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Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez Joins SCAQMD Board

Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez was sworn in today as the newest member of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board.

Supervisor Perez will represent the County of Riverside on the SCAQMD Board, replacing Sup. Marion Ashley. Board members serve four-year terms. Sup. Perez will serve the remainder of Ashley's term, which ends on Jan. 18, 2022.

Sup. Perez was appointed by Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. on May 9, 2017, to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, and subsequently elected to a four-year term in June 2018. The Fourth Supervisorial district covers the eastern two-thirds of Riverside County, stretching from Palm Springs and Desert Hot Springs, south to the Salton Sea and east to Blythe and the Colorado River.

Perez served three terms in the California State Assembly, from 2008 to 2014, representing eastern Riverside County and Imperial County. He served as the chairman of the Jobs and Economic Development Committee, founding vice chair of the Select Committee for the Status of Boys and Men of Color as well as chair of Stimulus, Economic Recovery and Jobs. Much of his legislation focused on renewable energy, the Salton Sea, job creation, education, small businesses, and healthcare access.

In 2009, Perez authored Assembly Bill 1318 that provided over \$50 million in mitigation funds to weatherize homes, provide CNG fueling stations and supply solar panels to municipal buildings including the College of the Desert in the lower Coachella Valley to help offset emissions from the CPV Sentinel natural gas-fired power plant in Desert Hot Springs.

Born and raised in the Coachella Valley, a son of immigrant farmworkers, Perez attended local public schools and graduated from the University of California, Riverside. He taught at a local middle school, and went on to earn a Master of Education degree in Administration, Planning and Social Policy from Harvard University. Additionally, Perez worked as a youth advocate and in the community health field, and served on the Coachella Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees and Coachella City Council.

SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

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