July 25, 2019

Board of Directors
Eastern Kern APCD
2700 "M" Street, Suite 302
Bakersfield, California  93301

SUBJECT:  Appointment of Hearing Board Member

Honorable Board:

The Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) currently has a vacancy on the District’s Hearing Board since February 4, 2019. The position was vacated by Wallace Kleck because he was unable to serve. The Hearing Board hears variances, abatements, and permit appeals. Through solicitation, Mr. John Hayes contacted the District with interest to be considered for the vacant position. Mr. Hayes’ appointment would not conflict with the California Health and Safety Code (CH&SC) §40802.

Mr. Hayes is currently retired, after previously working for the Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District and various cement companies in the District. At the District he was responsible for inspections, complaints, variances, operation and maintenance of the District air monitors, and various other tasks.

Mr. Kleck’s term would have expired in May of 2020. Normal tenure of a Hearing Board Member is 3-years. Therefore, because of the relative short time between Mr. Kleck’s term ending and his actual departure, if appointed, the District is recommending Mr. Hayes’ have a normal 3-year tenure (ending in July 2022). Staff is recommending Mr. Hayes be appointed to a 3-year term.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board appoint John M. Hayes to the Hearing Board for a three-year term, ending July 1, 2022

Sincerely,

Glen E. Stephens, P.E.
Air Pollution Control Officer

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