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**Mono County Board of Supervisors Adopts Resolution Appointing Christopher Mokrcek as Interim Director of Emergency Management**

**MONO COUNTY, Calif. (July 20, 2022)** – On Tuesday, the Mono County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution approving an employment contract with Chief Christopher Mokrcek as Mono County’s first Interim Director of Emergency Management. Under direction of the County Administrative Officer, the Director of Emergency Management is responsible for managing Mono County’s Office of Emergency Services, and developing, maintaining, and coordinating countywide multi-hazard and disaster response plans, among other duties. Mr. Mokrcek most recently served as Emergency Medical Services Chief for Mono County.

“Chief Mokrcek has both the experience and background to lead the new Office of Emergency Services,” said Bob Gardner, Chair of the Mono County Board of Supervisors. “Disasters are occurring at a more frequent rate, and the Mono County Board of Supervisors felt the establishment of a department to address preparedness, response, and recovery was critical to the safety and well-being of our residents and visitors.”

In addition to his various roles with Mono County, Chief Mokrcek also has extensive emergency management training and experience, including serving as the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Director throughout much of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic response. Chief Mokrcek is a Type III All Hazard Incident Commander, and has Incident Command System (ICS) training, Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) training, National Incident Management System (NIMS) training, and has completed the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Professional Development Series.

“I am honored to be given this opportunity to protect our beautiful community from the threat of disasters,” said Chief Mokrcek. “My education and experience have provided me the skills and ability to fill this new role on behalf of the citizens and visitors of Mono County.”

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