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Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District General Manager, Thaddeus Bettner, Announces Resignation After 17 Years of Service

Willows, September 12, 2023 - Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) General Manager Thaddeus L. Bettner announced his plans to resign from his position, effective September 22, 2023. The District is extremely appreciative of Bettner's leadership, dedication, and outstanding service to the District and the Sacramento Valley, and extends to him best wishes going forward.

Bettner has worked for the District since 2006 as its General Manager. He is a registered civil engineer and recognized expert on issues of water and the environment. He has guided the District through critical water policy changes while improving the District's infrastructure and building and investing in partnerships. Bettner has used his 33 years of experience across California in the water resources field to bring innovative solutions to historically challenging problems.

"When Thad joined GCID, I was immediately impressed with his knowledge, humility, honesty, work ethic and loyalty to the District. Thad became a resource not only for GCID but other entities in the Sacramento Valley," said Director Don Bransford, who served as the President of GCID from 1992-2022. "Many of those agencies have looked to Thad to help in efforts to protect water rights and enhance water supplies, grow partnerships, protect agriculture and working landscapes, and improve the environment."

"Thad has been a pleasure to work with and our District has been fortunate to have him as Manager. He has helped get us through some of the most challenging times we have faced as a District and landowners," added GCID Board member Pete Knight.

David Guy, President of Northern California Water Association, stated, "Thad has been an incredible asset to GCID and the entire Sacramento Valley. It's hard to put into words the positive effect he has had on the Sacramento Valley, and how he has helped make the region a better place by advancing our collective thinking and solutions to California's water management challenges. I sincerely hope that he will remain engaged in our issues and active in our region going forward in his new ventures."

"It's bittersweet for me to announce that I will be resigning from my position as General Manager. I have been honored to work with such a loyal and dedicated team of staff at GCID, and I am incredibly proud of our accomplishments over the past 17 years. I'm looking forward to visiting family and friends before embarking on the next phase of my life," emphasized Bettner.

The Board of Directors will appoint an Interim General Manager to serve after Bettner's resignation, and will soon begin a process to select his replacement. Bettner will continue working for the District during the next several months to support the management transition.