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City of Meniffee Promotes Jonathan Nicks to Deputy City Manager

Nicks previously served for five years as Meniffee's Community Services Director and will continue that role while also overseeing human resources and risk management operations.

MENIFEE, CA – The City of Meniffee is pleased to announce the promotion of Jonathan Nicks to Deputy City Manager. This position has been vacant since July 2021 and has oversight of three departments as well as city-wide operations.

Nicks is an experienced public servant with over 23 years of local government experience. He has served as Meniffee's Community Services Director for the last five years overseeing parks, recreation, facility maintenance, and solid waste and environmental services. Nicks also served for nearly a year as the City's interim Public Works Director between August 2020 and May 2021. In his new role as Deputy City Manager, he will continue to manage the Community Services Department, but will also assume new responsibilities in directing the City's human resources and risk management.

"Jonathan has been a tremendous asset to the City of Meniffee and has earned the trust of both our employees and the community," said City Manager Armando Villa. "There is no doubt that Jonathan will excel in his new duties and will help continue to lead the city in the right direction."

Prior to joining the City of Meniffee, Nicks served as the Deputy Director for Orange County Parks and Community Services with oversight of a \$120 million operating budget, a \$30 million annual capital improvement program, and nearly 400 employees. Before that, Nicks was the Community Services and Public Works Director for the City of Placentia, where he also helped form the Placentia Community Foundation and served as the first Executive Director of the nonprofit that raises funds for community programs.

Nicks holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Cal State Long Beach, Leadership Certification from Chapman University, and Smart City Certification from Pepperdine University. He is a member of the National Parks & Recreation Association, American Public Works Association, California Parks & Recreation Society, and the Municipal Management Association of Southern California.

"It has been a privilege to work for the City of Meniffee these past five years and I remain committed to delivering engaging community events and programs for our residents," said Nicks. "As Deputy City Manager, I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that our City has the resources it needs to effectively serve the public."

Nicks officially began his new position as Deputy City Manager on January 23, 2023.

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ABOUT MENIFEE: *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 100,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing, and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee's business, retail, and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Menifee's growing family-oriented population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events, and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state's most promising new cities.*