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Supervisor Hires Local City Manager for Chief of Staff Position

SAN BERNARDINO—Nov. 18, 2014—A man with years of city management experience will serve as Chief of Staff to San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford under a contract approved by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday.

Andy Takata comes to the County from the City of Twentynine Palms where he has served as interim City Manager for the past four months. He replaced Chad Mayes, who is leaving the post after being elected to the 42nd California Assembly seat earlier this month.

During his time with Twentynine Palms, Takata worked on many projects including collaborations with the Fire District and the the installation of new traffic signals along Highway 62 at Encelia Avenue and Lear Avenue

“I am very excited about working with Supervisor Rutherford and her staff,” Takata said. “She brings common sense back to government and has brought some very positive changes to the County.”

Takata’s local government experience includes serving as the city manager for the City of Banning, Town of Yucca Valley, City of Atascadero and the City of Newcastle in Washington. He also served as Director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Mammoth Lakes and as Parks and Recreation Supervisor for the City of Santa Fe. In addition, Takata became a water polo referee in 1978 and travelled the world referring water polo matches, including during the 2000 Summer Olympic Games and the 1998 FINA World Championships. Andy was inducted into the USA Water Polo Hall of Fame this year.

“Andy’s extensive experience in local government and his ability to bring individuals and groups together to achieve common goals made him the right choice to be my Chief of Staff,” Supervisor Rutherford said. “I need someone who’s an effective communicator and problem solver, and Andy fits the bill.”

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