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NEW GENERAL MANAGER HIRED FOR TUOLUMNE UTILITIES DISTRICT

SONORA, CA: After a lengthy search, the Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD) Board of Directors has selected a new General Manager to run the District.

Starting in April this year, the Board authorized a contract for Executive Recruitment Services of CPS HR Consulting of Sacramento to help in the recruiting process of hiring a new General Manager for the District. Tom Scesa, General Manager at that time, retired in June 2015. Currently an Interim General Manager, David Andres, has been overseeing General Manager duties while the Board reviewed possible candidates for the permanent General Manager position.

After a series of Closed Session meetings and interviews with possible candidates, the Board has selected Thomas J. Haglund of Gilroy as the new General Manager for the District. Mr. Haglund currently serves as City Administrator for the City of Gilroy since 2008. He has also served as General Manager for the South County Regional Wastewater Authority (SCRWA), a joint powers authority of the cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill. As City Administrator for the City of Gilroy, Mr. Haglund oversees the Police, Fire, Community Development, Community Services, Finance and Administration departments. He is also responsible for overseeing the City's \$134 million dollar budget and development of the annual financial statement audit. Mr. Haglund has experience overseeing the City of Gilroy's water and wastewater delivery systems that serve more than 14,000 customer accounts.



Thomas J. Haglund

"Mr. Haglund has the financial experience and leadership qualities that we were looking for to fill the General Manager position. The District is in a challenging time and we believe that Mr. Haglund is the best choice to lead the District in a positive direction. I'm enthused and looking forward to, and I believe my fellow Board Directors are too, that we have hired a talented individual from outside of the TUD organization that will be bringing to the table a whole new outlook and set of ideas to overcome issues that have been troubling TUD for years. The fact that he has owned a home here in the community for over 20 years and has been involved with local groups during that time means he is not only familiar with Tuolumne County, but that he will fit right in as a full time resident and community member," states Board President, Ron Ringen.

"I am very enthusiastic about joining TUD and collaborating with the Board of Directors to define and implement their vision for the future. I look forward to working with the Board, staff and community in meeting the challenges facing the District," states Thomas Haglund.

The references that were received by CPS HR, commented that Mr. Haglund upholds the highest level of integrity and is extremely sharp. He has been able to provide the agencies he has managed sound, financial stability. In addition to his solid administrative, fiscal and business acumen, Mr. Haglund was praised by many for his collaborative approach to management and community relations. One former manager from the City of Gilroy stated "He's been an amazing mentor...I know any organization he goes to will be fortunate to have him."

Mr. Haglund holds a Master of Public Administration degree and Bachelor of Science degree from Portland State University.

Mr. Hagland will begin his role as TUD General Manager on November 2, 2015. Dave Andres, Interim General Manager, will remain at the District as needed to be available to help with the transition.

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