

Governor Schwarzenegger Announces Appointments

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Sacramento, California - Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today announced the following appointments: Arthur Carter, Andrew Chesley, Sidney Craighead, Christopher Kennedy Lawford, Michael Nelson, Richard Ortega, Robert Pacheco, David Quackenbush, Ashley Swearengin, Traci Stevens and Gary Willard.

Arthur Carter, 67, of San Francisco, has been appointed to the Occupational Safety and Health Appeals Board. Prior to his retirement, he owned and served as the legislative advocate for Art Carter and Associates from 1984 to 2004. In 1983, Carter was the deputy chief administrative officer for the city of San Francisco and, from 1976 to 1983, he worked as the chief of the division of occupational safety and health administration for the Department of Industrial Relations. Carter was the secretary-treasurer for the Contra Costa County Central Labor Council from 1967 to 1976. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$111,845. Carter is a Democrat.

Andrew Chesley, 53, of Stockton, has been appointed to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. He has served on the San Joaquin Council of Governments since 1979, where he has served as executive director since 2005. Chesley previously served as deputy executive director from 1989 to 2005. He is an officer for the Self-Help Counties Coalition of California and is a member of the American Planning Association and the Institute of Transportation Engineers. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no salary. Chesley is registered decline-to-state.

Sidney Craighead, 71, of Avenal, has been appointed to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. He has served on the Avenal City Council since 1994 and served as mayor from 2004 to 2006. Craighead was a teacher at Avenal High School from 1986 to 2007 and at El Dorado High School from 1983 to 1986. From 1971 to 1983, he was a partner for California Grain Brokers. Craighead is the representative of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Kings County, Kings County Association of Governments and Kings County Area Public Transit Agency. Additionally, he serves on the California League of Cities Policy Committee. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no salary. Craighead is a Republican.

Christopher Kennedy Lawford, 53, of Marina Del Rey, has been appointed to the Public Health Advisory Committee. Since 1986, he has served as president of Chrislaw Entertainment. Additionally, Kennedy Lawford serves as a national spokesperson for the Hepatitis C Public Awareness Campaign for Roche Pharmaceuticals. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no salary. Kennedy Lawford is a Democrat.

Michael Nelson, 51, of Atwater, has been appointed to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. He has served on the Merced County Board of Supervisors since 2003. Nelson was a fire engineer for the Atwater Fire Department from 1994 to 2003, director of safety for J.R. Wood from 1990 to 1994 and was the manager of Nunes Farms from 1989 to 1990. In 1989, he was a technician for the Merced County Agricultural Commissioner and from 1988 to 1989, Nelson was the manager of Empire Nut Company. From 1980 to 1988, he was the superintendent of Tenneco West. Nelson serves on the

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Governing Board and is chairman of the Foreign Trade Zone Governing Board. Additionally, he serves on the California State Association of Counties Board of Directors and is a member of the Transportation Steering Committee and the Telecommunication and Technology Steering Committee for the National Association of Counties. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no salary. Nelson is a Republican.

Richard Ortega, 76, of Tulare, has been appointed to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. He has served on the Tulare City Council since 2001 and served as mayor from 2004 to 2006. Prior to retiring in 1992, Ortega owned Oakbrook Farms from 1972 to 1992 and co-owned Circle JB Dairy from 1960 to 1972. He is a member of the Tulare County Association of Governments and Tulare Noon Rotary. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no salary. Ortega is a Democrat.

Robert Pacheco, 74, of Walnut, has been reappointed to the Occupational Safety and Health Appeals Board. He has served on the board since 2005. Pacheco previously served as a three-term member of the State Assembly from 1998 to 2004. He has practiced law for 30 years and is currently senior partner with the Law Offices of Pacheco & Pacheco. Pacheco is also owner and chief financial officer of Western Hardware Company, a manufacturing and import business. Before joining the Assembly, he served as a city council member and planning commissioner for the city of Walnut. Pacheco is the founder of the Gabriel Foundation, the Walnut Valley Unified School District Educational Foundation and the Walnut Humanitarian and Medical Mission. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$111,845. Pacheco is a Republican.

David Quackenbush, 38, of Sacramento, has been appointed to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. He has served as chief executive officer of the Central Valley Health Network since 2006. Prior to that, Quackenbush was the development director for the Mexican American Alcoholism Program from 2004 to 2006, development specialist for the Public Health Institute from 2002 to 2004 and policy analyst for the California Hispanic Health Care Association from 1999 to 2002. He serves as vice chair of the Rural Committee for the National Association of Community Health Centers and is a member of the California Primary Care Association Board, California State Rural Health Association and the California Telehealth Network Advisory Board. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no salary. Quackenbush is a Democrat.

Ashley Swearingin, 36, of Fresno, has been appointed deputy chair and member for the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. She has served as mayor of Fresno since January 2009 and previously served as the lead executive for the Partnership from 2007 to 2008. From 2000 to 2008, Swearingin was the executive director for the Office of Community and Economic Development for California State University, Fresno and, from 1998 to 2000, she was the director of the Central Valley Business Incubator. Swearingin worked as the development coordinator for Baker, Manock and Jensen from 1995 to 1998, client services representative for Jackson, Emerich, Pedreira and Nahigian from 1994 to 1995 and marketing director for Casa Metropolitan Skilled Nursing Facility from 1993 to 1994. She is a member of the League of California Cities Board of Directors, Council of Fresno County Governments, Fresno County Zoo Authority Board of Directors, Fresno County Transportation Authority Board of Directors and San Joaquin River Conservancy. Swearingin is also an ex officio member of the Fresno Business Council. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no salary. Swearingin is a Republican.

Traci Stevens, 52, of Roseville, has been appointed deputy secretary of legislation for the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. She has worked as a realtor for Lyon Real Estate since 2007 and previously worked for RE/MAX Gold Real Estate from 2005 to 2007. Prior to that, Stevens was the regional vice president of Traffic Research and Analysis from 2000 to 2005. She served as the deputy director of legislation for the California Energy Commission from 1998 to 1999, State and Consumer Services agency from 1996 to 1998, Department of Consumer Affairs from 1993 to 1996 and the Department of Housing and Community Development from 1991 to 1993. From 1987 to 1991, Stevens was the senior budget consultant for California Senate Minority Leader Ken Mady and, from 1984 to 1987, Stevens worked as a policy assistant to State Senate Minority Leader Jim Nielsen. This appointment does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$95,808. Stevens is registered decline-to-state.

Gary Willard, 56, of Woodside, has been reappointed to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission. He has served on the commission since 2006 and currently serves as chair. Since 2001, Willard has worked as the managing director and partner at NAI BT Commercial. Prior to that, he was the senior vice president at CB Commercial Real Estate from 1983 to 2000 and was a broker and associate at Century 21 - Willard Realty from 1973 to 1983. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is up to \$100 per diem. Willard is a Republican.