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City of Beverly Hills Names New Public Works Director

Ventura Water General Manager Shana Epstein to Return to Beverly Hills April 24

Beverly Hills, CA – The City of Beverly Hills has named Shana Epstein from the city of Ventura as the next Director of Public Works. A former utilities manager for Beverly Hills, Ms. Epstein is expected to assume her new role on April 24. She replaces Public Works Director and Assistant City Manager George Chavez, who has been filling both positions for more than a year.

“I am honored to return to Beverly Hills and have this opportunity to address innovative challenges with familiar and new colleagues,” Ms. Epstein said.

The Beverly Hills Public Works Director oversees more than 200 employees who develop, construct, inspect, improve and maintain the City's infrastructure, including traffic lights, sidewalks, street lights, roadways, urban forest and City parks. In addition, the department operates the water, solid waste, wastewater, storm water and parking enterprise operations.

“We are very fortunate to welcome Shana back to Beverly Hills,” said Beverly Hills City Manager Mahdi Aluzri. “Both in Beverly Hills and in Ventura she has proven herself to be an outstanding manager whose knowledge of public works operations and best practices will help guide our Public Works Department into the future,”

Ms. Epstein has served as Ventura's Water General Manager since May 2011, where she oversaw the water and wastewater operations. Among her many accomplishments in Ventura, she and her staff built a potable reuse demonstration facility to gather data on advanced water purification and educate the public, provided reclaimed water for

non-potable uses, wrote a Water Shortage Contingency Plan and oversaw the creation of a Water Commission. In addition, she was named as one of the top 50 Women in Business in 2016 by the Pacific Coast Business Times and Ventura was a National Mayor's Challenge winner for 2016.

In Beverly Hills, Ms. Epstein was the City's Environmental Utilities Manager, responsible for water, wastewater, solid waste and storm water services. Prior to Beverly Hills, Ms. Epstein served in the public utilities department for the City of Anaheim. She holds a master's degree in Public Administration from George Washington University and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, San Diego.

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