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Orange County Supervisor Don Wagner Joins South Coast AQMD Governing Board

DIAMOND BAR – Orange County's Chairman and Third District Supervisor Donald P. Wagner was sworn in today as the newest member of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) Governing Board.

Supervisor Wagner was selected by the Board of Supervisors to represent the County of Orange on South Coast AQMD's Governing Board. He will fill the unexpired term of Supervisor Andrew Do, which expires on January 15, 2027. Supervisor Wagner will also serve on South Coast AQMD's Technology, Climate Change, and Refinery Committees.

"I look forward to working closely with my colleagues on the board. With the challenges ahead of us, I will work diligently to ensure clean air, protecting the health of families throughout our air basin, while continuing robust economic growth for our region," said Supervisor Wagner.

Supervisor Wagner was elected to the Orange County Board of Supervisors in 2019. He was elected to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors in 2022 and has served as the Chairman since 2023. He previously served as Mayor of Irvine, and as a member of the California State Assembly, representing the 68th District. During his six years in the State Assembly, he served extensively on a wide variety of committees, including Budget, Health, Education, and Revenue and Taxation. Additionally, he is a past president of the American Lung Association of Orange County.

South Coast AQMD's Governing Board has 13 members. Ten are elected officials. Of these, four are county supervisors representing Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties, elected to the South Coast AQMD's Board by their Boards of Supervisors. The remaining three Board members are appointed by state elected officials: one by the Governor of California, one by the Speaker of the State Assembly, and one by the State Senate Rules Committee. For more information on each member, please visit our Governing Board members webpage at: http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/governingboard/board-members.

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