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Long-time air pollution officer to retire Successor named for deputy director of local air district

(Fresno, CA) – After more than 30 years of public service to the San Joaquin Valley, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer Mark Boese will retire March 26 from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

Seyed Sadredin, current director of the Valley Air District's Permit Services Division, has been appointed as Boese's successor.

Boese, a graduate of California State University, Fresno, entered public service in 1972 as an air pollution control specialist for Stanislaus County Health Department. Three promotions later, as the Deputy APCO for Stanislaus, Boese was instrumental in helping the eight counties of the San Joaquin Valley unify to become one air district. He has served as the Valley Air District's Deputy APCO since unification in 1992. He is a nationally recognized expert on air quality issues, having served on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality and as president of the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association from 1996 to 1997.

"Mark's contributions to improving life in the San Joaquin Valley can't be overstated," said Dave Crow, the District's Air Pollution Control Officer. "Mark is a consummate professional with a vast knowledge of the technical aspects of air pollution and a healthy dose of common sense and diplomacy. He has excelled at finding innovative solutions to many of the most complex air issues that have faced the Valley.

"He certainly will be missed."

Retirement plans for Boese, 56, and his wife, Debby, include moving back to his hometown of Modesto, and golfing, fishing and scuba diving at their second home in Mexico.

Following an extensive recruitment process, Crow appointed Sadredin to take over the deputy responsibilities upon Boese's departure. Sadredin has 22 years of experience in the public and private air pollution control sectors. He served as the assistant director of the San Joaquin County air district from 1987 to 1992, and then joined the unified district as Director of Permit Services. Sadredin has a bachelor of sciences degree in mechanical engineering from California State University, Sacramento.

"Seyed has proven his abilities the past 12 years by developing and leading one of the most efficient and productive permitting operations in the entire state," Crow said. "I'm excited about the contributions Seyed will make to the leadership of the District and to enhancing beneficial relationships with Valley stakeholders."

The Valley Air District serves eight counties, including Fresno, the valley portion of Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare.

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