

To: MP&L Committee

Date: March 24, 2014

From: Kristina Vassallo, Civil Rights Administrator

Reviewed by:

SUBJECT: Support SB 1415 (Hill)

Background:

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District was established in 1955 as the first regional air pollution control organization whose objective is the regulation of such sources in air pollution surrounding the Bay Area. The District is comprised of nine counties including Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, southwestern Solano, and southern Sonoma.

Alongside its 22 member Board of Directors, the District has established an Advisory Council for support in air quality issues that exist or may arise throughout its surrounding counties. The Council has the authority to conduct studies pertaining to the differing aspects of air emissions and may make recommendations to the Board of Directors or Executive Officer. The Advisory Council currently includes 20 members, each representing different areas from the community, health, environmental, and other organizations.

Existing law establishes the members who are to serve the Advisory Council under Section 40262 of the Health and Safety Code. While Transportation is identified within the Code, it is broadly represented and not definitive of public transportation. Therefore, SB 1415 is an act to amend Section 40262 of the Health and Safety Code and proposes that a member from public mass transportation serve as part the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Advisory Council.

Action Requested:

Staff respectfully wishes the MP&L Committee to support SB 1415 and recommend the item to the Board of Directors.