

**SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN
AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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TO: Board of Directors
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

FROM: Larry Greene
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SUBJECT: Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council Appointment

Recommendation

1. Approve the attached resolution to appoint Don Nottoli as Board representative to the Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council.

The Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council (BCC) is created by the California Health and Safety Code, which requires an air pollution control council for each air basin in the State. The BCC is composed of a district board member from each air district within the Sacramento Air Basin. The districts are: Butte, Colusa, Feather River, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Shasta, Tehama, and Yolo/Solano.

The BCC meets typically no more than six times per year. Meetings are held in rotating air district offices.

The BCC's primary responsibility is to produce and maintain the Smoke Management Program (SMP), formerly called the Agricultural Burn Plan. The SMP has been in place for 25 years. The SMP requires basin air districts to carefully control agricultural burning. The BCC employs a contractor, Fife Environmental, Inc. to coordinate the implementation of the SMP in the basin. The California Code of Regulations currently requires all air districts in the State to have an SMP. The BCC's program has served as a model.

The SMP also includes the Conditional Rice Straw Burning Permit Program aka Rice Burn Phase-down Program. This Phase-down pertains only to the Sacramento Air Basin. The BCC has specific data management and reporting responsibilities under the Phase-down, which are carried out by Fife Environmental, Inc. The basin air districts and the Agricultural Commissioners implement the Phase-down by requiring inspections and special permits to burn.

The BCC also serves as a forum for endorsement of northern basin rules and plans and certain basinwide matters, and hears informational items of general interest. The BCC does not adopt rules for districts. The BCC may formally comment and make recommendations to the State Air Resources Board and federal EPA on any air quality matters affecting the basin.

This District's BCC representative has been Director Illa Collin for the past fourteen years. Ms. Collin soon plans to retire. Director Don Nottoli has expressed willingness to take on this appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

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Air Pollution Control Officer