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## **Laki Tisopulos named to head Air Pollution Control District**

VENTURA, Calif. – The Air Pollution Control Board has named Dr. Laki Tisopulos as the Air Pollution Control Officer/Executive Officer of the Air Pollution Control District. Tisopulos has more than 30 years of experience with the South Coast Air Quality Management District and has a doctoral degree in chemical engineering from the University of Southern California in addition to numerous professional credentials.

Tisopulos, 60, is expected to start his new duties on September 3, 2019 contingent on the results of the County's background and reference checks. He is assuming the position following the retirement of Michael Villegas who joined the APCD in 1988 and has served as the Air Pollution Control Officer since 2002.

"We conducted an extensive search and review of candidates for this very specialized position," said Shawn Atin, Assistant County Executive Officer and Human Resources Director. "The depth and breadth of Dr. Tisopulos' experience with the SCAQMD makes him an excellent selection to lead this critical district."

The APCD provides a full range of air pollution control activities including permitting, rule development, facility inspection, air quality attainment planning, air quality monitoring and incentive programs. It also works with business and industry to reduce emissions from new and existing sources. The APCD is classified as a Special District separate and distinct from the County of Ventura agencies.

Prior to his appointment, Tisopulos served as the Deputy Executive Officer responsible for overseeing and directing the operation of the Office of Engineering and Permitting at SCAQMD, directing a staff of 160. Previous to that, he held the position of Assistant Deputy Executive Officer for both the Office of Science and Technology Advancement and Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources.

The Air Pollution Control Officer/Executive Officer is an at-will position by contract and Tisopulos will receive a starting annual salary of \$205,000 and benefits as described in the contract.

Photo: Laki Tisopulos

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