

VENTURA COUNTY
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
Memorandum

TO: Members, APCB Standing Committee **DATE:** April 12, 2022

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SUBJECT: New Position Allocation
Agenda Item Number 5

The District's Planning Division is currently working on the development of the 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP). Ventura County was classified as "Serious" nonattainment for the 2015 eight-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). The AQMP presents the Ventura County's strategy including related mandated elements to attain the federal 8-hour ozone standard. Photochemical air quality modeling and related analyses, updated emissions inventory, local and state air pollutant control measures, new federal conformity budget for transportation projects are just few of the complex work required to complete the AQMP development. Additionally, Assembly Bill (AB) 617 annual emission reporting of criteria and toxics emission inventory is another example of complex work required to complete implementation of AB 617.

District management has determined that the skills, knowledge, and experience of an Air Quality Supervisor Engineer is necessary in leading and supervising the work involved in developing the District's AQMP. Currently there is a vacancy in the Planning Division for an APCD Supervising Air Quality Specialist due to retirement. Staff is proposing to delete this vacant APCD Supervising Air Quality Specialist position allocation and add one (1) APCD Supervising Air Quality Engineer position allocation. The District intends to do an internal recruitment and the position vacated will be deleted; hence, any additional cost will be minimal and the District's current adopted budget is sufficient to cover the additional cost. Funding from the Assembly Bill 617- Implementation grant will cover the additional salary and benefits.