

## SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

For Agenda of: January 26, 2006

To: Board of Directors  
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

From: Larry F. Greene  
Air Pollution Control Officer

Subject: **Hearing Board Appointment Procedure**

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### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends your Board authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer and the District Counsel to jointly review and recommend Hearing Board member applicants to the Board of Directors for approval.

### **Background:**

The Hearing Board meets monthly to hear and decide petitions on variances from AQMD rules, regulations, and permit requirements. The Board also hears petitions for abatement orders and appeal of the APCO permitting decisions. The Hearing Board is comprised of five members: one attorney, one professional engineer, one medical professional, and two public members. Each term of office is three years.

The SMAQMD Board of Directors does not have a formal appointment process. In the past, the Hearing Board Clerk has coordinated with the administrative assistants for the several Board members and the assistants have recommended candidates to the Board of Directors.

### **Discussion:**

Coordination with the administrative assistants has become increasingly cumbersome, particularly now that the Board has expanded to 14 members and not all members have assistants. Consequently, the District Counsel and Air Pollution Control Officer are suggesting that they be responsible for reviewing applications and jointly recommending applicants to the Board for its approval. Where the District receives applications from more than one qualified applicant, this selection process will be coordinated with the Chair or the Chair's designee.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Greene  
Air Pollution Control Officer