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Announcement of Shannon Esenwein as Incoming Hughson Finance Director

"Ms. Esenwein rose to the top of the City's extensive recruitment process for a full time Finance Director. She has experience and expertise in the area of public finance and municipal accounting and will be a great addition to the organization" – Hughson City Manager Raul Mendez.

The City of Hughson's recruitment process for the Finance Director position attracted applications from sixteen public and private sector professionals. Six of the sixteen candidates were interviewed and ranked by an expert panel. Ms. Esenwein was one of two finalists invited back to the selection interview with City Manager Mendez and Interim Finance Director Margaret Souza. Ms. Esenwein was offered and accepted the Finance Director position with the City of Hughson and becomes the newest member of the City's leadership team.



Ms. Esenwein has worked with the San Joaquin County Auditor's Office since 2001 and has very strong technical skills in the area of accounting and financial management. Prior to then, she held positions with accomplished auditing firms across the State and is currently a California Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and holds a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) designation. Ms. Esenwein holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration/Accounting from California Polytechnic State University. Ms. Esenwein is married to her husband Colt and they have five children Daniel (14), Noah (13), Lucas (12), Kaitlyn (10) and Jana (7).

Ms. Esenwein will begin with the City of Hughson on April 6, 2015. She will lead the Finance Department to ensure the fiscal foundation is in place to deliver critical public services. She will also work closely with the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, City Attorney and City staff as needed on a

variety of projects and initiatives. Initial assignments will include a review of the City's financial management practices and accounting protocols, preparation of the City budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and oversight of the conversion to a new financial management system. Ms. Esenwein will work closely with Interim Finance Director Margaret Souza on the transition of critical duties and responsibilities over the upcoming months. Ms. Souza has served the City of Hughson well in an interim capacity and looks forward to returning to full retirement status.

The Hughson City Council meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Meetings of the Hughson City Council are held at City Hall located at 7018 Pine Street, Hughson, CA. For more information, please visit the City of Hughson website at www.hughson.org or call 209.883.4054.

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