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SUPERVISORS APPOINT AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER

Leader Brings More than 20 Years of Experience to Position

The Board of Supervisors announced today that it has appointed Bob Kard as the Air Pollution Control Officer.

"After an extensive search, we are confident Bob Kard has the knowledge and experience needed to continue the County's commitment to clean air in our community," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Greg Cox.

The Air Pollution Control District regulates stationary sources of air pollution within San Diego County to improve the health of residents, working with businesses and the public to ensure that air quality standards are achieved and maintained.

Kard will oversee the department's 147 employees and a budget of \$31.3 million.

He has more than 20 years of experience in the field, most recently as the Director of the Maricopa County Air Quality Department in Arizona. Among his achievements, he developed an outreach program to educate businesses about permit and compliance issues, and presented an annual award to businesses with outstanding environmental performance.

Kard has been nationally recognized for his work, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2007 Environmental Award for Outstanding Achievement and the American Lung Association's 2006 Clean Air Award.

He will begin his new position in mid-April.

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