

Public Utilities Director Shannon Jones to Retire from City of Santa Fe

City Seeking Applicants for Position

SANTA FE, October 19 – The City of Santa Fe is announcing that Public Utilities Department Director Shannon Jones will retire in January 2023 after nearly 24 years of public service with the City. Jones has dedicated his entire career to Public Utilities and has worked his way up the ranks from Wastewater System Operator to Water Systems Operator, Transmission and Distribution Manager, Buckman Direct Diversion Facility Manager, Wastewater Management Division Director, and Public Utilities Department Director, a role he has held since 2017.

“Shannon’s distinguished career in public service is a model of hard work, intelligence and grace under fire,” said City Manager John Blair. “I’m incredibly grateful for Shannon’s dedication to our City, and I’m proud to call him both a colleague and a friend.”

“I am fortunate to have spent my career in Santa Fe’s Public Utilities working with the best and brightest utility workers in the industry,” said Jones. “We have experienced severe drought and heat, record storms and freezing events, and weathered a two-year pandemic, while continuing to serve the people of Santa Fe each and every day. We have built new and better facilities, added innovation to every aspect of our operation, and supported the city’s progress to a sustainable future through the Office of Sustainability, among numerous other accomplishments.”

The Public Utilities Department is comprised of the following divisions:

- Water
- Wastewater
- Environmental Services (Trash and Recycling)
- Utility Billing

The Department is also partially responsible for governance of the Buckman Direct Diversion facility in conjunction with Santa Fe County.

The City is moving swiftly to fill the Public Utilities Director position in light of Jones’ retirement. All applicants interested in the Public Utilities Director position should visit the City’s online [job portal](#).