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**Mono County Board of Supervisors  
Chair Announces Changes in CAO's Office**

**Mono County, CA, April 07, 2020** – Mono County Board of Supervisors Chair Stacy Corless announced today that Mono County Administrative Officer (CAO) Steve Barwick will be taking a leave of absence from County service.

Assistant County Administrative Officer Bob Lawton will serve as Acting County Administrative Officer in Mr. Barwick's absence. Mr. Lawton has more than 20 years of local government experience, including previous service as County Administrative Officer in Calaveras County, Assistant County Administrative Officer for Sonoma County (Extra Hire), Deputy County Administrator in Solano County, and most recently, as City Manager of Turlock, California. Mr. Lawton was appointed Assistant CAO for Mono County following a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors on February 18, 2020.

"On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I'd like to express our gratitude to Steve for his work, especially over the last month as our Mono County team has labored tirelessly to address the COVID-19 crisis. Our board has confidence in Bob's ability to take on the Acting CAO role at this time. Bob's deep knowledge of California county governance will guide us as we continue to serve our communities, and to maintain Mono County's critical operations as we continue to meet the challenges in front of us."

Mr. Lawton is fully integrated into Mono County's COVID-19 response, and will continue to serve in this capacity as he assumes the role of Acting CAO.

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