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SCAQMD Initiates Advisory Council to Engage Young Adults

The South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board today approved the launch of the Young Leaders Advisory Council to engage and encourage young adults to take part in efforts to clean the air in the South Coast basin.

“We need to tap into the energy, passion, commitment and sense of urgency that young adults can bring to the table,” said Wayne Nastri, SCAQMD’s executive officer. “This council will help SCAQMD make meaningful and continuous progress towards cleaning the air in the region.”

YLAC members are appointed by the Governing Board Chair William A. Burke, Ed.D., and will serve one-year terms. Meetings will be held quarterly, and members will have the opportunity to learn more about SCAQMD’s functions and responsibilities and provide insight on how SCAQMD can better engage young adults on issues relating to air quality, environmental sustainability and clean technology.

The YLAC members include:

- 20 adults aged 18 to 30 representing the ethnic and geographic diversity of the region;
- At least two members from each county within the South Coast basin; and
- Representatives from various organizations, including, but not limited to, environmental justice groups, community organizations, schools and universities and health organizations.

“This advisory group presents SCAQMD with an opportunity to help strengthen and build relationships and alliances in communities hardest hit with air pollution,” Nastri said. “We look forward to the feedback the group will provide to our agency.”

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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