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CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO WELCOMES NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

LAKE OSWEGO – The City of Lake Oswego is pleased to welcome Guy Graham as the City's new Public Works Director. Graham begins employment with the City on October 20, 2008, and will bring extensive engineering and operational experience. In his new role, Graham will be responsible for the management, planning, design and construction of Lake Oswego's infrastructure, including drinking water, storm and surface water and street and traffic systems.

The Public Works Director position emerged as part of the City's reorganization of its Community Development Department. The reorganization, designed to enhance customer service and project efficiency, will combine the City's Engineering and Maintenance Departments. Graham will assume the duties of Joel Komarek, who was recently named Project Director for the Lake Oswego Interceptor Sewer (LOIS) Project.

"I look forward to having Guy join our team here in Lake Oswego," said Alex McIntyre, City Manager. "He has great customer service skills and has the unique combination of being a talented engineer coupled with a know-how approach to getting the job done."

Most recently, Graham served as Wastewater Services Division Manager for the City of Gresham, where he was responsible for the planning, design and construction of capital improvement projects as well as the operation and maintenance of the City-owned wastewater collection and treatment system. This included wastewater collection and conveyance system operations, maintenance and engineering, treatment plant engineering, operations, maintenance, and industrial pretreatment.

Prior to his Division Manager position, Graham was Gresham's Development Engineering Manager, where he focused on water, sanitary sewer, and street and storm drain projects. Graham also held various engineering positions with the Cities of Salem and Albany, and the State of Washington.

"I'm eagerly looking forward to this opportunity. I know there are many new challenges ahead that will provide me with exciting professional and personal growth opportunities," said Graham of his new role. "I've been very impressed with the Lake Oswego staff, and am confident that I am joining a team that is well equipped to effectively serve the community 24-hours per day, 365 days per year with the essential services they depend on."

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Graham holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering and a B.S. in General Engineering from Oregon State University in Corvallis. His certifications include: Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying; Professional (Civil and Environmental) Engineer; and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality – Wastewater System Operator.

"Not only is Guy a talented engineer, but he is obviously a real people person," said Stephan Lashbrook, Community Development Director. "He will be a welcome addition to our team and a leader in our efforts to make our public facilities as seamless and sustainable as possible."

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