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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Department Name:

Board of Supervisors

Department Number:

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Agenda Date:

July 7, 2026

Placement:

Administrative Agenda

Estimated Time:

Continued Item:

No

If Yes, date from:

Vote Required:

Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Third District Supervisor Joan Hartmann

CONTACT: Gina Fischer, Third District Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Santa Barbara County Support for the Appointment of Buellton Mayor David Silva to the California Air Resources Board

Concurrences:

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Support the appointment of Buellton Mayor David Silva to the California Air Resources Board; and

- b) Find that the proposed action is an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and is therefore not a project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines 14 CCR 15378(b)(5).

Summary Text:

The Board of Supervisors is being asked to approve a letter supporting the California State Senate’s confirmation of Buellton Mayor David Silva’s appointment to the California Air Resources Board. Governor Gavin Newsom appointed Mayor Silva in March 2026, and Senate confirmation is required before the appointment is finalized.

Discussion:

Mayor Silva’s service as Mayor of Buellton and as a member of the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Board provides him with direct experience implementing state air quality policies at the local level. His confirmation would provide the California Air Resources Board with a valuable perspective on the needs of smaller and rural communities. Approval of the proposed letter would formally communicate the County’s support for Senate confirmation of his appointment.

Background:

On March 10, 2026, Governor Gavin Newsom appointed Buellton Mayor David Silva to the California Air Resources Board. The Board consists of 16 members, including 12 gubernatorial appointees who are subject to confirmation by the California State Senate. Mayor Silva serves on the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Board and has experience addressing air quality policy from a local government perspective.

Special Instructions:

Please email a copy of the executed support letter to:
Governor Appointments Marina.Gonzales@sen.ca.gov
Jocelyn.Twillia@sen.ca.gov
senator.limon@senate.ca.gov
david@cityofbuellton.com

Attachments:

Attachment A – County letter of support

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