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DATE: March 18, 2021

TO: SJVUAPCD Governing Board

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RE: **ITEM NUMBER 19: APPOINT SOUTHERN
REGION HEARING BOARD ENGINEER
PRIMARY MEMBER**



RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the recommendation of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and appoint Blaine Neptune to the Southern Region Hearing Board as the engineer primary member to serve a three-year term pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 40804.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 40600 and 40800, the District is required to have three Regional Hearing Boards. Each geographic region of the District (North, Central, and South) is served by a Hearing Board, which hears petitions for variances, orders for abatement, permit revocations, permit appeals, and related matters. By statute, each five member Hearing Board must include an attorney, a registered professional engineer, a medical professional with relevant experience, and two public members. The terms of the members are three (3) years with terms staggered to maintain continuity of Board functions.

Consistent with the roles and responsibilities established by the Governing Board, the CAC evaluates new Hearing Board applicants and submits recommendations for Governing Board consideration.

DISCUSSION:

On March 2, 2021, the CAC unanimously voted to recommend that Blaine Neptune be forwarded to the Governing Board for final consideration and appointment to fill the current Southern Region Hearing Board Engineer Primary member vacancy.

RECOMMENDED APPLICANT FOR SOUTHERN REGION HEARING BOARD

Blaine Neptune:

Position Applied for: Southern Region Hearing Board Engineer Primary member

County of Residence: Kern

Occupation: Registered Civil Engineer

Professional Experience:

- Designed numerous land development projects including residential, commercial, and industrial in Bakersfield and Kern County for 30 years.
- Proficient with Indirect Source Review, Air Quality Impact Assessment, and Dust Control Plans.
- Registered Professional Engineer with McIntosh & Associates, Bakersfield, CA from 1991 to present.