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Interim registrar appointed to fill immediate vacancies

Scott Konopasek and Steve Trout ceased serving as the county's registrar or voters and assistant registrar of voters, respectively, on Sunday, November 14.

Chief Deputy Registrar of Voters Donna Manning, a 19-year employee of the county and of the Registrar's Office, has been appointed interim registrar of voters pending the selection of a new registrar. The county has already launched a recruiting effort to fill the position.

"The county has utmost confidence in Donna Manning's ability to serve as interim registrar and complete the vote tallying and certification of the November 2 election. She has the support of the entire county organization, and I am very confident the employees of the registrar's office will be pleased with her appointment," said County Administrative Officer Mark Uffer.

Konopasek will remain on paid administrative leave to be available to the county as needed through December 24. Trout will be on paid leave under the same circumstances through January 15.

Mr. Uffer said it is not appropriate for county officials to discuss the reasons involved in any employee's resignation or retirement. Konopasek became Registrar of Voters on January 1, 2003. Trout was hired as his assistant in August 2003.

Konopasek and Trout are credited with successfully establishing electronic voting in San Bernardino County and making provisions for disaster victims to vote during the 2003 wildfires, among other accomplishments.