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Ernesto Munoz, Costa Mesa  
public services director

## **Ernesto Munoz promoted to Costa Mesa public services director**

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—Ernesto Munoz, a longtime city engineer, has been promoted to public services director for Costa Mesa.

Munoz, 55, has served as interim public services director for five months before being named permanently to the post today.

“As he’s done throughout his career with the City, Ernesto has performed well in his new assignment,” said City Chief Executive Officer Tom Hatch. “His expertise, institutional knowledge and professional manner made him an easy choice to lead our Public Services Department in the coming years.”

Munoz heads a department with 163 employees, an annual operating budget of \$17.3 million and more than \$400 million in City assets under its care. He replaced Peter Naghavi, who was recently promoted to a new position focusing on the City’s economic development efforts.

Munoz has spent the last 18 of his three decade career with Costa Mesa, serving as engineering division manager and city engineer. Known for his ability to capture millions of dollars in grand funding each year, he also has overseen some of Costa Mesa's most high-profile public works in recent years, including the City Hall seismic retrofit project, the restoration of the Fairview Park wetlands, the Volcom Skate Park, the Angels Tot Lot, and the Jack R. Hammett Sports Complex (formerly the Farm).

"I am humbled by the opportunity to provide the leadership, meet the challenges of the City's restructuring, and exceed the community's expectations for the Public Services Department," Munoz said.

Munoz is married with two sons in college.