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

January 13, 2022

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

SUBJECT: Adoption of Amendments to Rule 303, (Miscellaneous Fees)

Honorable Board:

The Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) is proposing to adopt amendments to Rule 303, (Miscellaneous Fees). On October 20, 2021, the District held a public workshop at the District Field Office and Board Chambers located at: 414 W. Tehachapi Boulevard Suite D, Tehachapi, CA 93561, to present proposed amendments to Rule 303. District staff submitted copies of the proposed amendments to the California Air Resources Board and Region IX of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for review. A 30-day public review and comment period followed the workshop. No comments were received.

Rule 303 is being amended to include a ten percent fee increase phased over two years, and a processing fee increase from \$100 per hour to \$110 per hour phased over two years (\$105 in 2022/2023 and \$110 in 2023/2024). Rule 303 will become effective immediately upon Board adoption. A Notice of Public Hearing was duly published more than 30 days prior this hearing in the following newspapers: Mojave Desert News, Daily Independent, Tehachapi News, and Bakersfield Californian. The notice requested written comments on amended Rule 303 and associated staff reports be submitted by January 12, 2022. A copy of the staff report, which includes the proposed amendments to the rule is attached.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board Open Hearing; Receive Public Comment; Close Hearing; Adopt Amended Rule 303, (Miscellaneous Fees) and Resolution Number 2022-004-01.

Sincerely,

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

GES: JC: KL Enclosures