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SCAQMD Announces Executive Reorganization to Better Serve all Stakeholders

Wayne Nastri, acting executive officer for the South Coast Air Quality Management District, today announced a reorganization of the agency's executive staff to improve the agency's operational efficiency as well as its responsiveness to community and regulated interests.

"This reorganization will help us improve our use of technology and make us more accountable to the public through increased transparency and efficiency," Nastri said.

The reorganization is effective immediately.

Jill Whynot, currently the assistant deputy executive officer for Planning and Rules, has been promoted to the new position of chief operating officer. In that capacity, Whynot will oversee operational aspects of the agency and allocate available resources to best serve the needs of the agency. She will also assume responsibilities for overall development of succession planning and agency policies. Whynot has been with the SCAQMD since 1989 and has served as the assistant deputy executive officer in Engineering and Compliance and director of strategic initiatives.

Michael O'Kelly, who has been the agency's chief financial officer since 2010, will assume the newly formed position of chief administrative officer. In that capacity, O'Kelly will oversee the Finance, Information Management, and Administrative and Human Resources divisions at SCAQMD. Previously, Michael served as the chief of fiscal services for the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association.

Laki Tisopulos, Ph.D., will take over as the deputy executive officer of the Engineering Division and will have primary responsibility for the agency's permitting functions. Tisopulos, a licensed professional engineer, holds a Doctorate and Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Southern California. He joined the SCAQMD in 1988 as an air quality engineer. He previously served as the assistant deputy executive officer for Science and Technology Advancement and the assistant deputy executive officer of Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources.

Derrick Alatorre, currently the assistant deputy executive officer for Legislative and Public Affairs, has been promoted to deputy executive officer of the Legislative and Public Affairs division. In this capacity, he will be responsible for overseeing the agency's legislative activities locally, statewide and in Washington, D.C. Alatorre also will be responsible for the public outreach and environmental justice activities conducted by SCAQMD.

The 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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