



Eastern Kern

Air Pollution Control District

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

August 4, 2022

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 one vacancy on the District's Hearing Board since July 2021, when Charles Arbaut vacated his position early, as he no longer wanted to serve on the Hearing Board. The Hearing Board hears variances, abatements, and permit appeals. During the District's solicitation for the opening, Mr. Brenton Smith contacted the District to be considered for the vacant position. Mr. Smith's appointment would not conflict with the California Health and Safety Code (CH&SC) §40802.

Mr. Smith is currently a retired Air Quality Specialist previously employed by the District. Mr. Smith's resume includes a long work history including working for Edwards Air Force Base, Chevron, California Air Resources Board, San Joaquin Valley APCD, and the Bay Area AQMD. District Staff spoke with Mr. Smith, and, based on his knowledge and willingness to be a Hearing Board Member, District Staff recommends Mr. Smith for appointment.

This will be a regular appointment. Normal tenure of a Hearing Board Member is 3-years. Therefore, the District is recommending Mr. Smith have a normal 3-year tenure (ending in July 28, 2025).

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board appoint Brenton Smith to the Hearing Board for a three-year term, ending July 28, 2025

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glen E. Stephens".

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