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CITY OF MORRO BAY APPOINTS AIRLIN SINGEWALD AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Morro Bay, CA –The City of Morro Bay is pleased to announce the selection of Airlin Singewald as its next Community Development Director, effective June 24, 2024.

Airlin Singewald brings 20 years of land use and environmental planning experience to Morro Bay. Airlin currently serves as the Planning Division Manager / Environmental Coordinator for the San Luis Obispo County Planning and Building Department, where he has worked since 2007 and has held various key leadership positions since 2017. In his current role, he leads a team of 20 planners who serve the County's multiple unincorporated communities and 2 million acres of agricultural, rural, and open space lands.

In his extensive experience as a County planner, Airlin has celebrated many noteworthy accomplishments. Most recently, he led the processing of the Dana Reserve Specific Plan in Nipomo, the largest housing project to be approved in the unincorporated county. Airlin also oversaw the adoption of the County's 2020-2028 Housing Element, Los Osos Community Plan and Habitat Conservation Plan, and the Adelaida and Los Osos Vacation Rental Ordinances.

From 2007 to 2019, Airlin served as the County's liaison to the North Coast Advisory Council, a community group that advises the Board of Supervisors on land use matters affecting Cambria, San Simeon, and the rural North Coast. During this time, he worked closely with the community and stakeholders to help shape development in a way that protects sensitive coastal resources. As a liaison, Airlin developed a passion for engaging with and educating the community about the planning process.

Prior to joining the County, Airlin worked as a private consultant developing and managing affordable housing programs for multiple cities and counties up and down the state. He also served on the Planning Commission at the City of San Luis Obispo in the early 2000's.

A native to the Central Coast, Airlin has lived in San Luis Obispo County for 24 years. He moved here from his hometown of Santa Cruz to attend Cal Poly, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2005 with a Bachelor's Degree in City and Regional Planning. Reflecting on his new position, Singewald said he's always felt a strong connection and draw to Morro Bay.

“For as long as I’ve lived in the area, one of my favorite activities has been walking the Embarcadero and gazing at the sailboats in the harbor. Morro Bay is a true gem of the California coast, with unsurpassed natural beauty and a world-class quality of life. It is truly an honor and privilege to be entrusted as a steward of Morro Bay’s natural and built environment. I look forward to getting to know the community and working with the City leadership team, decision-makers, and stakeholders to implement Morro Bay’s newly adopted General Plan / Local Coastal Plan.”

Outside of work, Airlin enjoys learning new languages, dancing, and working on classic cars.

“Airlin is joining us at a pivotal moment for the City of Morro Bay as we stand at a crossroads on multiple levels. As Team Morro Bay navigates the future, the role of the Community Development Director is vital to our journey toward success and progress.” said City Manager Kimball, “We warmly welcome Airlin to our team and express our sincere appreciation to Michael Codron, the Interim Community Development Director, for his outstanding leadership during the transition. We are truly fortunate to have some of the most talented individuals with Team Morro Bay.”

The City of Morro Bay Community Development Department is located at 955 Shasta Avenue, Morro Bay. Click [here](#) to find out more information about the Department and current projects.



Airlin Singewald, Morro Bay Community Development Director

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