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Hayward Area Recreation and Park District **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Hayward Area Recreation and Park District Appoints New General Manager

After 40 years with the District, General Manager John Gouveia to Retire

Hayward, CA (December 29, 2015) – The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Paul McCreary as the new General Manager to succeed current General Manager John Gouveia, who will be retiring on January 31, 2016.

McCreary, who comes from the City of Dublin where he served as the Parks and Community Services Director, brings a wealth of knowledge to the position. His 23 years of experience in the recreation field encompasses recreation programming, capital projects, land acquisition, as well as planning and park development. Board President Paul W. Hodges, Jr. stated “Mr. McCreary’s overall career knowledge of the recreation field and park planning will be an invaluable asset to the community as we move forward on key projects in the communities the District serves.”

McCreary received his Bachelor of Science, Park and Recreation Administration from California State University, Chico and his Masters of Public Administration from the University of San Francisco. His professional memberships of various organizations include the California Parks and Recreation Society, CSU, East Bay Hospitality, Recreation & Tourism Advisory Committee and the Municipal Management of Association of Northern California.

Gouveia, who has been with the District for the past 40 years, began his long-time career as a part-time employee and promoted up the ranks from Recreation Supervisor to Public Information Supervisor to Business Manager and finally to General Manager in 2012. “It has been my honor and pleasure to have had the opportunity to serve the District residents in so many different capacities and am grateful to have been given the opportunity to do so as General Manager the last four years of my career,” Gouveia said.

With Gouveia’s departure, the District will be grateful for many of the accomplishments achieved under his leadership. “The Board expresses its most sincere appreciation to John for his years of service and for his insightfulness and vision. We were able to achieve important District milestones during his tenure and he will be sorely missed,” said President Hodges.

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