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## ***COMPASS to Assume Operational Responsibilities for Ada County Air Quality Board***

*Meridian, ID* – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) will assume operational responsibilities for the Ada County Air Quality Board beginning October 1, 2019. The move is in response to a request from the Air Quality Board to the COMPASS Board of Directors in April. Both Boards approved a memorandum of agreement for the transfer in their August Board meetings.

The move will bring three existing staff positions from the Air Quality Board to COMPASS and will result in operational efficiencies in areas such as accounting, administrative support, and human resources, as well as cost savings gained by housing Air Quality Board staff in the COMPASS office. The Air Quality Board currently leases office space.

The Air Quality Board itself, comprised of elected officials and appointed citizen representatives from Ada County, the Ada County Highway District, and all cities within Ada County except Kuna, will remain as the governing body and retain all of its current authorities.

COMPASS ([www.compassidaho.org](http://www.compassidaho.org)) is an association of local governments in Ada and Canyon Counties. The Ada County Air Quality Board ([www.emissionstest.org](http://www.emissionstest.org)) is also an association of local governments, but is specific to northern Ada County. It was formed in 1984 to oversee a vehicle emissions testing program in response to violations of national health-based air quality standards.