

Memorandum

Date: May 9, 2018

To: All DWR Employees

From: **Department of Water Resources**

Subject: Deputy Director Announcement

I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Kristopher A. Tjernell** as Deputy Director of the Integrated Watershed Management Program, effective May 14. In this newly created Executive position, Kris will have primary responsibility for formulating and implementing policies and programs that integrate and provide multiple benefits including flood management, local water supply and ecosystem restoration elements. Kris will oversee the Division of Integrated Regional Water Management, the Division of Statewide Integrated Water Management, the Climate Change Office, and DWR's EcoRestore Program.

Kris brings a broad and reputable water policy background to his new assignment. In 2014, Governor Brown appointed him to the position of Special Assistant for Water Policy at the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) where he managed Yolo Bypass flood and habitat restoration actions, provided oversight for California EcoRestore projects, and has been instrumental in the implementation of the California Water Action Plan. Kris worked closely with Secretary Laird to develop and negotiate proposed voluntary settlement agreements for each of the major Delta tributaries as part of the State Water Board's ongoing Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan process.

Prior to his appointment with CNRA, Kris was a policy consultant at the Conservation Strategy Group where he specialized in integrated water management, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta restoration and governance, ESA/CESA issues, land conservation, water supply, ecosystem conflict resolution and public finance. He advised a broad array of local public water agencies to advance their federal, state, and local natural resource funding and policy objectives.

Kris graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.

Please join me in congratulating Kris on his new role here at DWR. He is a welcome addition to our Executive team.

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Karla A. Nemeth
Director