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Devereaux announces management changes

County Administrative Officer Greg Devereaux today announced changes in the county's management structure designed to make the organization run more efficiently and fill key vacancies.

Devereaux appointed Mary Jane Olhasso to serve as Economic Development Agency Administrator. Olhasso is currently the Director of Economic Development for the City of Ontario, where she worked with city leaders to put policies in place that have generated approximately 4,000 new jobs and close to \$135 million in total wages.

"Mary Jane is a highly intelligent, energetic, and effective leader who successfully implemented a simple philosophy that we adopted in Ontario: The city is a corporation. If businesses are open and making money, the city is making money. By investing in long-term assets that create, maintain and grow the economic value of the city, services are provided, streets are paved, and new positions are created," said Devereaux, who as City Manager for Ontario worked with Olhasso.

"I am confident Mary Jane will be equally effective in helping us develop and realize the Board's vision for the future of the County of San Bernardino," he said.

Devereaux also appointed Loron Cox to serve as Assistant County Administrator for Finance and Administration. Cox served Ontario and Fontana in a similar capacity while Devereaux served as City Manager in those two cities. The appointment creates no additional county spending as Cox will be filling a vacant Assistant County Administrator position.

"Loron has a great talent for analyzing organizations and developing ways to make them run more efficiently," Devereaux said. "This is important at any time, but it is especially vital now when government is being forced to do more with dwindling resources."

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At the same time, Dean Arabatzis will move from the position of Assistant County Administrative Officer to the position of County Chief Financial Officer.

"Dean will perform the same fiscal functions as before," Devereaux said. "Deleting the Assistant County Administrative Officer position flattens the organization and makes it more efficient by eliminating an unnecessary layer of management between the CAO and operating departments."

The position titles for Cox and Arabatzis will come before the Board of Supervisors for consideration on May 11.

Deputy Administrative Officer Gerry Newcombe will add to his duties the responsibility of managing the county's Solid Waste Management Division. Newcombe served in this capacity in an earlier assignment with the county. Newcombe's current and ongoing assignments include the management of major projects and intergovernmental relations. These assignments include the downtown building project, the new courthouse project, desert renewable energy projects, and liaison with SANBAG and the county's city managers.

Finally, Deputy Administrative Officer Keith Lee will add to his duties the position of Regional Parks Director. Lee will also continue to provide administrative oversight for Airports, Registrar of Voters, museums, libraries, and Agriculture/Weights and Measures.