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**Board to Consider Appointment of
Sierra Brucia as Head of County Emergency Services**

Stockton, CA – At its meeting on Tuesday, December 12, the Board of Supervisors will consider the appointment of Sierra Brucia as the new County Director of Emergency Operations. Upon approval of the Board, Brucia will begin his new position on January 1, 2024. On March 28, 2023, the Board voted to make the Office of Emergency Services (OES) a stand-alone department which reports directly to the Board of Supervisors.

“The Board of Supervisors is committed to hiring department heads who are experienced leaders, team builders, and experts in their field,” commented Board Chairman Robert Rickman. “As we saw last winter, the work of OES is vital to the safety of our residents and the protection of property in our County. Under the new structure, the new department has direct accountability to the Board to ensure the best possible outcomes for all County residents. If selected, Mr. Brucia’s strong ties to our community, experience with community stakeholders and leaders, and experience in emergency management would set a strong track record for future success.”

Sierra Brucia has served as the Chief of the Lodi Police Department for the last 29 years. He was recently honored by the Board of Supervisors for his service and leadership in that department. Over that time, he rose through the ranks, from his original position as police corporal. He has worked in the department’s special investigations unit, as a SWAT Team Leader and a division commander. As chief, Mr. Brucia led more than 100 officers and 80 volunteers in the City of Lodi. He and his team implemented strategies to combat crime, reduce response times, and improve community relations.

“In my role as the Fourth District Supervisor, I have seen Mr. Brucia’s strong leadership in Lodi for a number of years,” added Supervisor Steven Ding. “His ability to build a strong team is evident in Lodi, where he implemented cutting-edge technology and data-driven approaches to enhance crime prevention and detection capabilities.”

The Director of Emergency Operations serves at the will of the Board of Supervisors and is responsible for leading, managing and administering the programs, functions, budgets, and activities of the Office of Emergency Services. The Director will guide all non-medical emergency preparedness/operations, disaster mitigation, response, and recovery activities. The Board, in creating this position, wants a director who will model a strong work ethic with innovation and leadership skills, including accountability for himself and others and demonstrate best practices for the delivery of emergency services to the community. A full job description and salary information is available online at www.sjgov.org.

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