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**Mono County Administrative Officer Receives Credential
from International Local Government Management Organization**

MONO COUNTY, Calif. (NOVEMBER 14, 2022) – Bob Lawton, Mono County Administrative Officer, recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). Mr. Lawton is one of over 1,300 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program.

ICMA's mission is to advance professional local government administration through leadership, management, innovation, and ethics and by increasing the proficiency of appointed chief administrative officers, assistant administrators, and other employees who serve local governments and regional entities worldwide. ICMA's 13,000 members in 27 countries also include educators, students, and other local government employees.

To receive the prestigious ICMA credential, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government; have earned a degree, preferably in public administration or a related field; and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

"On behalf of my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors, I extend a warm congratulations and job well done to Bob for earning the Credentialed Manager designation from ICMA," said Bob Gardner, Chair of the Mono County Board of Supervisors. "The continuing education and development opportunities associated with this designation will serve both Bob and the county well..."

Mr. Lawton's qualifications include more than 20 years of professional local government executive experience, with previous service as County Administrative Officer in Calaveras County, Assistant County Administrative Officer for Sonoma County (Extra Hire), Deputy County Administrator for Solano County, and 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, and subsequently appointed County Administrative Officer in June 2020.

The Mono County CAO plans, monitors and coordinates County operations assuring that Board policies are carried out in the most cost-effective manner. The CAO formulates short and long-range plans and budgets, reviews and monitors County programs, services and budgets, coordinates work of department heads, interprets Board policies, represents the Board in the County's intergovernmental relations, and performs other general administrative duties for the Board.

About ICMA

ICMA, the International City/County Management Association, advances professional local government worldwide. The organization's mission is to advance professional local government through leadership, management, innovation, and ethics.

ICMA identifies leading practices to address the needs of local governments and professionals serving communities globally. We provide services, research, publications, data and information, peer and results-oriented assistance, and training and professional development to thousands of city, town, and county leaders and other individuals and organizations throughout the world. The management decisions made by ICMA's members affect millions of people living in thousands of communities, ranging in size from small towns to large metropolitan areas.

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