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Senate Votes to Confirm Barbara A. Lee Director of DTSC

SACRAMENTO – The California State Senate voted today to confirm Barbara A. Lee as the director of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) following her approval by the Senate Committee on Rules on Wednesday, July 15. Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. appointed Lee director of DTSC on Oct. 31, 2014. Lee was confirmed by a vote of 27-2.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of California,” Lee said. “I look forward to working with members of the Senate and the Assembly as well as affected communities as we carry out DTSC’s critically important mission.”

In voting to confirm Lee, Sen. Loni Hancock, D-Berkeley, characterized Lee as a problem-solver saying, “I believe that she is committed to doing what needs to be done and I am committed to working with her and DTSC to make sure that it gets done.”

Lee previously served as air pollution control officer at the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District from 1996 to 2013, where she was supervising air quality engineer from 1994 to 1996. She served as an air quality engineer at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District from 1990 to 1994.

Lee is co-chair of the National Association of Clean Air Agencies Monitoring Committee and has been a member of the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association Board since 1995, where she served as president in 2000, 2005 and 2008. She served as co-chair of the California Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Justice Advisory Committee from 2005 to 2007, where she was a member from 2001 to 2007.

Lee has a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has done graduate work in medical technology, biology and neuroscience.



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The Mission of DTSC is to protect California’s people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated properties, identifying and promoting safer ingredients in consumer products, and ensuring stewardship through enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.