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**JOSIE GONZALES, SUPERVISOR FOR SAN BERNARDINO'S 5th DISTRICT
JOINS AQMD BOARD**

Gonzales will represent cities in San Bernardino County

Josie Gonzales, Supervisor for San Bernardino's 5th District was sworn in today as the newest member of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Governing Board.

Gonzales will represent 16 cities in San Bernardino County on the AQMD Board.

She represents central San Bernardino County on the Board of Supervisors and was elected to that post in November 2004 and re-elected in 2008. Prior to being elected 5th District supervisor, Gonzales spent seven years in public service with the City of Fontana, the last six of those as a City of Fontana Councilmember. She also served as the Chair for the Fontana Redevelopment Agency and was the Chair for the Fontana Downtown Revitalization Task Force.

Her priorities include improving air quality and developing smart growth opportunities in the region.

In 2006, Gonzales initiated a countywide campaign called Healthy Communities to promote exercise, nutrition and the development of walkable communities. As a result of that project, seven San Bernardino County cities – including the cities of Fontana, Rialto and San Bernardino which are part of her supervisorial district – have developed or expanded their

Healthy Cities program to help residents make healthy lifestyle choices. She also helped secure a \$10 million state grant for the expansion of the Santa Ana River Trail.

In 2007, Gonzales was instrumental in developing the County's recently approved illegal dumping ordinance. Her colleagues on the Board of Supervisors approved her proposals to use surveillance cameras and a \$25,000 reward program to increase the effectiveness of the ordinance.

Last year, a national crime-fighting organization honored Gonzales as "County Supervisor of the Year" for her work developing the anti-illegal dumping program. This month the Women's Transportation Seminar Inland Empire Chapter presented Gonzales with its "Woman of the Year" award, acknowledging her promotion of regional transportation projects that increase mobility and safely accommodate growth in the Inland Empire.

Gonzales currently serves on 29 boards, committees and commissions. She is chair of the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County (First 5) and the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center's Joint Conference Committee. She is also a member of the San Bernardino County Homeless Coalition and the Inland Valley Development Agency.

The lifelong resident of San Bernardino is also a successful small business entrepreneur. With her parents, she owned Mexico Lindo restaurant in Fontana that proudly served the community for 46 years.

AQMD Board members serve four-year terms. Gonzales will serve the remaining portion of former Board member Gary Ovitt's four-year term ending Jan. 15, 2011.

AQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.