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# Eastern Kern

## Air Pollution Control District

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Board of Directors  
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SUBJECT: Increasing District Staff for Additional Mandatory Programs

Honorable Board:

The Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) currently has a staff of 10 persons including one Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to accomplish all mandatory and voluntary programs. In July 2017, the California Legislature and Governor Brown signed into law Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (Community Air Protection Program {CAPP}).

The effects of AB 617 have been far reaching, and funding to implement CAPP have increased significantly. In 2018, the District received \$21,000 in AB 617 grant funds; in 2019, the District is poised to receive \$101,000. Additionally, emissions reporting and recordkeeping will be required in the next fiscal year; therefore, the California Air Resource Board (CARB) is proposing additional grant funds to the District to administer the requirements of AB 617.

District Staff is proposing an additional full time Air Quality Specialist (I/II) position. Total cost (salary and benefits) for the position is approximately \$140,000. District will utilize CARB grants and District resources to fund the additional position. If funds are not available, the position will remain vacant.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** your Board approve the District to add one additional Air Quality Specialist (AQS) position, and direct the Air Pollution Control Officer to all acts to add an AQS staff member to District Staff. Bringing total staff to 11 persons.

Sincerely,

Glen E. Stephens, P.E.  
Air Pollution Control Officer

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