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MCAG Announces New Executive Director

MERCED – Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) is pleased to announce the appointment of Patrick Pittenger of Carson City, Nevada as its new executive director effective June 30, 2017. Pittenger will fill the vacancy created by Marjie Kirn's departure in December. The selection was made after a national search and selection process lead by CPS HR Consulting.

Pittenger has over 20 years of experience in regional transportation planning, transit system administration, and public works management. Most recently, he has served as the Transportation Manager for Carson City, Nevada, since 2006. In that capacity he serves as the Director of the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and is responsible for all aspects of transportation in the Carson City area including transit and public works administration.

"We are pleased to welcome Patrick to MCAG and look forward to developing an effective and productive relationship," said Mike Villalta, Chair of the MCAG Governing Board. "His many years of experience with planning, funding and management of multimodal transportation systems, particularly in rural areas, makes him well suited for this new role."

A native of Wisconsin, Pittenger earned a bachelor's degree in geography from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee and a master's degree in transportation planning from Iowa State University. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and is a certified Professional Transportation Planner.

MCAG is the Local Transportation Authority for Merced County, as well as, the regional transportation planning agency and metropolitan planning organization. In addition to regional transportation planning, MCAG also manages The Bus, YARTS and the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority.

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