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## **Governor Newsom Appoints Environmental Lawyer Gideon Kracov to South Coast AQMD Governing Board**

**DIAMOND BAR** – Environmental, civil law and land use lawyer Gideon Kracov was sworn in Friday as the newest member of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) Governing Board. Kracov was appointed to the South Coast AQMD Board by Governor Gavin Newsom.

The Governing Board includes nine seats filled by local elected officials and three appointed from Sacramento, including one member appointed by the Governor.

At his private practice based in Los Angeles, Kracov has worked for diverse business, labor and non-profit clients, and as a government lawyer. He has spent over a decade as General Counsel of the California Waste and Recycling Association, and served as Deputy Los Angeles City Attorney where he counseled the Departments of Planning and Sanitation and helped negotiate the \$168 million settlement that removed trash from the Los Angeles River. He has also served pro bono for various non-profits and community organizations.

“It is an honor to be appointed to the South Coast AQMD Governing Board and serve at the behest of Gov. Newsom,” said Mr. Kracov. “I look forward to the opportunity to improve air quality and protect public health throughout the region.”

Prior to his work in the public sector, Kracov began his legal career at the prominent law firm Weston, Benschopf LLP (now Alston & Bird LLP). He later practiced at Rose, Klein & Marias LLP, a trial law firm, where he handled toxic tort and environmental matters.

He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley and continued his education at Berkeley Law where Kracov received his J.D. and Environmental Law Certificate.



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