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RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF RECREATION

The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD) is pleased to announce the appointment of Zach Miller as the District's new Director of Recreation. The position was previously held by long-time District employee Tracy Engel who most recently served as the Director of Recreation until her retirement in January 2021. Mr. Miller was selected for the position following a recruitment process that included a pool of thirty-three (33) candidates.

As the Director of Recreation, Mr. Miller will have operational responsibility for the District's Recreation Department, including oversight of adult and youth sports, alternative recreation, aquatics, before and after school clubs and day camps, facility use and rentals, golf courses, preschool programming, marketing and outreach, recreation activities, senior programs, special events, the volunteer program and youth and teen activities, among other responsibilities. The Department has a \$10.8 million annual operating budget and includes 22 full-time employees, 300 part-time and seasonal employees, and 500 volunteers.

Mr. Miller received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of California, Davis and began his professional career in recreation with Special Olympics Southern California - San Diego County. He then served the North of the River Recreation and Park District in the Central Valley area of California, where he was responsible for recreation programs, special events and recreation classes. For the last ten years, Mr. Miller served as the Recreation Manager and Assistant Director of Community Services



for the City of Agoura Hills, most recently having management responsibilities for recreation, parks and playgrounds, facility rentals, capital projects, facilities, transportation and marketing. Mr. Miller and his family are active members of the community and reside in the Oak Park area of the District.

RSRPD District Manager Dan Paranick commented, "In keeping with the Board of Directors vision for creativity and innovation in our programs and activities, Mr. Miller demonstrated the experience, knowledge and passion to lead the Department. We are excited to have him and are confident that he will do a great job helping meet the recreational needs of Simi Valley and Oak Park. Our Board has a lot of exciting plans for the community and we look forward to Zach being a part of the team."

The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District is an independent special district that provides Parks and Recreation services to 146,000 residents in the communities of Simi Valley and Oak Park. The District operates 51 developed park sites, provides recreation activities and classes, manages multiple facilities, and owns and maintains 8,000 acres of open space and 80 miles of designated trails.

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