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MORRIS NAMED NEXT HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

Randy Morris, an Alameda County social services executive with a strong commitment to public services, has been named Santa Cruz County's next Director of Human Services.

Morris has served Alameda County for nearly 25 years in a variety of roles, developing a breadth of expertise in the fields of child welfare, Medi-Cal, and adult and aging services, while establishing a track record of community and stakeholder engagement and collaboration.

"Randy brings a strong background in delivering services that match community needs," County Administrative Officer Carlos Palacios said. "We look forward to having him join the team and beginning his work on behalf of Santa Cruz County residents."

"Santa Cruz County has a track record of supporting and uplifting the most vulnerable among us," Morris said. "I look forward to working closely with County staff, elected officials and the community as we carry that work forward into the future."

As the Assistant Agency Director for Alameda County Social Services Agency, Morris helps oversee Alameda County's \$900 million social services budget and his current responsibilities include management of the Adult and Aging Services Department. He also oversaw Alameda County's implementation of the Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion, and previously served as a Division Director overseeing child welfare services.

In his current capacity, Morris oversees Alameda County's Area Agency on Aging, including engaging with the public and partners to create the Countywide Plan for Older Adults under direction from the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. For the past three years, he has also facilitated Alameda County's Age Friendly Council.

Current Human Services Director Ellen Timberlake is retiring and will continue leading the Human Services Department through Randy's arrival in early 2020, and will assist in the leadership transition.