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County Top Technology Chief Announces Retirement

David Hill, Chief Information Officer, to retire after 26 years with County government

David Hill, Chief Information Officer for the County of Marin, announced this week that he will retire at the end of March, after 26 years with the County's Information Systems Department and 9 years in the top position.



"Dave is a big thinker and integrator. He dreams of how government can do better, and then develops ways to do that using technology. His leadership and forward thinking will be greatly missed," said County Administrator Matthew Hymel.

Hill, who turns 61 in March, said the timing is right for his departure. Two new projects, a new technology strategic planning process and replacing the County's poorly-implemented computer system, SAP, are just starting and "it makes sense to me that new leadership, who will be involved in the implementation of these projects, should guide current decisions about them," said Hill. "The best time to retire is now, rather than waiting for one to two more years and then turning these to someone new at that time."

Hill and his Information Systems team have been recognized as helping the County stabilize the computer software system, SAP, after a failed implementation in 2006. Hill took over the project in May of 2007. A team of department directors are leading the new effort to replace SAP, which will continue to be project- managed by the Information Systems and Technology department.

Hill has been at the forefront of Marin County's Information Technology program, known for developing and implementing technology systems to improve how departments do their work in service to the community and their clients. Some of the systems he's championed and implemented include the Criminal Justice Information System, the Child Support System and the MIDAS institutional network which links the County, the libraries and cities together in a shared high speed network. In recent years as Director of the Department of Information Services, Hill applied a consistent vision of how technology can enable the County in its strategy to serve Marin residents.

Hill has devoted his entire 37 year career to government service starting first in 1975 with Fairfax County, Virginia where he managed the administration of group homes and mental health services. In 1979 he moved to the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington

D.C. as a policy and program analyst. His final move, in 1986, began his career with the County. His first assignment was to provide project management support to Health and Human Services.

After his retirement Hill said he will be spending four weeks in Panama relaxing and learning Spanish.

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