

ARB ANNOUNCEMENT

Introductory Variance Hearing Board Workshop

Wednesday - April 19, 2006

Location: Hilton Garden Inn
5050 Bechelli Lane
Redding, CA 96002
(530) 226-5111

This course, taught by Air Resources Board (ARB) Enforcement and Legal Division staff, is designed to train hearing board members, clerks, district staff and members of the public on the variance process and the Health and Safety Code (state law) requirements pertaining to the issuance of variances and abatement orders. It is also an excellent course for public members who appear before local air district hearing boards to request a variance, bringing valuable insight into the hearing board process.

Factors contributing to an effective district variance program and ARB's variance review process will also be discussed. A mock variance hearing will be conducted. Class participants will hold a hearing and make a decision on whether to grant or deny a variance, using an actual district variance case.

Draft Agenda

8:15	Registration
8:30	Introduction and Welcome
8:45	Information for Hearing Board Members
10:00	Break
10:15	State Requirements for Variances
11:15	Break
11:30	Variance Review Process/Effective Program Elements
12:15	Lunch
1:30	Break Out Groups - Preparation for Mock Hearing
2:30	Break
2:45	Mock Hearing - Testimony
3:30	Mock Hearing - Findings and Decision
4:00	Discussion & Question Period
4:30	Adjourn

Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)

ARB is a State Board of California approved MCLE provider and has been approved to offer a total of 7.0 MCLEs for this course, including 1.50 in the subcategory “ethics”.

Fees

For hearing board members and state and local county government employees, the fee is \$25.00. For public members the fee is \$125.00. A discount for small businesses may be granted.

Please submit payment payable to CARB prior to the workshop to:

Vickie McGrath
CA Air Resources Board
Enforcement Division, 5th Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Registration

Advance registration is recommended due to limited class size. To register, please contact Vickie McGrath at (916) 324-7343 or email vmcgrath@arb.ca.gov. When registering, please provide your name, affiliation, phone number and an email address so that we may email the final agenda to you a few days before the course date.

Hotel Information

The Redding Hilton Garden Inn is offering a limited number of rooms at the state government rate of \$84 + tax. For reservations call the hotel directly at 1-800-HILTONS. Be sure to mention you’re with the “California Air Resources Board group.”

Course Information

Course materials include an excellent variance reference guide. For more information, please contact Vickie McGrath at (916) 324-7343 or vmcgrath@arb.ca.gov.