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### **MDAQMD HONORS BARB STANTON'S YEARS OF BOARD SERVICE**

Stanton's retirement includes vacating MDAQMD seat

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VICTORVILLE — The Governing Board of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) recognized board member Barb Stanton for her years of service to the agency at the board's regular meeting on Sept. 24.

Stanton, whose status as an elected Apple Valley Town Councilwoman offered the opportunity to serve on the Air District board, announced in July she would not run for reelection in November. Her retirement from the Town Council also means she'll vacate the Apple Valley seat on the MDAQMD Governing Board dais.

Stanton represented Apple Valley on the Air District board from 2011 to 2012 and again from 2015 to 2018.

MDAQMD Executive Director Brad Poiriez presented Stanton with a plaque commemorating her years of service to the Air District, including a stint as Vice Chair in 2012.

"During her time on our board, Barb's contributions have shaped the policies of our district and helped forge a plan for continued success in the future," Poiriez said during the plaque presentation. "She has always been thoughtful, attentive and fully engaged. As an executive director, it is rewarding to see a board member show the same compassion for air quality, and the residents throughout our district, as she does for those who elected her to serve in Apple Valley."

Stanton plans to retire to 16 acres in Tennessee where she'll transition from councilwoman and governing board member to bee keeper.

"As you step out a new door, or into a new door, it's difficult and it's hard to leave this wonderful agency," Stanton said at Monday's meeting. "But I'm proud of the work that we've done and that this agency will continue to do."

Stanton called Poiriez a "breath of fresh air" since becoming MDAQMD's Air Pollution Control Officer in 2016, and verbalized her admiration for several longtime MDAQMD staff members as "the glue" of the agency.

"Sometimes this is a thankless job, we all know that, for employees too," Stanton said. "I encourage you all to keep up the good work. I'm going to miss everybody and thank you for your generosity toward me."

MDAQMD is the air pollution control authority and permitting agency for the High Desert portion of San Bernardino County and the Palo Verde Valley in Riverside County. It's governed by a board of 13 members representing nine incorporated municipalities and two counties within its boundaries. Visit [www.mdaqmd.ca.gov](http://www.mdaqmd.ca.gov) or follow us on social media @MDAQMD.

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