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DATE: September 10, 2026

TO: SJVUAPCD Governing Board

FROM: Citizens Advisory Committee

RE: **ITEM NUMBER 20: APPOINT HEARING BOARD MEMBERS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept the recommendation of the Citizens Advisory Committee and appoint new members to the Central, Northern, and Southern Region Hearing Boards.
2. Set the initial terms of each of the new members to the term end dates for the existing medical, attorney, and public members, respectively, to keep the term expiration dates on the staggered three-year schedule pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 40804.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 40600 and 40800, the District is required to have three Regional Hearing Boards. Each geographic region of the District (North, Central, and South) is served by a Hearing Board, which hears petitions for variances, orders for abatement, permit revocations, permit appeals, and related matters. By statute, each five member Hearing Board must include an attorney, a registered professional engineer, a medical professional with relevant experience, and two public members. The terms of the members are three (3) years with terms staggered to maintain continuity of Board functions. Terms of new appointees are aligned to those of their respective member category.

Consistent with the roles and responsibilities established by the Governing Board, the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) evaluates

new Hearing Board applicants and submits recommendations for Governing Board consideration.

DISCUSSION:

On September 1, 2026, the CAC unanimously voted to recommend that the following individuals be forwarded to the Governing Board for final consideration and appointment to fill current vacancies on the Central, Northern, and Southern Region Hearing Boards.

RECOMMENDED APPLICANTS FOR HEARING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Tito Ventura:

Position Applied for: Northern Region Hearing Board Public Primary Member

County of Residence: Stanislaus

Occupation: EV Consulting

Professional Experience:

- Tait and Associates, Electric Vehicle Project Manager
- Ecology Action, Electric Vehicle Project Manager
- Repsco, Plant Manager
- Semios Bio Tech, Regional Field Manager

Term Expiration: 2/28/2027

Tyler Smith:

Position Applied for: Central Region Hearing Board Public Alternate Member

County of Residence: Fresno

Occupation: Environmental Health Specialist

Professional Experience:

- Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Specialist
- Wiggins Homes, Administrative and Environmental Health Support
- California Energy Commission, Graduate Student Assistant

Term Expiration: 2/28/2027

Shannon Miller:

Position Applied for: Southern Region Hearing Board Public Primary Member (Currently holds position of Southern Region Attorney Alternate Member)

County of Residence: Kern

Occupation: Attorney

Professional Experience:

- Denison Werner, LLP, Associate Attorney
- Kern County College of Law, Legal Writing Teaching Assistant
- Taft Chamber of Commerce, Director of Operations
- City of Taft, Planning Commissioner

Term Expiration: 2/28/2027