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MORESCO, TOMPKINS NAMED NEW DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

In the wake of the upcoming retirement of current Public Works Director, Dale Pfeiffer, City Manager David Van Kirk has announced a reorganization of the Public Works Department and has named Dave Tompkins as Director of Utilities and Rod Moresco as Director of Public Works effective July 25th.

“This department has expanded greatly over the years,” Van Kirk said of Vacaville’s Public Works Department. “Few cities in California have as many functions in Public Works as Vacaville, especially in the area of wastewater treatment. Finding someone from outside the organization with Dale’s breadth of experience would have been difficult. In addition, Tompkins is the best person to address important and challenging issues facing wastewater treatment here in Vacaville.”

Van Kirk explained that part of the goal of this reorganization is to emphasize the importance of Utility operations in the City organization and save money by not backfilling several positions. “The Utilities function has become such an important part of the City, both with obtaining reasonable permitting requirements and a \$34 million operating budget, it is time that the division becomes a department.”

Both Tompkins and Moresco are already City employees with over 44 years of combined experience. Tompkins is currently Assistant Director of Public Works – Utilities, while Moresco is Assistant Director of Public Works – Maintenance and Engineering.

Tompkins, who holds a degree in civil engineering, served in the Navy, spending time at Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo. He is a professional engineer and has been with the City of Vacaville since March 1988.



Dave Tompkins



Rod Moresco

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Moresco, also a professional engineer, graduated with a degree in engineering in 1981 and earned his MBA in 1996. He started with the City as an associate engineer in 1985; was promoted to Deputy Director of Public Works in 1989; then to Assistant Director of Public Works in 2006.

“Rod’s an exceptional manager,” said Van Kirk. “He brings an inordinate amount of knowledge to the table about our streets, drainage systems, and collection and distribution systems. He is well respected by those he works with.”

Van Kirk had high praise for Tompkins as well.

“Dave has been in charge of our utilities plants, both the treatment of water and wastewater, for 20 years,” Van Kirk said. “He has gained respect area- and Statewide and is well known in the industry. His knowledge on the very technical aspects of water and wastewater treatment is exceptional.”

The reorganization, Van Kirk explained, “maximizes the skills of two very competent leaders who are specialists in their areas and who both have the historical and technical knowledge of their departments.”

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