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NEW COUNTY BUDGET MANAGER APPOINTED

County Administrative Officer, Carlos J. Palacios, is pleased to announce the appointment of Marcus Pimentel as the new Santa Cruz County Budget Manager.

Mr. Pimentel brings a wealth of experience to his new role with nearly two decades of local public sector experience, serving in a variety of finance leadership positions. As the Assistant Director of the Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency, Mr. Pimentel provided executive oversight of fiscal and budgetary services. Since January 2021, he has been providing special project support to the County Administrative Office, most recently overseeing the Pension Obligation Bonds process. He will succeed retiring County Budget Manager Christina Mowrey.

“We are fortunate to be able to fill this important position with an accomplished and respected fiscal manager,” County Administrative Officer Carlos Palacios said. “As we emerge from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and CZU fires, Mr. Pimentel’s proven leadership will help us in reaching our long-range strategic priorities for the community.”

Prior to his role as Assistant Director, Pimentel served for seven years as the Director of Finance for the City of Santa Cruz and six years as the Administrative Services Director for the City of Watsonville. In those roles, he oversaw city budgets including through periods of economic uncertainty. He is currently the President of the California Society of Municipal Fiscal Officers and has been an active volunteer for the Salud Para La Gente Health Center in Watsonville.

“I am grateful to be able to continue to serve the people of Santa Cruz County,” said Mr. Pimentel. “While we continue to face economic challenges, I remain confident in the wisdom of the Board of Supervisors and the skills of county staff to help me navigate the changes ahead.”

Mr. Pimentel holds a Bachelor’s degree in Accounting from Santa Clara University. He lives in South County with his wife and two daughters.