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Senator (Ret) Vanessa Delgado and Governor Appointee Gideon Kracov Reappointed to South Coast AQMD Governing Board

DIAMOND BAR – Chair Vanessa Delgado has been reappointed to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) Governing Board as the California Senate Rules Committee representative through January 15, 2028. In addition, Governor Gavin Newsom re-appointed environmental and real estate lawyer and moderator Gideon Kracov to the board to a term that expires January 15, 2027.

“I am honored to have been re-appointed to the South Coast AQMD Governing Board,” said Vanessa Delgado. “I am excited to continue working hard to improve air quality in the four-county region, particularly in our local overburdened communities.”

Former state Senator Delgado was first appointed to South Coast AQMD’s Governing Board in 2019 as the Senate Rules Committee’s representative. In 2021, she was elected Vice Chair of the Governing Board. In January of this year, she became the first Latina Chair of the Governing Board. She is also the founder and President of Azure Development, a real estate development firm.

Gideon Kracov joined the Governing Board in 2020 when he was appointed by Governor Newsom. He serves on the agency’s Administrative, Finance, Marine Port and Mobile Source committees and is South Coast AQMD’s representative to the California Air Resources Board. He is the former chair of the State Bar of California Environmental Law Section Executive Committee and teaches land use laws at Loyola Law School. The state Senate voted unanimously this week to confirm his re-appointment.

“I am proud to have the governor’s ongoing support in reappointing me to the South Coast AQMD Governing Board,” said Gideon Kracov. “I will work together with my colleagues to come together and to make decisions that will improve air quality and protect public health throughout the region.”

South Coast AQMD’s Governing Board has 13 members. Ten are elected officials. Of those, four are county supervisors representing Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, elected to 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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