



City of Grover Beach

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Grover Beach City Manager to Step Down March 1, 2016

GROVER BEACH, CA — Grover Beach City Manager Robert “Bob” Perrault will be retiring and stepping down from his post of City Manager effective March 1, 2016. Perrault’s last physical day on the job will come on February 16, 2016 after which he will be on vacation for two weeks. The City Council will host a brief reception for Perrault as a part of the Ceremonial Calendar during the City Council’s regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday night, February 16th at 6:30 p.m. According to Mayor Shoals, *“On behalf of the City Council, I would like to thank Bob for his hard work and dedication to our community. We wish him well in his well-earned retirement.”*

Perrault will be wrapping up better than 41 years in local public service, having started with the County of Ventura in 1974. He went on to serve with the cities of Simi Valley, Healdsburg, Cloverdale, and Colfax before joining the City of Grover Beach as its City Manager in June 2006. Including the nearly 10 years in Grover Beach, Perrault has served 26 years as a City Manager.

According to Perrault, *“I am leaving Grover Beach and the profession with mixed emotions, working as a team member with Council and staff we were able to accomplish a number of things during my tenure here, including key infrastructure projects, the adoption of the City’s first Economic Development Strategy, and weathering a difficult recession. Perhaps the most gratifying to me was working as a member of the team that placed Measure K-14 on the ballot.”* Measure K-14 approved by the voters in November 2014 with a two-thirds majority vote authorized the sale of up to \$48 million in General Obligation bonds. The proceeds from the Bond Issue are being used to implement a long-term street repair and rehabilitation program. Perrault indicated, *“I am looking forward to spending some quality time in retirement with my wife Debbie, adult children, and grandson who all live locally.”*

Former Police Chief and Assistant City Manager Jim Copsey will be filling in as the interim City Manager until a full-time replacement for Perrault can be found. In November 2015, the Council retained the executive search firm of William Avery & Associates to conduct the recruitment for a new City Manager. The recruitment process is expected to be completed in approximately 60 days.

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