

## PRESS RELEASE

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AFTER A LONG AND CAREFUL SEARCH, THE RIO DELL CITY COUNCIL IS VERY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF RONALD (RON) D. HENRICKSON AS RIO DELL'S NEW CITY MANAGER. HE IS ANXIOUS TO REPORT TO WORK ON MAY 17, 2010.

RAISED IN THE MIDWEST, RON HENDRICKSON EARNED HIS UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN ECONOMICS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA AND STARTED HIS CAREER WORKING FOR PUBLIC AGENCIES IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FIELDS. FOR 18 YEARS HE WORKED IN VARIOUS POSITIONS FOR THE CITY OF BLAINE, MINNESOTA, LEAVING AS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO TAKE A POSITION IN WASHINGTON STATE.

RON WAS APPOINTED TO THE POSITION OF MASON COUNTY (WASHINGTON) DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN 2001 AND WAS PROMOTED TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR IN 2002. HE SERVED IN THOSE DUAL POSITIONS UNTIL 2005 WHEN HE ACCEPTED THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING DIRECTOR FOR SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON. HE ALSO SERVED AS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRO-TEM FOR THAT RAPIDLY GROWING AND UNIQUE ISLAND COMMUNITY THROUGH 2009.

RON HENDRICKSON COMES HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR THE RIO DELL CITY MANAGER POSITION BY THOSE HE WORKED FOR AND THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED FOR HIM. HE IS PORTAYED AS HAVING STRONG MANAGEMENT SKILLS, IS AN INSIGHTFUL PERSON, RESPECTFUL AND HONEST, AND POSSESSING A STRONG WORK ETHIC.

THIS COUNCIL WELCOMES RON AND HIS WIFE JILL TO HUMBOLDT COUNTY AND RIO DELL, AND WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE THEIR TRANSITION AS SMOOTH AND SUCCESSFUL AS POSSIBLE.