



# SCAQMD BOARD MEMBER ELECTION PROCESS

June 2013

## Organizational Overview

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), formed in 1976, is the air pollution agency responsible mainly for regulating stationary sources of air pollution for most of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside County, and all of Orange County. The main office of the SCAQMD is located in the city of Diamond Bar, California. The area encompassed by the SCAQMD amounts to about 10,750 square miles and is the second most populated area in the United States.

## Governance Structure and Membership

The Board has 13 members. Ten are elected officials. Of these, four are county supervisors representing Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, elected to AQMD's Board by their Boards of Supervisors. Six are City Council members representing the cities in each county (because of its size, Los Angeles County has two representatives, elected by respective city selection committees, and the City of Los Angeles has one representative, selected by the Mayor of Los Angeles). The remaining three Board members are appointed by state elected officials one by the Governor of California, one by the Speaker of the State Assembly and one by the State Senate Rules Committee.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Appointing Authority</b>
Chair Burke, Dr. William A.	Speaker of the Assembly
Vice Chair Yates, Dennis	Cities of San Bernardino County
Antonovich, Michael D.	Los Angeles County
Benoit, John J.	Riverside County
Cacciotti, Michael	Cities of Los Angeles County, Eastern Region
Gonzales, Josie	San Bernardino County
Benoit, Ben	Cities of Riverside County
Lyou, Dr. Joseph K.	Governor of California
Judith Mitchell	Cities of Los Angeles County, Western Region
Nelson, Shawn	Orange County
Parker Sr, Clark E.	Senate Rules Committee
Perry, Jan	City of Los Angeles
Pulido, Miguel	Cities of Orange County

## Appointment Procedure

All cities in the Western region, including Long Beach, are eligible for nominating a member to the Board in the "Cities of Los Angeles County, Western Cities" seat. Per state law, cities represented by the "western region of Los Angeles County" shall organize as a City Selection Committee for the purposes of appointing a member to this AQMD seat. The Mayor of each city is the authorized voting delegate for this procedure. The City Selection Committee will provide more information about when the vote will be scheduled. Thus far, no meeting date for nominations and approval of a candidate has been scheduled. State law requires this seat to be selected by a majority of the cities and a majority of weighted votes based on population. Thus, as the largest city in the Western Region, Long Beach will have a large percent of the weighted votes.

State law stipulates all AQMD members shall be appointed on the basis of their demonstrated interest and proven ability in the field of air pollution control, as well as their understanding of the needs of the general public in connection with air pollution problems of the South Coast Air Basin. Appointees must be a Mayor or City Councilmember.

### **Compensation**

Each member of the south coast district board shall receive \$100 for each day, or portion thereof, but not to exceed \$1,000 per month while attending meetings of the AQMD or any subcommittee of the AQMD. Members are eligible to be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred while performing official duties of the AQMD.

### **Meetings**


Board meetings are typically held on the 1st Friday of each month at 9 00 AM. Meetings are held at the Diamond Bar Headquarters.

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**Date:** February 6, 2014  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
**From:** Patrick H. West, City Manager   
**Subject:** Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Governing Board Elections

The South Coast Air Quality Management District is the regional government agency responsible for air pollution control in Los Angeles and Orange counties and parts of Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

The Governing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District is comprised of thirteen representatives consisting of three appointees (one each by the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, and Senate Rules Committee) and ten elected officials from the Counties and Cities of the South Coast Air Basin.

<b>Seat</b>	<b>Appointing Authority</b>
1	Los Angeles County – Board of Supervisors
2	Orange County – Board of Supervisors
3	Riverside County – Board of Supervisors
4	San Bernardino County – Board of Supervisors
5	City of Los Angeles – Mayoral Appointee
<b>6</b>	<b>Cities of Los Angeles County – Western Region</b>
7	Cities of Los Angeles County – Eastern Region
8	Orange County – City Council Member
9	Riverside County – City Council Member
10	San Bernardino County – City Council Member
11	Appointed by Governor
12	Appointed by Speaker of Assembly
13	Appointed by Senate Rules Committee

Delegates representing the cities in each region elect their Governing Board member. The time has come for the Western Region of the Cities of Los Angeles County to elect a representative to serve on the Governing Board. Long Beach is one of 51 cities in the LA County Western Region. Members of the Governing Board must be city council members or mayors in a city in the region. Judy Mitchell, city council member of Rolling Hills Estates, currently serves as the representative of the Western Region; it appears that she plans to run for re-election to the seat representing Long Beach and the other Western Cities.

<b>Los Angeles County - Western Region Cities</b>		
Agoura Hills	Hawaiian Gardens	Norwalk
Artesia	Hawthorne	Palos Verdes Estates
Avalon	Hermosa Beach	Paramount
Bell	Hidden Hills	Pico Rivera
Bellflower	Huntington Park	Rancho Palos Verdes
Bell Gardens	Inglewood	Redondo Beach
Beverly Hills	La Habra Heights	Rolling Hills
Calabasas	La Mirada	Rolling Hills Estates
Carson	Lakewood	Santa Fe Springs
Cerritos	Lawndale	Santa Monica
Compton	Lomita	Signal Hill
Commerce	Long Beach	South Gate
Cudahy	Lynwood	Torrance
Culver City	Malibu	Vernon
Downey	Manhattan Beach	West Hollywood
El Segundo	Maywood	Westlake Village
Gardena	Montebello	Whittier

The elections are administered by the City Selection Committee, which will provide further information about the election process within the next few weeks. State law determines the process, which requires a candidate to receive both a majority of the vote of the cities as well as a majority of the population of the cities in the region. The Mayor of each city, or their delegate, casts their vote for their preferred candidate. The election may occur as early as March 2014, although that date has not yet been confirmed.

If you have any more questions about the process please contact Tom Modica, Deputy City Manager at (562) 570-5091.

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