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# Eastern Kern

## Air Pollution Control District

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Gary Ray, Jr.  
Air Pollution Control Officer

September 4, 2025

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

SUBJECT: Travel Request for Gary Ray, Jr., Jeremiah Cravens, and David Arokiasamy to Attend the South Western Air Group Conference in Phoenix, Arizona

Honorable Board:

The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) will be hosting the annual South Western Air Group (SWAG) in Phoenix, Arizona from November 4 to 6, 2025. The SWAG Conference provides a dynamic forum for exchange of information sharing on timely, relevant air quality and regulatory issues facing today's environmental landscape across the southwestern United States.

The District requests your Board approve special travel costs associated with sending staff members Gary Ray, Jr., Jeremiah Cravens, and David Arokiasamy to the SWAG conference. The expected cost of sending the three staff members is approximately \$5,000. The District has budgeted funds for this conference.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** your Board approve the special travel request for Gary Ray, Jr., Jeremiah Cravens, and David Arokiasamy, to attend the 2025 SWAG conference in Phoenix, Arizona, from November 4 to 6, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Sincerely,

Gary Ray, Jr.  
Air Pollution Control Officer

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