



Eastern Kern

Air Pollution Control District

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Air Pollution Control Officer

January 7, 2021

Board of Directors
Eastern Kern APCD
2700 "M" Street, Suite 302
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SUBJECT: Appointment of Hearing Board Member

Honorable Board:

The Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) currently has a vacancy on the District's Hearing Board since December 31, 2020. The position was vacated by William Deaver; as he decided not to extend his tenure because of age concerns. The Hearing Board hears variances, abatements, and permit appeals. Prior to District soliciting for the opening, Mr. Benjamin Lee Dewell contacted the District with interest to be considered for the vacant position. Mr. Dewell's appointment would not conflict with the California Health and Safety Code (CH&SC) §40802.

Mr. Dewell is currently a Fine Art Photographer, after previously working in the science field as a research assistant, a research scientist, and a Chief Meteorologist. District Staff spoke with Mr. Dewell, and, based on his knowledge, District Staff recommends Mr. Dewell for appointment.

This will be a regular appointment. Normal tenure of a Hearing Board Member is 3-years. Therefore, the District is recommending Mr. Dewell have a normal 3-year tenure (ending in January 7, 2024).

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board appoint Benjamin Lee Dewell to the Hearing Board for a three-year term, ending January 7, 2024.

Sincerely,

Glen E. Stephens, P.E.
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