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New Deputy City Administrator Appointed

Michael Hernandez has been appointed as Deputy City Administrator for the City of Carlsbad, Mayor Dale Janway announced today. Hernandez, previously the City of Carlsbad's Director of Utilities, has been an employee of the City for 23 1/2 years.

"Mr. Hernandez has displayed strong leadership qualities throughout his tenure with the City," Janway stated. "He is extremely familiar with managing all aspects of city government and will be able to hit the ground running in this position. He is very well respected, and he has an excellent understanding of the fact that the purpose of government is to serve the public. He has always emphasized customer service in every position he has held."

As Director of Utilities, Hernandez oversaw one of the largest City departments, which includes water, Double Eagle, waste water treatment, waste water collections, environmental services and solid waste. He first joined the City of Carlsbad as a Business Professionals of America (BPA) student, and eventually worked with the City's library, in its metering department, as a water department supervisor, in the projects department and then in the utilities department, where he was promoted to Deputy Director of Utilities and then Director of Utilities.

As Deputy City Administrator, Hernandez will work closely with Administrator Steve McCutcheon in overseeing the day-to-day operations within the City of Carlsbad and following the direction of Mayor Janway and Carlsbad's City Council.

"This is an honor," said Hernandez, a Carlsbad native. "I'm really looking forward to the opportunity to help this growing city continue to move forward."

"This is a very positive development for the City of Carlsbad," added McCutcheon. "Mike Hernandez has played a leadership role in so many of the city's most critical projects and departments, and he has a proven success record. I look forward to working with him as we serve with Mayor Janway, the City Council and the citizens of Carlsbad."

Hernandez and his wife, Kimberley, have two daughters, Kelsey, a high school senior, and Ashley, a freshman.