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California American Water Announces New Monterey Peninsula Director of Operations

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (August 8, 2018) – California American Water announced that Chris Cook has been promoted to Director of Operations for the Monterey Peninsula, replacing Eric Sabolsice, who left the company in July.

A native of the Monterey area, Chris came to California American Water in 2015 as Assistant Engineering Manager and was promoted to Engineering Manager the following year.

“I am delighted to welcome Chris as our new Director of Operations. He is an exceptionally talented engineer,” said Garry Hofer, vice president of operations. “California American Water is excited to have someone of Chris’ proven strengths; experience and knowledge of our business in the community lead the Monterey team.”

Before joining California American Water, Chris held engineering positions with CMS Collaborative and the Guidant Corporation. He also served a two-year stint with the Peace Corps in Guinea, Africa.

Chris has a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from The University of California, San Diego and a Masters of Business Administration from Santa Clara University.

In his new position, Chris will assume the overall leadership role in Monterey, guiding the division’s operations, \$31 million operating budget, union relations and safety culture. In addition, Chris will continue to work with the design, permitting, and construction teams for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project.

Chris brings a hometown pride, collaborative management style, sense of engagement and enthusiasm to his new position, as well more than 13 years of experience in engineering, project management and workforce management.

“I am honored to be selected for the position of Director of Operations,” said Chris Cook. “I look forward to continuing to work with our excellent team of employees and to further enhance the water resources, environmental stewardship, and customer service that our customers and others have come to expect from California American Water.”

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