

REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA

| SUBJECT   |  | MEETING<br>DATE | ITEM<br>NUMBER |
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| Confirm Appointment of New RTPA Executive Officer |  | 02/28/06        | 10             |

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Agency confirm the appointment of Dan Little as the new Executive Officer to the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA).

SUMMARY

Dan Kovacich has accepted a new position within the County, and will resign as the RTPA Executive Officer. It is recommended that Dan Little be appointed to replace him.

DISCUSSION

Section 15 of the Rules of the RTPA provides, "The Director of Public Works of the County of Shasta or a designee appointed by the Director and approved by the Board shall serve as the Executive Officer of the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency."

Prior to 1996, the Shasta County Public Works Director served as the RTPA Executive Officer. In 1996, Dan Kovacich was appointed as the RTPA Executive Officer and shortly thereafter promoted to Deputy Director - Administration (DD-A) in the Shasta County Public Works Department. In January 2006, Mr. Kovacich accepted a promotion to Administrative Fiscal Officer. On February 28, 2006, Mr. Kovacich will step down as the RTPA Executive Officer and assume his new duties in the County Administrative Office.

On February 7, 2006, The Shasta County Board of Supervisors approved a reorganization of the Public Works Department. The Board eliminated the DD-A position and replaced it with a Chief Public Works Planner (CPWP) position. This position is responsible for a mix of RTPA and non-RTPA functions.

The CPWP position was advertised within the Department and three applications were received. An interview panel was convened, consisting of Brian Crane (Caltrans District Director), Barry Tippen (Redding City Engineer), and Dan Kovacich. This panel selected Dan Little for the CPWP position. Mr. Little has been a Planner with Shasta County for fourteen years, including eleven years as staff to the RTPA.

The RTPA Executive Officer directs complex transportation planning work. These responsibilities are regional in their scope. The Shasta County Public Works Director has twenty years experience in transportation engineering, and is willing to assume the duties of the RTPA Executive Officer. However, in light of the demands of the RTPA Executive Officer position, and the breadth and depth of planning skills required, the Director has designated Mr. Little as the RTPA Executive Officer. It is recommended that the Agency confirm the Director's appointment.

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ALTERNATIVES

The agency may decline to confirm the appointment. The Shasta County Public Works Director would serve as RTPA Executive Officer.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The interview panel for this position included Redding City Engineer Barry Tippin, Caltrans District 2 Director Brian Crane, and outgoing RTPA Executive Officer Dan Kovacich.

FINANCING

No net changes in staffing are proposed and no revision to Overall Work Program funding would be required.

  
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Daniel J. Kovacich, Executive Officer

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