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Morgan Kessler Joins Oxnard as New City Engineer

OXNARD, Calif. – The City of Oxnard announces the appointment of Morgan Kessler as the new City Engineer with the Public Works Department effective December 18, 2023.

Kessler brings substantial experience spanning over 20 years overseeing large-scale civil engineering and construction management at the federal and city levels.

As Oxnard’s City Engineer, Kessler will lead the Public Works engineering, transportation and mobility, and capital projects management teams and manage the department’s \$700 million five-year capital improvement program (CIP). Kessler’s expertise in public infrastructure research, design, construction, and maintenance will be essential to the Oxnard community as the City continues to focus on City Council priorities.



“Mr. Kessler brings a significant amount of experience and knowledge to a key position in the Department. I am confident that he will take on the challenges that this position offers and produce successful capital projects for the community,” said Public Works Director Michael Wolfe.

In his recent post of over a decade, Kessler served as Research Civil Engineer for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), where he successfully managed highway infrastructure projects associated with pavements and bridges, maintenance, and asset preservation. Kessler has held other key management positions for municipalities in California and Arizona, and has served as Deputy Director of Public Works for the coastal community of Arcata, California, as well as an Assistant Engineer, Associate Engineer, Utilities Engineer, and Staff Engineer during his career.

Said Kessler, “I look forward to serving the residents of the City of Oxnard and strive to deliver efficiency, quality, and high levels of service to actively fulfill Oxnard’s public infrastructure needs, goals, and vision.”

Kessler earned a Master’s Degree in Environmental Engineering from Humboldt State University in California. Throughout his career he has received several awards for outstanding performance, including the FHWA Administrator’s Superior Achievement Award and the FHWA EveryDay Counts Team Award.

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