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DATE: September 10, 2026

TO: SJVUAPCD Governing Board



FROM: Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/APCO

RE: **ITEM NUMBER 11: APPOINT AD HOC
GOVERNING BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE TO
NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR THE 2027
GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Appoint an Ad Hoc Governing Board Officer Nomination Subcommittee to nominate candidates for the 2027 Governing Board Chair and Vice Chair.
2. Communicate to the Ad Hoc Governing Board Officer Nomination Subcommittee the Board's priorities that should be considered in evaluating nominees.

BACKGROUND:

Consistent with the Governing Board Officer Selection Policies (see attached), the purpose of this item is to appoint an Ad Hoc Governing Board Officer Nomination Subcommittee to nominate candidates for the 2027 Governing Board Chair and Vice Chair, and to communicate to the Subcommittee the Board's priorities that should be considered in evaluating nominees.

Under the Governing Board Selection Officer Selection Policies, the Chair and Vice Chair are selected annually by the Governing Board to serve on a calendar year basis. The Ad Hoc Subcommittee shall have two members from each region. Unless limited by vacancies, appointees to the Ad Hoc Subcommittee should be proportional to Governing Board membership categories (i.e., three county supervisors, two city representatives, and one member appointed by the Governor). The Subcommittee is asked to consider candidates and

provide its nominations to the Governing Board at the regularly scheduled meeting in December, in time for the newly selected officers to assume office at the first meeting of the 2027 calendar year.

DISCUSSION:

The Subcommittee is an advisory body of fewer than a quorum of the Board, appointed for the sole purpose of evaluating candidates and returning a nomination for each office. It has no continuing subject matter jurisdiction and will dissolve upon presenting its nominations at the December Governing Board meeting; as such, it is not a legislative body subject to the Brown Act. The 2027 Chair and Vice Chair will be selected by the full Board at a noticed public meeting, at which the Board may accept the Subcommittee's nominations or consider other nominations.

The Officer Selection Policy limits a Board member to no more than two consecutive years as Chair or Vice Chair. Chair Shuklian is completing her second consecutive one-year term as Chair and is therefore not eligible for nomination to serve as Chair for 2027. In evaluating candidates, the Subcommittee should also apply the other provisions of the Policy: nominees must have served at least one year on the Board (two or more years is preferred), the Vice Chair is not automatically nominated to serve as Chair, and the Chair position should rotate regionally where doing so is consistent with the Policy's other guiding principles.

In appointing the Ad Hoc Governing Board Office Nomination Subcommittee, the Board may wish to direct the Subcommittee to consider one or more of the following District priorities in evaluating nominees and recommending one candidate for each office:

- Continue working with Valley stakeholders to implement a comprehensive set of clean air strategies, including new incentive programs, cost-effective regulatory measures, and community-level efforts in disadvantaged communities, recognizing that mobile sources account for the majority of the Valley's remaining air quality challenge and that recent state and federal actions have narrowed the regulatory pathways for reducing those emissions.
- Continue implementing measures adopted under the 2018 PM2.5 Plan, the 2022 Ozone Plan, and the 2024 Plan for the 2012 PM2.5 Standard, while developing additional needed Clean Air Act plan revisions and feasible measures, evaluating next-generation control technologies, and coordinating with CARB and EPA on mobile source emissions that fall outside the District's direct regulatory authority.
- Secure formal recognition of the Valley's air quality progress by pursuing clean data determinations and redesignation for attained standards, developing the required maintenance plans (including the second 10-year PM10 maintenance

plan and maintenance plans for the 1997 PM_{2.5} standards), and evaluating attainment of the 1997 8-hour ozone standard.

- Prepare for the significant new challenge presented by EPA's 2024 annual PM_{2.5} standard of 9.0 µg/m³ by evaluating the magnitude of reductions needed, identifying key research needs, and assessing potential new emission control strategies in advance of the formal planning deadline.
- Advocate for the state and federal funding needed to achieve attainment as clean air grant funding declines, including support for FARMER, agricultural burn alternatives, vehicle replacement, and clean transportation infrastructure, and ensure incentive funds are deployed efficiently and that eligible participants are aware of available opportunities.
- Educate the federal administration and congressional delegation regarding the Valley's unique air quality challenges and the critical importance of continued federal support, and maintain a cooperative, solution-oriented relationship with EPA to secure timely approval of State Implementation Plan submittals and avoid Clean Air Act sanctions.
- Collaborate with public and private partners, including land management agencies, to reduce the growing and unpredictable impacts of wildfire smoke through wildfire prevention strategies, increased prescribed burning, and measures that reduce public exposure.
- Work with Valley communities, community-based organizations, and other partners to expand access to clean air programs, ensure AB 617 implementation remains grounded in sound science and responsive to community priorities, and advocate for continued state funding to support AB 617 mandates.
- Strengthen public communication to keep Valley residents informed about air quality progress, strategies, and protective measures, particularly during wildfire events, and improve the accessibility and clarity of information so that residents, businesses, and local agencies can fully benefit from available programs.
- Maintain fiscal responsibility and long-term financial stability, including a balanced budget with adequate reserves and continued implementation of the Board's structured approach to reducing the District's unfunded pension liability.
- Set an example for other public agencies and private sector entities by advancing the STAR work culture, delivering exceptional customer service, conducting operations efficiently and effectively, and advancing sustainability in District operations.

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District
Meeting of the Governing Board
September 10, 2026

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Attachment:

**SJVUAPCD GOVERNING BOARD
OFFICER SELECTION POLICIES**
(1 page)

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District
GOVERNING BOARD OFFICER SELECTION POLICIES

Officers. “The Unified District Board shall select a chairman, vice chairman and any other necessary officers as determined by the Board....The chairman shall preside at all Unified District Board meetings and shall appoint the membership to any committees as needed. The vice chairman shall act in the place of the chairman at meetings should the chairman be absent. All officers shall serve for a term of one year and shall assume their offices at the first meeting of each calendar year.”

(District Formation Agreement, Section 4.e)

Chair Selection. Chair and Vice Chair are selected annually by the Governing Board to serve on a calendar year basis as follows:

1. An Ad-Hoc Governing Board Officer Nomination Subcommittee shall be appointed annually, in time to consider candidates and provide nominations to the Governing Board at the regularly scheduled meeting in December.
2. Upon appointing the Ad-Hoc Governing Board Officer Nomination Subcommittee, the Governing Board shall communicate to the Subcommittee the Board’s priorities that should be considered in evaluating nominees.
3. Ad-Hoc Governing Board Officer Nomination Subcommittee shall have two members from each region. Unless limited by vacancies, appointees to the Subcommittee should be proportional to Governing Board membership categories.
4. A Board member may be nominated to serve as the Chair or Vice Chair for no more than two consecutive years.
5. Annual nominations by the Ad-Hoc Governing Board Officer Nomination Subcommittee shall be those members found to be best prepared and best positioned to help advance the District’s interests and objectives.
6. Members nominated must have a minimum tenure of one year on the Board to be eligible to serve as Chair or Vice Chair. Two or more years of tenure are preferred.
7. Vice Chair is not automatically nominated to serve as the Chair for the following year.
8. It is preferred that the Chair position rotate regionally to the extent that such a rotation is consistent with the above guiding principles and preferences.

(Adopted December 15, 2016)

Chair Replacement. If the Chair leaves the Board while in office, the Vice Chair will assume the office of Chair for the remainder of the year. If less than six months remain in the calendar year at the time the original Chair leaves the Board, the time served by the new officeholder as a replacement Chair will not be counted towards the two consecutive year limit specified in item 3 above.

(Adopted November 18, 1992, amended December 15, 2016)