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## Olhasso, Reenders, McBride earn county promotions

Mary Jane Olhasso, the county's Economic Development Agency Administrator, will be promoted to the position of Assistant Executive Officer of Finance and Administration as part of a series of management changes announced by county Chief Executive Officer Greg Devereaux.

The changes are being prompted by the April 26 retirement of Loron Cox, the county's first and current Assistant Executive Officer of Finance and Administration, after a long and distinguished career in public service that also included similar positions with the cities of Ontario and Fontana.

"Loron is without a doubt one of the top finance directors in the state," Mr. Devereaux said. "He has an unerring talent for being able to assess the issues and problems in an organization and what needs to be done to address them and in what order."

Mr. Cox and Ms. Olhasso both came to the County of San Bernardino in April 2010. As the administrator for the Economic Development Agency, Ms. Olhasso has worked to fulfill the Countywide Vision, focusing on those programs and efforts that support and build a vibrant economy with a skilled workforce. During her tenure she and her team have helped bring millions of dollars in new revenue to the county, overseen a nationally recognized Workforce Development Department, and guided critical resources to help revitalize local communities.

In addition to being one of the state's best-known and most-accomplished economic development directors, Ms. Olhasso is also a Certified Public Accountant with an extensive background in municipal finance and auditing. She served as the first finance director for the cities of Temecula and Dana Point.

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In her new role, Ms. Olhasso will serve as the CEO's principal financial advisor and will have overall responsibility for all county fiscal and financial activities.

Mr. Devereaux has appointed Kelly Reenders, deputy director, Economic Development Department, to succeed Ms. Olhasso as EDA Administrator. Ms. Reenders has been responsible for developing and implementing the county's economic development strategy and encouraging investment in the county's communities. Previously, Ms. Reenders held the positions of Redevelopment Manager and Economic Development Manager for the City of Ontario. Ms. Reenders has been working in economic development for more than eight years.

Mr. Devereaux also promoted Deputy Executive Officer for Debt and Law & Justice Gary McBride to the position of County Chief Financial Officer, which has been vacant for three years.

Mr. McBride is a true county success story. He began working for the county in 1994 immediately after college as an entry-level fiscal clerk. Through a series of well-earned promotions Mr. McBride served in administrative positions in Human Services, Public Health and the County Administrative Office and emerged as an expert on debt management who guided the county through the turmoil in the municipal bond market. The result was a county debt portfolio that is more conservatively positioned, including a reduction in variable rate exposure, elimination of swaps, and a reduction in letter of credit rollover risk.

In his new role, Mr. McBride will be responsible for developing, managing and coordinating the financial operations and fiscal policies and procedures of the county and the development of the county budget.