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Four Valley city officials appointed to Air District board

On August 31, 2009, a Valley mayor and three city councilmembers were appointed to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Governing Board. The four new board members are:

- Councilmember David G. Ayers, City of Hanford
- Councilmember Jesus Gamboa, City of Visalia
- Mayor Ann Johnston, City of Stockton
- Councilmember Randy Miller, City of Taft

These appointments were made by the Valley-wide City Selection Committee, which was formed under the authority of Government code sections 50270 et seq. which establishes a city selection committee in each county to appoint city representatives to boards, commissions and agencies as required by law.

The new board members join the current board members:

- Councilmember Chris Vierra, City of Ceres, Board Chair
- Kings County Supervisor Tony Barba, Vice Chair
- Fresno County Supervisor Judith G. Case
- Madera County Supervisor Ronn Dominici
- Henry Jay Forman, Ph.D., appointed by the Governor
- Merced County Supervisor Michael G. Nelson
- Stanislaus County Supervisor William O'Brien,
- San Joaquin County Supervisor Leroy Ornellas
- John G. Telles, M.D., appointed by the Governor
- Kern County Supervisor Ray Watson
- Tulare County Supervisor J. Steven Worthley

"I want to welcome these four new Board members, and I look forward to working with them to improve air quality in the Valley," stated the Governing Board Chair and Ceres Councilmember Chris Vierra.

The appointments take effect immediately, and are for a three-year term, which began in January 2009.

The Valley Air District covers eight counties including San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and the Valley air basin portion of Kern. Visit www.valleyair.org to learn more.