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Saying Goodbye to Clint Quilter, Inyo County Administrator

It is with great sadness that Inyo County announces the passing of its County Administrative Officer, Clint Quilter, on July 20, 2021, when cancer took him way too soon. Clint was first hired by Inyo County as its Public Works Director in 2013 and became CAO in November, 2018, when, after a nationwide search, the Board of Supervisors unanimously agreed that Clint was a perfect fit for the job. Previously he worked for the City of Hollister where he started in 1993 as an Assistant Engineer and worked his way up to City Manager, a position Clint held for almost 10 years.

His experience with leading many large, complicated projects during his tenure at Hollister made him an extremely valuable asset to our community. Not only did he lead the construction of a multi-billion dollar wastewater treatment plant, he balanced the budget during the worst of the recession while still improving services and parks for the City.

During his time with Inyo County, Clint led or was a key player in many successful projects. As Public Works Director, he was instrumental in implementing critical improvements to County infrastructure, served on the team that helped draft Inyo County's historic cannabis regulations in the face of mounting voter pressure, and proved an invaluable leader during times of emergency, including during the historic runoff of 2017 that damaged several County roads. Clint also worked diligently on the Consolidated Office Building, carrying the massive undertaking across the goal line earlier this year.

Perhaps Clint's favorite project was the Eastern Sierra Regional Airport, which is scheduled to open to commercial air service in December. While he didn't get to see the project completed, his expert mentorship and ability to transfer his wealth of knowledge to those around him will ensure its success.

Clint performed this work with humility, integrity and a dedication to public service that will continue to inspire the Inyo County family long into the future. Clint was a steward of the public dollar, always remembering that he worked for the public and was paid with taxpayer dollars. He was a man who took time to meet with every new employee to share his vision of public service and integrity (and to tell a few stories about his father, who was his role model). He was also an

exceptional leader, able to listen to views on all sides and assess the big picture. He could offer quick and solid solutions during intense anxiety, high emotions and conflicting priorities.

Clint's even-mannered approach to controversial issues engendered the respect of his employees, the public, Board members, and community partners. When Clint spoke, people listened, and when people spoke to Clint, they knew they had his full attention and consideration. He was a trusted and steady source of support, encouragement, counsel, problem-solving, and camaraderie.

Clint was an active member of the community and he loved coaching the Lone Pine Lady Eagles basketball team. He was also a frequent guest at another favorite project of his, the Lone Pine dog park.

The entire Inyo County family mourns the loss of Clint Quilter and sends its sympathies to his family and all those who knew him.

If you would like to make a gift in Clint's honor, his family recommends donating to the Lone Pine Lady Eagles or contributing to a shade tree and memorial bench at the dog park.

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