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Four city councilmembers and one doctor appointed to the Valley Air District board

On Nov. 29, 2011, four Valley city councilmembers were appointed to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Governing Board. The four new board members are:

- Councilmember Oliver L. Baines III, City of Fresno
- Vice Mayor Melvin “Skip” Barwick, City of Tulare
- Councilmember Sally J. Bomprezzi, City of Madera
- Councilmember Harold Hanson, City of Bakersfield

These appointments were made by the Valleywide City Selection Committee, which was formed under the authority of Health and Safety Code Section 40600.5. These appointments take effect in January 2012 and are for a three-year term.

On Nov. 21, 2011, Gov. Jerry Brown announced the appointment of Fowler family practitioner, Alexander C. Sherriffs, M.D., to the Governing Board. Dr. Sherriffs’ appointment takes effect immediately and is for a four-year term.

The new board members will join current board members serving in 2012:

- Tulare County Supervisor, J. Steven Worthley, Board Chair
- Kings County Supervisor, Tony Barba, Vice Chair
- Fresno County Supervisor, Judith G. Case
- Madera County Supervisor, Ronn Dominici
- Henry Jay Foreman, Ph.D., Appointed by the Governor
- Stanislaus County Supervisor, William O’Brien
- San Joaquin County Supervisor, Leroy Ornelas
- Mayor of the City of Ceres, Chris Vierra
- Merced County Supervisor, Hub Walsh
- Kern County Supervisor, Ray Watson

“The Air District Board members and staff welcome these new members. They are all great additions to the Governing Board, and will bring new perspectives and leadership to the important work being done to improve the quality of life of all Valley residents,” stated the Governing Board Chair, Tulare County Supervisor Steve Worthley.

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.