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City of Ventura appoints new Ventura Water General Manager

Ventura City Manager Mark Watkins announced today that Kevin Brown has been appointed to the position of Ventura Water General Manager. Mr. Brown recently served as Chairman for Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Laydown Assessment in Washington, DC developing the Navy's \$9B annual infrastructure investment plan. He was selected through an open recruitment process and will join the City of Ventura on September 18, 2017.

Mr. Brown has more than 28 years of public sector experience as a Navy Civil Engineer Corps Officer with a focus on customer satisfaction, environmental compliance, planning, budgeting, design, construction and facilities maintenance programs. He managed 10 unique water and sanitation districts negotiating interagency agreements, establishing water standards, maintaining systems and building new capacity.

"Kevin brings a wealth of experience and understands the intricacies of water resource management and inter-agency cooperation," said City Manager Mark Watkins.

During his employment with the federal government, Brown worked internationally as well as locally; he served as the Commanding Officer, Civil Engineering Corps Officer School and the Executive Officer (CFO/COO) Naval Facilities Expeditionary Logistics Center, in Port Hueneme, California. His work experience also includes leading workforces of up to 1,400 personnel.

"I'm thrilled in this opportunity to join the Ventura Water team and serve the citizens of Ventura," said Kevin Brown.

Brown is a licensed Professional Engineer with professional affiliations including the Society of American Military Engineers and the American Public Works Association. He is a graduate of the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University Advanced Executive Program. He has a Master's degree in Business Administration from DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, and a Bachelor's degree in Ocean Engineering from the United States Naval Academy.

Mr. Brown will manage Ventura's water and wastewater division that accounts for more than \$94.5M in annual revenue serving more than 28,000 customers with a staff of 90.

For more information please contact Assistant City Manager Dan Paranick at (805) 654-7704.

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