



air pollution control district
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Hearing Board Nominating Committee:

- Roy Lee
- Paula Perotte
- Joan Hartmann
- Bob Nelson
- Alice Patino

FROM: Loren Saldana, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk, (805) 979-8282

DATE: October 15, 2026

SUBJECT: District Hearing Board Interviews for the Attorney Representative Position

On August 27, 2026 the District was notified that Mr. Robert Saperstein, the attorney member of the District Hearing Board, has decided not to pursue another term. His current term expires in mid-January 2027. Since receiving notice of his decision, the District has conducted a recruitment to fill the upcoming attorney member vacancy, and one qualified candidate submitted an application and has been invited to interview for the position.

The interview for the attorney member position is scheduled to take place following the October 15, 2026 APCD Board meeting. The regular Board meeting is expected to adjourn at approximately 2:00 p.m., and Hearing Board Nominating Committee (HBNC) members should anticipate remaining for the interview and the Committee's deliberations until approximately 2:30 p.m. The HBNC's recommendation will be presented to the full Board of Directors for consideration at its January 21, 2027 meeting.

After advertising the position in the Santa Maria Times and the Santa Barbara Independent, posting it on the District website, LinkedIn, and various social media channels, and circulating it through District email distribution lists, we received five applications for the attorney member position. Two of the applicants are active members of the State Bar of California, and one of them has since withdrawn from consideration. The other three applicants do not meet the attorney requirement and would qualify only as public members.

Under the Health and Safety Code, the attorney member seat must be filled by an attorney admitted to practice law in California, and the District is therefore required to select from the pool of qualified attorney applicants. Health and Safety Code Section 40802 allows a Public

Representative to be appointed in place of the attorney member only when a recruitment yields no qualified applicants. Because this recruitment produced a qualified attorney applicant, a Public Representative appointment is not available for this vacancy.

Attached for your review and consideration is a copy of the qualified candidate's application (personal information redacted). The candidate will be given approximately 15 minutes to interview, and then the Committee will deliberate. If the Committee does not select the candidate, the recruitment may be reopened.

BACKGROUND:

The District Hearing Board's regular meeting day is 9:30 am on the first Wednesday of each month in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room in either Santa Barbara or Santa Maria. If there are no cases on the agenda, the meeting is cancelled. Most meetings are completed by noon. Over the last three years (2023-2025) there have been 8 Hearing Board meetings, with members having heard 13 cases.

More than half of the cases have been Emergency or Interim Variances, which can frequently be completed by a single member over the telephone or video conference. 90-Day Variances can be heard by a single member and are typically performed in face-to-face meetings. Regular Variances (those in effect for more than 90 days), Permit Condition Appeals, and requests for Abatement Orders must be heard by the full Board.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Hearing Board members are required to file Form 700 Conflict of Interest Forms and must recuse themselves if they have a conflict of interest in any case being heard. When considering the appointment of a Hearing Board member, it is important to keep in mind whether or not the individual has a conflict of interest by either having been employed by the company requesting the variance or by having been employed by a competitor.

ATTACHMENT:

- A. Dillon Hearing Board Application.

ATTACHMENT A

William Dillon Hearing Board Application

October 15, 2026

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District
Hearing Board Nominating Committee

260 San Antonio Road, Suite A
Santa Barbara, California 93110

1011 West McCoy Lane
Santa Maria, California 93455

APPLICATION FOR HEARING BOARDair pollution control district
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**Clerk of the APCD Board**
260 San Antonio Road, Suite A
Santa Barbara, CA 93110-1315(805) 979-8050 www.ourair.org**Instructions:**

1. Read the public notice to determine if you meet the qualifications for the position.
2. An original application must be timely filed for each position.
3. Please type or print in blue or black ink.
4. Answer all questions accurately and completely. Incomplete applications may be disqualified. If additional space is needed, attach a sheet of paper.
5. Resumes are viewed as additional information and not in lieu of a completed application.
6. This application shall be maintained for a period of one year only.

Date Received:

Please indicate the Hearing Board category (or categories) for which you are applying:

☒ Attorney Member☐ Medical Profession Member☐ Engineer Member☐ Public MemberNAME Dillon William M
Last First MiddleADDRESS [REDACTED]
Street City Zip CodeCELL PHONE [REDACTED] EMAIL [REDACTED]BUS. PHONE [REDACTED] HOME PHONE N/AAre you or have you been employed by the SBCAPCD? ☐ Yes ☒ NoDepartment: County Counsel as legal counsel to APCDTitle: Deputy Dates: 1986 to 2018Are you related to any SBCAPCD employee? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Name of Relative: _____

Relationship: _____ Department: _____

The APCD Hearing Board hears and renders decisions on matters of a technical nature involving air quality. Please describe any technical experience, training, or education you have that directly relates to air quality and how it has prepared you to be an effective Hearing Board member.

As a Deputy County Counsel I initially advise APCD and County Energy Division. For APCD, my responsibilities included advising the District on permit issues, rulemaking, enforcement, and appearing before Hearing Board on permit appeals, variances and abatement order petitions. I also advised the District Board at its regular monthly public hearing. And I represented the District in litigation, including Santa Barbara APCD v. EPA 31 F.3d 1179 (D.C. Cir 1994) which held that, under the Clean Air Act, EPA lacked authority to adopt offshore federal pollution rules within 25-miles of the state boundary less stringent than adjacent state air quality control requirements.

Please explain why you are interested in serving on the APCD Hearing Board.

I really enjoyed working with the District on all activities mentioned above. Air quality regulation is extremely important in California due to natural and geographic conditions of the State that exacerbate air pollution problems, especially in coastal areas.

I also enjoyed working with the public and permit holders when it came to negotiating permit conditions and proposed rules.

Please describe any experience(s) you have as a member of a Board.

My only board member experience was on a private non-profit board for the Santa Barbara Return Peace Corps Volunteers. Some time ago served as Vice President and later as President. I still attend group events.

Do you have any commitments which would prevent you from meeting the attendance requirements of the Hearing Board? If yes, please explain.

No.

Do you work for or have a financial interest in any source regulated by the APCD? If yes, please discuss.

No.

Please list professional, trade, or business associations held which relate to the Hearing Board category for which you are applying.

Member of the California State Bar.

List any additional information explaining your qualifications, including relevant volunteer activities, community organization memberships, accomplishments, publications, or awards. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

I was among 27 individual lawyers who received a "CLAY Award" for 2002 from California Lawyer Magazine. "CLAY" stands for California Lawyer Attorneys of the Year. I received the award for my work with County Counsel Chief Assistant Alan Setzer on a land use coastal public access easement case entitled Daniel v. County of Santa Barbara 288 F.3d 375 (2002) before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal.

EDUCATION

College, Business or Trade Schools Attended	Major	Degree(s) Received
University of San Francisco	Government	BA
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	City and Regional Planning	MA
McGeorge School of Law	Law	JD

REFERENCES - Give names of three persons, not relatives, who have knowledge of your character, experience, community involvement, and abilities.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NO.	OCCUPATION
Shane Stark	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Attorney
Michael Marzolla	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Local citizen.
Doug Allard	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Retired APCO

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE William M. Dillon DATE September 30, 2026