Colusa County Supervisor Named USDA Rural Development’s California Director

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA – The Trump Administration has appointed Colusa County Supervisor Kim Dolbow Vann as the new state director for USDA Rural Development in California.

Dolbow Vann will begin her new role on Nov. 27.

“California’s rural communities are the backbone of our state’s thriving, diverse agriculture industry that helps feed the world, yet they often lack economic development opportunities,” said Dolbow Vann. “I am honored and humbled to serve in this position, and will work hard to ensure rural communities, and the families, businesses and farms that call them home, have the resources they need to succeed.”

Dolbow Vann brings more than 20 years of experience and dedication to economic development and the improvement of rural life.

Most recently, Dolbow Vann spent 11 years as a Colusa County supervisor representing the first district.

During her tenure she served as the chair of Rural Counties Representatives of California, and led the charge on all federal and state issues that affect rural counties.

In addition, for the past two years Dolbow Vann served as the chair of Sites Reservoir Joint Powers Authority, leading the new public private partnership in creating an above-ground water storage facility in rural Colusa County.

Dolbow Vann also ran for Congress in 2012, seeking to represent the Third District in the House of Representatives. She eventually lost the race to John Garamendi.

As state director, Dolbow Vann will use her leadership experience to oversee Rural Development programs in a customer-focused manner to restore prosperity in rural California.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas.

This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; homeownership; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas.

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