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Hailey Merges Sustainability with Public Works Operations Director Announced

(Hailey, Idaho) –

Mayor Haemmerle is pleased to announce that former Sustainability Coordinator Mariel Platt will become Hailey's new Public Works Operations Director in March, 2014. In her new position, Platt will work in team with Public Works Director/City Engineer Tom Hellen.

Platt will manage operations, implementing public processes, programs, and enhanced communication. The City Engineer's focus will be more predominately on infrastructure planning and development.

The Public Works Department is the city's largest department, which employs 19 full time employees, two to five seasonal employees, and utilizes two boards and currently one ad-hoc committee. Traditionally comprised of several divisions including water, wastewater, streets, parks, and engineering, Hailey developed its sustainability efforts through the department and also with the help of an EPA grant which funded a separate position, the Sustainability Coordinator. Now, at the conclusion of that three-year grant, Hailey has identified that sustainability efforts should be integral to the operational functions, rather than independent of the departments. The creation of the Public Works Operations Director position is intended to further integrate sustainable practices throughout the public works operations.

Under the leadership of Mayor Haemmerle, the City of Hailey has focused on public works operations, programs, and projects, including water conservation efforts and refining Hailey's 16 parks, with the goal of making each park useful. Platt, in her new position, will focus more specifically on programs that connect the public with their own infrastructure. Among other tasks, Platt will assist in water conservation and developing programs within Hailey's parks, ensuring that the parks are operated in a manner consistent with the goal of full community utilization of all Hailey's public space.



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