

Governor Schwarzenegger Announces Appointments 03/31/2005

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today announced the following appointments:

Marian Balay, 59, of Fullerton, has been appointed to the Board of Pharmacy*. Since 1991, she has worked as a paralegal for American Suzuki Motor Corporation, focusing on product liability litigation. Previously, she worked at Baker & Botts, a Texas law firm. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Balay is a Republican.

Rebecca Bingea, 54, of San Rafael, has been appointed to the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board*. For the last nine years, Bingea has worked at the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center, most recently serving as the assistant director of audiology. She is active in a number of professional organizations including the American Academy of Audiology, the Acoustic Society of America and the American Auditory Society. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no salary. Bingea is a Democrat.

Douglas Failing, 47, of Arcadia, has been appointed to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Failing is currently the district director for the Department of Transportation, District 7, which includes Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Previously, Failing was the chief deputy district director for the Region. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no salary. Failing is a Republican.

Erin Garner, 46, of Monte Sereno, has been appointed to the State Mining and Geology Board*. Garner has served on the City of Monte Sereno City Council and as Mayor since 2000. Garner is a senior geologist and program manager for URS Corporation. Previously, he was senior environmental consultant and regulatory specialist for Delta Environmental Consultants, Inc. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Garner is a Republican.

James Ghielmetti, 58, of San Francisco, has been appointed to the Transportation Commission. He has served on the Commission since 2003. Ghielmetti is the owner and chief executive officer of Signature Properties, a Northern California land development and homebuilding firm. He has also chaired the Transportation Committee of the Tri-Valley Business Council since 1994 and has served on the Alameda County Transportation Authority Expenditure Plan Development Committee since 1997. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Ghielmetti is a Democrat.

Stanley Goldenberg, 61, of Los Angeles, has been appointed to the State Board of Pharmacy*. He has served on the board and as its president since 2004. For over twenty years, Goldenberg served as chairman and chief executive officer of Commerce Pharmacy. He currently is an independent consultant to pharmacists. In 1990, Goldenberg co-founded and served as co-chairman of the Long Term Care Management Council. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Goldenberg is a Democrat.

Alison Grimes, 53, of Yorba Linda, has been appointed to the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board*. For the past nine years, Grimes has served as director of audiology at the Providence Speech and Hearing Center. Previously, she was a faculty member at the University of Colorado in the Department of Communication Disorders. Grimes is a member of many professional organizations including the American Academy of Audiology, California Academy of Audiology, the American Auditory Society, the California Speech and Hearing Association and the American Speech and Hearing Association. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no salary. Grimes is a Democrat.

Jennifer Hancock, 41, of Granite Bay, has been appointed to the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board*. Since 1989, Hancock has been a Speech-Language Pathologist for Mercy General Hospital, specializing in swallowing disorders. Prior to working for Mercy General, Hancock worked in private practice almost exclusively with transitional mental institution releases. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no salary. Hancock is a Republican.

Edith Harmon, 60, of Ocotillo, has been appointed to the State Mining and Geology Board*. Harmon is a former instructor of ecology at the Imperial Valley Campus of San Diego State University. She has been involved in numerous volunteer activities including participating in a conference on mining sponsored by Project Underground and participating in mining discussions at several Indigenous Environmental Network annual gatherings. Harmon has received many awards for her work, including the Special Architect Award from the Sierra Club, Desert Protection Council Award of Merit and the Macalester College Distinguished Citizen Award. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Harmon is a Democrat.

Seena Hoose, 64, of Cupertino, has been appointed to the State Mining and Geology Board*. Hoose is an engineering geologist for the Santa Clara Valley Water District. Previously, she served as associate geologist for the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board and research geologist for the United States Geological Survey. She is a registered geologist, certified engineering geologist and certified hydrogeologist. Hoose is a member of the Geological Society of America, Association for Women Geoscientists and Association of Engineering Geologists. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Hoose is a Republican.

Julian Isham, 57, of Antioch, has been appointed to the State Mining and Geology Board*. Isham has over 31 years of experience in mining, engineering geology, hydrogeologic investigations, groundwater resource development, groundwater contamination studies and waste management. He is senior technical consultant with Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure and previously served as senior geologist with Bechtel Group. Isham is a registered professional geologist, certified engineering geologist and certified hydrogeologist. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Isham is a Republican.

Wanda Kirby, 58, of Cerritos, has been appointed chief deputy director of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing. She has served in several positions within the Department since 1976, most recently as deputy director and acting chief deputy director of the Enforcement Division. Previously, Kirby served at the Employment Development Department where she negotiated terms and agreements on state- funded programs. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$106,248. Kirby is a Democrat.

Carol Murphy, 57, of La Selva Beach, has been appointed to the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board*. Murphy is the owner and director of Speech and Learning Services where she specializes in children with language- learning disabilities. Murphy's professional memberships include the American Speech Language-Hearing Association, California Speech Language-Hearing Association, Association of Educational Therapists and the Santa Cruz County Speech Pathology Association. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no salary. Murphy is a Republican.

Lisa O'Connor, 67, of Mill Valley, has been appointed to the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board*. O'Connor currently works as a speech pathologist at Progressus Therapy, a rehabilitation facility in Mill Valley. O'Connor has served for more than 12 years on the legislative advisory council for the American Speech Language-Hearing Association and for four years as president of California Speech Language-Hearing Association. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no salary. O'Connor is a Republican.

Robert Tepel, 67, of San Jose, has been appointed to the State Mining and Geology Board*. Now retired, Tepel was an engineering geologist for the Santa Clara Valley Water District for 22 years. Prior to that, he was an engineering geologist for the Department of Water Resources, Division of Design and Construction. Tepel is a member of the Association of Engineering Geologists, United States Society on Dams, Geological Society of America, International Association of Engineering Geology and the Environment, and the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Tepel is a Republican.

Joseph Tavaglione, 81, of Riverside, has been appointed to the Transportation Commission. He has served on the commission since 2002. Tavaglione is the president of Tavaglione Construction & Development, Inc, a commercial property building, improvement and management firm. He is a board member and past chairman of the Contractor's State License Board. Tavaglione is also a member of the University of California, Riverside Foundation Board of Trustees. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Tavaglione is a Republican.

Governor Schwarzenegger has proposed the elimination or reform of nearly 100 boards and commissions as part of his effort to reorganize state government to make it more accountable, efficient and responsive to the people it serves. These changes will not be made before the next state fiscal year beginning in July 2005. The Governor may continue making appointments to these boards and commissions until that time to ensure continued operation of core governmental functions until their reform or elimination.

* Indicates board or commission slated for proposed elimination or reform. For complete list of these boards and commission visit:

http://www.governor.ca.gov/state/govsite/gov_htmldisplay.jsp?sCatTitle=%20&sFilePath=/govsite/spotlight/010505c_update.htm.