consideration. For the 2026 calendar year, there are two expiring terms of Hearing Board members that need to be addressed by the Nominating Committee.

At this time, your Board is requested to select the Hearing Board Nominating Committee to serve during calendar year 2026. The previous three years of nominating committees consisted of:

District	2025	2024	2023
First	Roy Lee	Das Williams	Das Williams
Second	Paula Perotte	Paula Perotte	Paula Perotte
Third	Joan Hartmann	Joan Hartmann	Joan Hartmann
Fourth	Bob Nelson	Bob Nelson	Bob Nelson
Fifth	Alice Patino	Alice Patino	Alice Patino

South Central Coast Basinwide Control Council

The Health and Safety Code (Section 40900) requires that in each air basin, which is comprised of two or more air pollution control districts, a basinwide air pollution control council be established. The control council consists of an elected official of, and designated by, the board of each air pollution control district included in the air basin. The South Central Coast Air Basin contains the San Luis Obispo County, Santa Barbara County, and Ventura County Air Pollution Control Districts. This council is intended to promote coordination of air pollution control efforts throughout the air basin.

The council receives reports on rule development and planning efforts, the anticipated effect of state and federal actions, and other issues of interest.

The South Central Coast Basinwide Control Council meets quarterly, on the fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the APCD office in Santa Barbara. The next meeting date is scheduled for January 22, 2026 at 10:00 am. At this time, your Board is requested to appoint one member as the primary representative and one member as the alternate to Santa Barbara County APCD on the Basinwide Control Council for the 2026 calendar year. The previous three years of primary representative are show below:

2025	2024	2023
Paula Perotte, City of Goleta	Paula Perotte, City of Goleta	Paula Perotte, City of Goleta
Alternate, David Silva City of Buellton	Alternate, Mark Infanti City of Solvang	Alternate, Mark Infanti City of Solvang