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Assistant County Administrator Norm Kanold to retire

County Administrative Officer Mark Uffer announced today that Assistant County Administrator Norm Kanold, a 33-year veteran of county government, will retire on Sept. 11.

"Norm has been a valuable asset to the county for many years," Mr. Uffer said. "We will miss his institutional knowledge, but his retirement is well-deserved and we wish him the best in his future endeavors."

For the past six years, Mr. Kanold has overseen the county's Public and Support Services Group, which takes in a diverse array of county departments that includes the county Fire Department, Land Use Services, Public Works, Registrar of Voters, the County Museum, Libraries, Fleet Management, Special Districts, Facilities Management, Real Estate Services, Regional Parks, Airports, and Agriculture/Weights & Measures.

"It's been my real pleasure to lead a group of such talented and knowledgeable professionals all these years, and I'm proud of what we've achieved," Mr. Kanold said.

Mr. Kanold has been a key leader in many of the county's major accomplishments in recent years, including the response to the bark beetle emergency in the mountains, the emergency response and rebuilding efforts following the 2003 and 2007 major wildfires, the County Fire Reorganization, completion of the county General Plan Update, and the implementation of alternative voting systems in accordance with changing state mandates.

"When I was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to the position of County Administrative Officer in 2004, one of my first identifiable tasks was to stabilize the leadership team, which included Norm Kanold," Mr. Uffer said. "Norm was considering retirement at that time to pursue other interests and I felt it important to retain his institutional expertise and memory."

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"Norm committed to staying on for five years and was a key member of our management team. It has now been almost six years and Norm has chosen to retire from the county," Mr. Uffer continued. "I would like to commend him on his 33 years of dedicated county service and wish him well in his retirement."

"While we are losing a member of our team, we also recognize that life after county service offers many rewards and time to be with family, friends, and hobbies."