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Air Board Chooses New Officers

The Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District has chosen its new officers for the two-year term that began on January 1, 2003 and ends on December 31, 2004. The new chairperson is Supervisor Scott Haggerty of Alameda County, vice-chair is Councilperson Marland Townsend of Foster City and the incoming secretary is Supervisor Gayle Uilkema of Contra Costa County. The 21-member Board is responsible for approving policies and regulations to reduce emissions from stationary sources of air pollution in the nine Bay Area counties. Members of the Board are locally elected supervisors, mayors or councilpersons drawn from the counties that the District represents.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty has been a member of the Board since January 1997. Over the past six years, he has served as the Board's vice-chair and secretary and has been a member of the Board's Budget and Finance, Public Outreach, Mobile Source and Executive committees. Supervisor Haggerty is also a member of the governing bodies of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the Air District's co-lead agencies for preparing and implementing regional air quality plans. Locally, he sits on several boards and commissions related to transportation and public safety issues.

Marland Townsend joined the Board in January 1999 and was previously the Board's secretary. He was elected to the City Council of Foster City in 1993 and reelected in 1997 and 2001. Mr. Townsend has also served on the Board of the League of California Cities and is active on several boards and commissions in San Mateo County. A former Naval Officer, Mr. Townsend is now the Chairman of the CETACEA Corporation, a Foster City based business.

Supervisor Gayle Uilkema of Contra Costa County becomes the Board's new secretary. She joined the Air District Board in January 1997 and is chair of the District's Budget and Finance committee. Supervisor Uilkema was initially elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1997 after serving five terms on Lafayette's City Council, including four terms as Mayor. In addition to her public service, she is a professor in the field of Public Administration and has taught at JFK University in Concord and California State University at Hayward.

The Board of Directors meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at Air District headquarters at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco. For additional information on Air District activities, visit our website at www.baaqmd.gov.

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