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New Technology Chief Selected for County Government *Shasta County Veteran Tapped to lead Information Services and Technology Department*

San Rafael, CA - Charles Haase, Chief Technology Officer for Shasta County, was selected last week to lead the County of Marin's Information Services and Technology Department following a national search, with over 160 applicants.

Haase is currently the head of his department in Shasta County, a position he has held for the last 13 years. Shasta County has an employee population of 1,800, similar to Marin County's staff population. During his tenure, Haase has been successful in moving his organization forward, even in tight budget times. He had served in the private sector in various technology posts before joining Shasta County.



"We are excited to have someone with Charlie's ability, experience and expertise join our County," said Matthew Hymel, County Administrator. "We had a very competitive pool of candidates, and Charles stood out because of his leadership skill, collaborative nature and knowledge."

Under his leadership, his department transitioned out of old technology by eliminating the mainframe and established a collaborative structure with other departments to decide technology investments in the county. He also saved resources by completing the comprehensive virtualization of servers in the data center, successfully transitioned his organization to a new financial system, redesigned their web presence and implemented a new service request and billing system.

His colleagues have called him 'dynamic yet calm' and a leader who established confidence and credibility with others, which allowed him to work through difficult issues, according to Hymel. "I know he'll be successful in Marin and we all look forward to his arrival."

Haase has also recently been appointed to the board of the California County Information Services Directors' Association and has served as the president of the Shasta Union High School District's Board of Trustees. His first day with the County of Marin will be November 5, 2012.

Haase follows David Hill, the former director who retired in March after a long tenure with the County. The department has been overseen by the Chief Assistant County Administrator, Mona Miyasato, in the interim.

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