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**SUPERVISOR MITZELFELT UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED
MDAQMD'S NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

Victorville—San Bernardino County First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt was unanimously elected Chairman of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District's Governing Board during today's monthly meeting of the agency's Board of Directors. Mitzelfelt will serve one year at the helm of the High Desert air district's governing body, with Town of Apple Valley Mayor Barb Stanton serving as Vice-Chair.

The MDAQMD's Governing Board is comprised of 12 representatives from the two Counties and nine incorporated Cities located within the MDAQMD's boundaries and one Public member appointed by the balance of the Board. The District's Board is responsible for adopting rules, setting policies and providing direction on important air quality issues affecting the Mojave Desert.

"This organization has a dual mission: one is to protect air quality, and the other is to protect our economy, and the two go hand in hand," Mitzelfelt said shortly after his appointment as Chair. "If you destroy the economy, you actually end up hurting the environment." Referring to the challenges local agencies face in implementing state and federal regulations, Mitzelfelt added that, "We're the ones charged with trying to live within those rules, regulations and laws, and it is a very difficult challenge. I look forward to continuing in a leadership role to do just that."

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The MDAQMD is the local air pollution control agency for San Bernardino County's High Desert region and the Palo Verde Valley portion of Riverside County. The District is responsible for regulating stationary air pollution sources and implementing state and federal air quality rules and regulations within its 20,000-plus square mile jurisdiction, which is home to over 540,000 residents.

Mitzelfelt has served as a member of the MDAQMD's Governing Board since 2007, as its Vice Chair since 2010 and has been a vocal proponent of suspending AB32 - the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006- during his tenure on the MDAQMD Board.

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