

# MONTEREY COUNTY



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### Monterey County Announces County Administrative Officer Appointment

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce it intends to appoint Charles McKee as County Administrative Officer. McKee will succeed Dr. Lew Bauman, who retires from public service on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

McKee's appointment as CAO will be effective upon approval of an employment agreement by the full Board of Supervisors and is set for discussion at the Board's September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. If approved, he will begin his new duties immediately.

The position of County Administrative Officer is the chief executive of County government operations. The CAO is the day-to-day manager of county government and represents the County and its Board of Supervisors in a variety of activities.

McKee steps into the CAO position after a long tenure as County Counsel, joining Monterey County in 2003. His appointment comes as the result of a national search for this executive position and the consideration of both local and national candidates.

"Charles has been an integral part of the County's leadership team since 2003," says Supervisor John Phillips, Chair of the Board of Supervisors. "He brings not only extensive knowledge of county needs and challenges, but real-world experiences that give him a strong connection with the residents we serve. The Board of Supervisors is pleased to have found the ideal candidate within our own ranks."

McKee says he will bring both a collaborative approach and active management style to his new role.

"I am dedicated to the long-term success of Monterey County and while there are challenges ahead, we have many strengths including a talented County and local workforce, immigrant vitality and solid economic base," says McKee. "I know this county well, but not everyone knows me. What you can expect from me is a leader who isn't afraid to dig into controversial issues, whose door is always open and who values innovation and respect."

McKee earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Economy from Hampshire College, in Amherst Massachusetts and attended the University of Maryland School of Law and University of Maine School of Law. He was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1991. Before becoming Monterey County Counsel, he served as Nevada County Counsel and deputy County Counsel for the County of Marin. Mr. McKee has also served in many local and State volunteer positions including, President of the Monterey County Bar Association, incoming Chair of the Monterey College of Law Board of Trustees and legal advisor to the California State Association of Counties.

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