



Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Central Coast Water Board Announces New Executive Officer

San Luis Obispo - The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) announced the appointment of John Robertson as executive officer on Friday, March 17, 2016.

“Last Friday, 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 Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff. “Mr. Robertson has been serving this board in a variety of leadership roles for the last 18 years, and he has proven he can achieve important environmental outcomes without compromising the underlying good working relationships with stakeholders from all sides. He has a great grasp of the important issues that confront this region and we are fortunate to have a candidate like him from within our organization.” “I also want to commend Lisa McCann on her excellent work and leadership as our interim executive officer during this period of transition.” Dr. Wolff added.

“I genuinely appreciate the opportunity to work with our richly talented staff and our dedicated and engaged board,” Robertson said. “We have immense water quality challenges in front of us, and I look forward to working with stakeholders in protecting and restoring our valued resources throughout the Central Coast.”

Robertson has worked for the Water Boards for more than 22 years, starting as an associate engineering geologist. He brings a very diverse background in surface and groundwater quality issues to the executive officer position. Prior to executive officer, he served as section manager of the Groundwater Protection Division at the Central Coast Water Board. In that capacity he was responsible for oversight associated with active oilfields, landfills, industrial cleanup sites, waste discharges from agricultural facilities, enforcement, environmental justice issues, and the groundwater assessment and protection program (GAP).

Robertson holds bachelor’s of science degree in geology from the University of California, Davis and is a California-licensed professional geologist.

The Central Coast Water Board is responsible for protecting and restoring water quality in the 300-mile-long coastal region from southern San Mateo and Santa Clara counties to the northern part of Ventura County.

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