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Marin Water board member resigns to accept position as director of California's Department of Parks and Recreation

Armando Quintero, who has served on Marin Water's Board of Directors since 2009, resigned earlier this month to serve as director of California's Department of Parks and Recreation. He begins his new position with the state on September 1.

"Director Quintero has been instrumental in helping guide the Marin Water Board's approach to protecting our watershed lands and our reservoirs," said Jack Gibson, president of Marin Water's Board of Directors. "He will bring decades of experience and leadership in this area to his new role with the state, and he will be a strong addition to the Governor's team."

Prior to accepting his new position, Quintero served as chairman of the California Water Commission and worked as executive director of the Sierra Nevada Research Institute at the University of California, Merced. He previously served as the Institute's director of development. Quintero also spent more than 20 years with the U.S. National Park Service. He held numerous positions during his park service career including chief of the Special Park Uses Group and district ranger at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area; park ranger and supervisory park ranger at Point Reyes National Seashore; and park ranger at Sequoia National Park and at the John Muir National Historic Site.

"This is an incredible honor and an immense responsibility," Quintero said. "My career has been dedicated to protecting and preserving our parklands, and to building greater understanding and support for those who are working every day to protect our natural resources. This is a critical time for our parks. The decisions we make today will determine the quality of our parks and recreation spaces for generations to come."

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