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## PRESS RELEASE

### City of Gonzales Announcing the Appointment of Matthew Sundt as Community Development Director and Patrick Dobbins as Public Works Director/City Engineer for the City of Gonzales

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It is with great pleasure that the City of Gonzales announces the appointment of Mr. Matthew Sundt as Community Development Director and Mr. Patrick Dobbins as Public Works Director/City Engineer.

**Mr. Matthew Sundt** comes to the City of Gonzales with 32 years of experience in Community Development and Planning. He has provided consulting services for a variety of public agencies in the Central California region to include Cities, Counties, Water and Park Districts, and LAFCO. He has prepared over 250 environmental documents and has managed a variety of land development projects throughout California. Over the course of 32 years, he has also provided planning services for public agencies including grant writing and permit processing for a variety of land uses, general plan updates and zoning ordinance amendments/updates, sphere of influence amendments, annexations, subdivisions, lot-line adjustments, mitigation monitoring, code enforcement, preparing and implementing historic resources preservation plans and historic General Plan elements, preparing housing element updates, and providing assistance to the public to address issues. As a Planning Consultant to planning departments, he has provided counter assistance, managed building inspection departments, and managed public agency staff. Matthew has lived in Monterey County for 44 years, and currently resides in Salinas.

**Mr. Patrick Dobbins** comes to the City with 30 years of Public Works experience with various agencies throughout California. He has been responsible for the planning, design, and administration of a wide variety of infrastructure and land development projects for over 75 public agencies. Patrick has been the contract City Engineer for the City of Gonzales for the last four years. Prior to being the contract Engineer, he was the Program Manager of the City of Morgan Hill's \$25M Downtown Investment/Place

*Gonzales will continue to be a safe, clean, family-friendly community, diverse in heritage, and committed to working collaboratively to preserve and retain its small town charm*

making Program, District Engineer to Castroville Community Services District, and Deputy City Engineer for the Cities of Moorpark, Malibu (first 3½ years after incorporation), and Westlake Village.

Patrick is a registered Civil Engineer and is taking over a department of 10 employees. He has served on the Monterey Bay Chapter Board of the American Public Works Association for last 20 years, and was on the Board of the Monterey Bay Waterworks Association from 2008 to 2018.

Patrick and his wife Lisa have lived in North Monterey County for the last twenty years, and have a 15 year old son, and 11 year old daughter.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to call City Manager Rene Mendez at 831-675-5000 or email at [rmendez@ci.gonzales.ca.us](mailto:rmendez@ci.gonzales.ca.us)