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New City Municipal Utilities Director Named

(Stockton, CA) - The City of Stockton has selected a new director to head its Municipal Utilities Department, which provides water, wastewater and stormwater services within the city of Stockton. Dr. Mel Lytle, who has served as the Water Resources Coordinator for San Joaquin County over the past ten years, will join the City on March 1, 2012.

“Our objective is to hire department directors with extensive knowledge within their field of expertise and the leadership skills to effectively manage their respective departments today and to collaborate with various outside stakeholders,” said City Manager Bob Deis. “Mel will be responsible for a department that delivers critical resources and infrastructure to business, industry and citizens of our community, including the completion and implementation of the Delta Water Supply Project. He is locally known and highly respected within his field, as an effective manager, leader and negotiator. We look forward to the value he will bring to the City as a member of our management team and to the leadership he will provide in dealing with Delta issues.”

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Dr. Lytle is a former Delta farmer with substantial academic training holding Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees. Over his 18-year career he has worked extensively with water and regulatory agencies to develop and implement water resource projects, plans, budgets and programs, working with local, state and federal government and policymakers, conducting studies, providing expert testimony and performing legislative advocacy. He has broad public and private sector experience in water resources, wetland, watershed and stormwater quality management. Dr. Lytle is also a published author and Post-doctoral Fellow of the University of California, Berkeley.

“Water is our most precious resource,” said Dr. Lytle. “It is vital to sustaining life and our economy in these challenging times for the city, the county and Delta region. My mission will be to responsibly and effectively manage these resources for the City of Stockton while sustaining important relationships with local agencies in a way that meets the unique needs of our community, wildlife and waterways. Providing safe and reliable water supply, wastewater and stormwater services that allow for a high quality of life for our residents and resources for business and industry to grow and thrive here in Stockton is key to our future.”

Funding for the Municipal Utilities Department is provided through rates and fees for services provided, which include water, wastewater and stormwater services. The Department is not funded from the City's General Fund.

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