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Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Terry Dressler, Air Pollution Control Officer

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SUBJECT: Special District Risk Management Authority Election

RECOMMENDATION:

Hold a hearing and adopt a resolution that authorizes a vote for Jean Bracy, SDA - Director of Administrative Services, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District to the Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION:

The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (District) is a member of the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) workers' compensation program. SDRMA is a public entity Joint Powers Authority established to provide cost-effective insurance coverage and risk management programs for special districts and other public agencies throughout California. Currently, SDRMA's combined membership totals 760 California public agencies. The SDRMA is governed by a seven member board of directors elected from the membership by the organization's members. Elections for directors are staggered and held every two years with four seats filled during one election and three seats in the following election. Four seats are up for election this year.

SDRMA's by-laws require that the Board of Directors of each member vote on behalf of their agency. Staff has reviewed the candidate statements of the eight candidates and recommends the following vote:

Jean Bracy, SDA
Director of Administrative Services, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District

Staff recommends submitting a vote for Jean Bracy based on actual knowledge of her many capabilities. She is an active member of the fiscal and human resources committees for the

California Air Pollution Control Officers Association as well as numerous other boards and committees. As such APCD staff has had numerous opportunities to observe her work ethic, innovation, integrity, and business savvy. Ms. Bracy's experience within the public sector and risk management in general make her a favorable candidate for this position. We are confident that Ms. Bracy will complement the current board composition by providing an overall perspective of the specific risk issues regulatory agencies face on a day to day basis. Furthermore, her membership on the SDRMA Board would bring an air district perspective to that body.

Attached are the statements of qualifications for the eight candidates for your review. While this election allows SDRMA member boards to vote for up to four candidates, we are limiting our recommendation to the candidate of whom we have direct knowledge.