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### **Assistant city manager oversees Community Development Department**

**Fairfield, California (Monday, July 31, 2017)**—Fairfield has undertaken a national search for a Community Development director to replace recently retired Director Karl Dumas.

“This is not an easy position to fill,” expressed City Manager David White. “We are in the final stages of the process and have identified a couple of formidable candidates with stellar qualifications, experiences, and business savvy; we are taking our time to be sure we get the right fit.”

Dumas, who had been with Fairfield for more than 20 years, retires at the end of July, at which time Fairfield’s Assistant City Manager, Laura Snideman, will temporarily fill the position until the City can find the ideal replacement. Snideman has spent more than half of her municipal career working in Community Development as a project manager for major mixed-use projects, focused on downtowns, workforce housing and economic development, and has worked with communities on controversial issues.

Snideman says, “It is often the role of the assistant city manager to fill in while a search is underway, and the City is satisfied that the best candidate has been selected.” She continues, “I look forward to working more closely with our highly committed Community Development staff in an area I so deeply enjoy.”

Snideman has been Fairfield’s assistant city manager since December 2014.

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