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City of Santa Maria Announces Appointment of Director of Administrative Services

After conducting a nationwide recruitment, City Manager Tim Ness announced today the appointment of Rene M. Visé as the City's new Director of Administrative Services. Mr. Visé comes to Santa Maria from the City of Lompoc, where he is the Management Services Director. He will begin his new duties on Monday, February 1st.

Mr. Visé, a Santa Maria resident, has a strong background in finance, accounting, auditing and public administration with over 20 years of experience. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration – Accounting from California State University, Fullerton, his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University, and he obtained his Certified Public Accountant license while employed with Deloitte & Touche.

At the City of Lompoc, he began as an Accounting Supervisor, then was promoted to Financial Services Manager, and in January 2009 became the Management Services Director. His professional memberships include the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) and the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

"Rene is familiar with the Santa Maria Valley and already knows some of our City staff," Mr. Ness said. "I have high confidence in his abilities to manage and lead the Department of Administrative Services."

In Santa Maria, Mr. Visé will be taking over responsibility of the Department of Administrative Services, a department with 25 employees in four divisions: Finance, Utility Billing, Information Technology and Special Projects. He arrives as the City is beginning to prepare its next two-year budget for fiscal years 2010-12.

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