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City of Carlsbad Announces Two Management Promotions

Carlsbad City Council has approved the promotion of John Lowe to Deputy City Administrator and Ken Britt to Community Development Director, Carlsbad Mayor Dale Janway has announced.

Lowe previously served as Community Development Director, while Britt joined the City of Carlsbad in January as Entertainment and Promotions Manager.

“Both John and Ken have shown themselves to be excellent members of our management team, and we believe they have both proven themselves to be extremely capable of taking on increased responsibility,” Mayor Janway said. “It was an honor to make this recommendation, and I appreciate Council’s support.”

Lowe, a 1993 graduate from Carlsbad High School, joined the City of Carlsbad in 2006. He previously served as sports coordinator and sports superintendent prior to his appointment as Director of Community Development. As Deputy City Administrator, he will work with City Administrator Mike Hernandez in maintaining the day-to-day operations of the City of Carlsbad. Hernandez was promoted to City Administrator following the retirement of Steve McCutcheon.

“John places a strong emphasis on teamwork,” Hernandez said. “We have a great workforce with the City of Carlsbad, and we know they will benefit from his leadership style. I look forward to working even more closely with him.”

As Community Development Director, Britt will provide administrative oversight to a wide variety of City of Carlsbad facilities, including the Carlsbad Water Park, the airport, the Walter Gerrells Performing Arts and Exhibition Center, the Halagueno Arts Park, the golf course, the sports complex, the museum and library, and the North Mesa and San Jose Senior Centers.

Britt previously served as director of the Living Desert Zoo & Gardens State Park for 18 years before retiring from the park in 2012.

“Ken Britt is another proven leader with a proven track record,” Hernandez said. “He has been working very closely with John Lowe every day and is set to hit the ground running.”