

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Roy Wilson, Fourth District

SUBMITTAL DATE: March 22, 2006

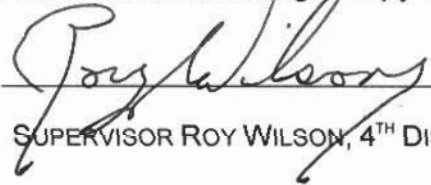
SUBJECT: Resolution Opposing Assembly Bill 2015

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached Resolution No. 2006-113 opposing any change in the number of South Coast AQMD board members.

BACKGROUND: Under current law, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Governing Board consists of 12 members. Nine are elected officials, four of whom are Supervisors representing Riverside, Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino Counties. Five are city council members, one each from the four counties, with the exception of Los Angeles being allotted a second council member because of its size. The remaining three members of the Governing Board are appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, and by the Senate Rules Committee.

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) has proposed legislation to expand the Governing Board by adding one additional city representative from each county, thus expanding the Board from 12 to 16 members. In January, 2006, the Governing Board voted to oppose the proposed expansion. Other parties, representing a wide range of interest groups and stakeholders from the region also oppose the expansion for the following reasons: 1) Increased costs and fees, 2) The absence of an issue compelling Board reconfiguration, 3) No new benefits or air quality improvements that would accrue because of the expansion, 4) A disruption of the close balance of representation between the downwind areas of the basin and the areas where pollution is created in greater amounts, 5) An imbalance of representation between the Inland Empire and the eastern region, and 6) The proposal has numerous flaws and omissions which will undermine its stated purpose.

The Board should take a position of opposing AB 2015 and forwarding a copy of Resolution 2006-113 to our area state legislators.



SUPERVISOR ROY WILSON, 4TH DISTRICT

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2006-113

3 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
4 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
5 OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL 2015, TO EXPAND THE SIZE OF
6 THE AQMD GOVERNING BOARD

7 **WHEREAS**, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is the regional
8 government agency responsible for air pollution control in Orange and portions of Los
9 Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties;

10 **WHEREAS**, the AQMD's Governing Board adopts policies and regulations that
11 promote clean air within its four-county area, the smoggiest in the nation; federal and state law
12 requires that AQMD achieve clean air standards to protect public health;

13 **WHEREAS**, before it makes decisions that affect local residents and businesses, the
14 AQMD must consider public comments. The opportunity to comment begins in public
15 workshops and ends with a public hearing by the Governing Board;

16 **WHEREAS**, the Board has 12 members with nine elected officials, including four
17 county supervisors representing Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino
18 Counties, elected to AQMD's Board by their Boards of Supervisors; five City Council members
19 representing the cities in each county (because of its size, Los Angeles County has two
20 representatives); and three members appointed by the Governor of California, the Speaker of
21 the State Assembly and the State Senate Rules Committee;

22 **WHEREAS**, AB 2015 increases the existing number of Board Members and would
23 provide no air quality benefits to the residents who live within the AQMD's jurisdiction;

24 **WHEREAS**, no geographical area within the AQMD's jurisdiction is without
25 representation by a member of the Governing Board;

26 **WHEREAS**, no problem or issue has been identified to date that requires additional
27 Board Members to resolve;
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1 **WHEREAS**, increasing the number of Board Members may weaken the representation
2 for the people living in the most polluted areas;

3 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Riverside
4 urges the State Legislature of California to oppose any legislation that increases or changes
5 the current size and composition of the AQMD Governing Board.

6 **ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the County of
7 Riverside, State of California, in regular session on this 28th day of March, 2006.
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