

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 6, 2017

AGENDA NO. 15

PROPOSAL: Special Meeting of the Health Effects of Air Pollution Foundation

SYNOPSIS: This item is to amend the Foundation's bylaws to reflect the Foundation's new name. In March 2017, the Governing Board amended the Foundation's Articles of Incorporation to expand the type of research the Foundation can fund to include all health conditions that may be caused or aggravated by air pollution and to change the Foundation's name from the Brain & Lung Tumor and Air Pollution Foundation to the Health Effects of Air Pollution Foundation.

COMMITTEE: No Committee Review

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Amend the Foundation's bylaws to change the Foundation's name from the Brain & Lung Tumor and Air Pollution Foundation to the Health Effects of Air Pollution Foundation.

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Executive Officer

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Background

For this item, the Board is conducting a special meeting of the Health Effects of Air Pollution Foundation to amend the Foundation's bylaws to reflect its new name.

In February 2003, the Board established the Brain Tumor and Air Pollution Foundation. In March 2004, the Governing Board amended its Articles of Incorporation to change its name to the Brain & Lung Tumor and Air Pollution Foundation and to specify that its purpose is related to the effects of air pollution on brain tumors and lung cancer.

In March 2017, the Governing Board amended the Foundation's Articles of Incorporation to expand the type of research the Foundation can fund to include all health conditions that may be caused or aggravated by air pollution and to change the Foundation's name to the Health Effects of Air Pollution Foundation.

To date, the Foundation has received contributions of almost \$9 million and has funded studies with leading medical and public health researchers in Southern California. As a result of these studies, it has been learned that exposure of laboratory animals to particulate pollutants is associated with biochemical changes in brain tissue that are consistent with the biochemical pattern found in human brain tumors. Another project found preliminary associations of particulate matter levels and the risk of childhood brain tumors.

The Directors of the Foundation serve at the pleasure of the SCAQMD Board. The Chairman of the SCAQMD Governing Board recommends individuals for Board approval to be Directors of the Foundation. The current directors are SCAQMD Board Members: Ben Benoit (Foundation Chair), Dr. William A. Burke (Foundation Vice Chair), Dr. Clark E. Parker, Sr., and Judith Mitchell.

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Resource Impacts

None