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Central Coast Water Board Executive Officer Named

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San Luis Obispo - The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) announced the appointment of Ken Harris as executive officer.

"Today our board unanimously chose an outstanding candidate to fill the position of executive officer to carry forward the important work of protecting and improving water quality of the Central Coast Region." said Central Coast Water Board Chairman Jeffrey Young. "Mr. Harris has been serving as the board's interim executive officer these past 12 months. He has already proven his calm stewardship of a number of issues important to this region which we are fortunate will continue on a permanent basis."

"I appreciate the opportunity to continue to work with such a talented staff and dedicated board," Harris said. "Working at the regional level directly with those we regulate has been a very satisfying experience."

Harris has worked for the Water Boards for 26 years, starting as an associate engineering geologist in the Division of Water Quality. He brings a deep background in water quality issues to the job. Prior to serving as interim executive officer, he served as assistant deputy director of the Division of Water Quality. In that capacity he was responsible for waste discharge permits, waste water and storm water programs, the state's water quality planning programs including the ocean plan, and the wetlands program.

He holds bachelor's degrees in soil and water science, earth science, and a master's degree in hydrology. He is a California licensed professional geologist.

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