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**City of Ventura Deputy Public Works Director Elected to the  
American Public Works Association Board of Directors**

Mary Joyce Ivers, Deputy Public Works Director with the City of Ventura has been elected as the President-Elect of the American Public Works Association (APWA). Ivers will lead a 17-member Board of Directors who serve more than 30,000 public works professionals throughout North America. APWA aims to enhance the visibility and awareness of public works, to give voice to the issues surrounding infrastructure on local and national levels, and to equip public works professionals with quality educational opportunities and resources so that they can more effectively work to improve the quality of life for all.

“The Public Works Department is very proud and excited for Mary Joyce Ivers and this outstanding opportunity. She has served the City of Ventura so well. She will do an amazing job at the national level,” said Public Works Director Phillip Nelson.

Ivers has been involved in public works for over 27 years. She was recently promoted to Deputy Public Works Director overseeing the Operations activities within the Public Works Department. The Public Works department oversees \$100 million with a team of 91 public works “First Responders” who continue to rebuild the community after the Thomas Fire. Prior to serving as Interim Public Works Director, she spent 17 years as the Fleet and Facilities Manager for the City of Ventura. In this position she managed a \$10 million operating budget, managed 25 employees and interacted daily with City departments and the residents of Ventura. In 2017, she was recognized as the National Government Fleet Manager of the Year and was inducted to the Public Fleet Hall of Fame in 2018.

The City of Ventura Public Works Department received the prestigious American Public Works Association Accreditation Award and became the 92nd Agency out of 38,142 cities, towns and counties throughout the United States to receive this honor in 2014. This award recognizes Public Works Departments for implementing nationally recognized best practices, state-of-the-art operations, and the most efficient use of public resources. The City of Ventura Public Works Department is the 11th city in California to be accredited. Worldwide there are 95 agencies accredited – 93 in the US and 2 in Canada.

The City of Ventura Public Works mission is to build and maintain vital infrastructure and protect the environment for the safety, enjoyment and prosperity of future generations. The City’s 2018-2024 Adopted Capital Improvement Plan contains 140 capital improvement projects with a total of \$695 million. A total of \$60.3 million is planned in capital improvements for the new fiscal year. The department designs, constructs, inspects, improves and maintains the City’s infrastructure, including traffic, lights, sidewalks, streetlights, roadways, land development, solid waste, storm water and parking operations.