

Governor appoints Turlock man to state air board

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TURLOCK — John Eisenhut of Turlock will represent agribusiness and the San Joaquin Valley as Gov. Jerry Brown's appointee to the California Air Resources Board, the governor's office announced Wednesday.

Eisenhut, 67, replaces Dorene "DeeDee" D'Adamo, also of Turlock, who was named to the State Water Resources Control Board in March.

"When she departed, I knew there would be big shoes to fill," Eisenhut said, "and I look forward to taking that position."

He was chosen for his expertise in agriculture and joins one other man from the San Joaquin Valley on the 12-member air board. He has owned Eisenhut Farms since 1975, has managed Hilltop Ranch Inc.'s grower relations since 1994 and previously worked in other farming related business.

Eisenhut formerly served on the Turlock Unified School District Board of Education. He narrowly lost a 2008 bid for California Assembly to Bill Berryhill.

Eisenhut, like Brown, is a Democrat.

The Air Resources Board meets monthly. The position requires Senate confirmation and pays \$41,889 per year.