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## **South Coast AQMD Governing Board Re-Elects Senator (Ret.) Vanessa Delgado as Chair and Councilmember Michael A. Cacciotti as Vice Chair**

*Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez and Mayor Larry McCallon Reappointed*

**DIAMOND BAR, CA** – At their monthly meeting on December 1st, the members of the South Coast Air Quality Management District’s (South Coast AQMD) Governing Board voted unanimously to re-elect Senator (Ret.) Vanessa Delgado and City of South Pasadena Councilmember Michael A. Cacciotti to second terms as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. Their terms will expire in January 2026. Additionally, Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez and Mayor Larry McCallon have been reappointed.

Senator (Ret.) Delgado has served as Chair of the Governing Board since March 2023. She is the first Latina to Chair the Board in the agency’s 48-year history. Delgado was first appointed to South Coast AQMD’s Governing Board in May 2019 as the Senate Rules Committee’s representative.

“I want to thank my fellow board members for the very great honor of allowing me to continue to lead this agency’s fight to clean the air,” said Vanessa Delgado, South Coast AQMD’s Governing Board Chair. “I am so proud of our accomplishments on this Board and look forward to continue working towards our air quality goals, and cleaner air in the future for all.”

Councilmember Cacciotti was also elected to serve as Vice Chair beginning in March 2023. He first joined the Governing Board in 2008 as the appointee for the Cities of the Eastern Region for Los Angeles County. He serves on the South Pasadena City Council and was a Deputy Attorney General with the State of California Department of Justice for nearly 20 years.

“It is a privilege to serve this agency and to continue to improve conditions in communities particularly impacted by air pollution,” said Michael A. Cacciotti, South Coast AQMD’s Governing Board Vice Chair. “I wake up every morning enthused about working with the Board, the elected officials in the 34 cities I represent, and local residents, organizations, and businesses to further the development and use of clean technologies to reduce emissions from stationary sources and the transportation sector.”

Additionally, Governing Board Members Carlos Rodriguez and Holly J. Mitchell, and Larry McCallon have been reappointed to the Board.

Yorba Linda City Councilmember Rodriguez has been reappointed by the Orange County City Selection Committee to a second term as the representative for the cities of Orange County to the South Coast AQMD Governing Board. He has served on the Board since 2020 where he Chairs the Technology committee and serves as a member of the Mobile Source and Finance committees. His new term expires in January 2028.

Supervisor Mitchell has been reappointed to a second consecutive year as the representative for the County of Los Angeles on the Governing Board. She began her service on South Coast AQMD's Board in 2022 to fill the vacancy left when Supervisor Sheila Kuehl retired. The term Mitchell is filling expires in January 2027. Each year the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors appoints/reappoints one of its members to the Board. She currently serves as Vice Chair on the agency's Mobile Source and Stationary Source committees.

Highland Mayor McCallon has been reappointed by the San Bernardino County City Selection Committee as the representative for the cities of San Bernardino County to the South Coast AQMD Governing Board. He was first appointed to the Board in 2015. He serves as Chair for South Coast AQMD's Refinery, Stationary Source, and Mobile Source Air Pollution Reductions Review Committee (MSRC) committees, and a member on the Marine Port, Mobile Source, and Technology committees. His new term expires in January 2028.

South Coast AQMD's Governing Board has 13 members. Ten are elected officials. Of those, four are county supervisors representing Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, elected to South Coast AQMD's Board by their Boards of Supervisors. Six are elected officials representing the cities in the South Coast Air Quality Management District. The remaining three Governing Board members are appointed by state elected officials: one by the Governor of California, one by the Speaker of the State Assembly and one by the State Senate Rules Committee. A term for a Governing Board member runs for four years. For more information on each member, please visit our Governing Board members webpage at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/governingboard/board-members>.

South Coast AQMD is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for large areas of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov), download our award-winning app, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#) (formerly known as Twitter) and [Instagram](#).

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