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CITY WELCOMES A NEW DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The new director fills a critical role on the management team as the City approaches budget season.

LAKE ELSINORE – (February 12, 2014) – Today, the City Manager announced the City’s newest staff member, Jason Simpson. Simpson started with the City on Monday, February 3.

As Director of Administrative Services, Simpson is responsible for managing and overseeing the City’s finance, human resources and information technology departments. Simpson comes to the City after working for the South Orange County Wastewater Authority where he served as the Director of Administrative Services.

“Jason is a great addition to our team,” said City Manager Grant Yates. “With budget season just around the corner, Jason brings a wealth of public and private sector experience that is sure to help the City as we continue to navigate this economic recovery and come out on top.”

Simpson has worked for a variety of public agencies, including cities and special districts in the past, such as the cities of Temecula, Costa Mesa, Indio, Desert Hot Springs and San Bernardino. In addition to public accounting and audit experience, he has held several roles including Assistant City Manager, Director of Finance, and Director of Administrative Services.

“My true passion lies with municipal government, so I am honored to have the chance to serve the citizens of the City of Lake Elsinore,” said Simpson. “While we face some challenges, the City is growing rapidly and I am excited to be a part of our momentum as we become a world class city.”

The Director of Administrative Services position became available after the former Director, James Riley, left the City for a position closer to home with the City of Oceanside. Riley worked for the City for seven years and had helped the City through some its most difficult times. The range for the position was \$110,708 to 141,294.

Simpson is a long-time resident of the City of Murrieta where he lives with his wife Renee and four children.

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