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Malibu Appoints New Director of Environmental Sustainability Department / City Building Official

(Malibu, CA) – The City of Malibu has hired Yolanda Bundy to serve as the Environmental Sustainability Department (ESD) Director / City Building Official. Bundy fills the role left vacant by the retirement of Craig George and brings years of highly relevant professional experience and leadership to Malibu’s post-Woolsey Fire rebuilding efforts as well as the City’s ongoing regular building safety and environmental issues.

“The City is proud to welcome Yolanda Bundy, who brings a valuable combination of experience, education and local knowledge, having worked on post-fire rebuilding in a neighboring coastal, hillside community that will be very applicable to Malibu’s challenges,” said Mayor Karen Farrer.

“I’m honored to accept the position of Environmental Sustainability Director / Building Official with the City of Malibu,” Yolanda Bundy said. “I look forward to joining the talented Malibu team and I’m confident that with the broad management skills I’ve developed in the course of my career and the direction provided by City Manager Reva Feldman, I can be of service to the community. I bring with me the lessons learned while in a leadership role during the City of Ventura’s Thomas Fire rebuilding efforts and believe that I have much to contribute toward Malibu’s Woolsey Fire rebuilding efforts. I’m here to serve the community, and I’m fully committed to the City of Malibu and its residents.”

Bundy served as the Chief Building Official for the City of Ventura starting in 2014, managing all services and operations of the City’s Building and Safety Division. She is a registered Civil Engineer in California with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of Science in Structural Engineering from California State University, Northridge (CSUN).

During her tenure as Chief Building Official for the City of Ventura, Bundy led the permitting and review work on the rebuilding of the more than 520 homes destroyed in the December 2018 Thomas Fire. Working closely with the families who lost their homes in the fire, Bundy did everything possible to help the Ventura community recover and rebuild, including developing expedited plan check procedures.

Prior to City of Ventura, Bundy was a Plan Check Engineer for the City of Santa Paula and worked for California Code Check as a Plan Check Engineer.

Bundy served in the Ventura County Earthquake Preparedness Initiative Cohort sponsored by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), in partnership with the Dr. Lucy Jones Center for Science and Society. This cohort was created to help local cities and counties protect and prepare Southern California communities and economies from disruption in the event of a major earthquake.

She has multiple International Code Council certifications including Certified Building Official and Certified Fire Code Official and is a California Emergency Management Agency (CAL-EMA) Safety Assessment Program Evaluator and Coordinator. In June 2019, the prestigious Southern California Structural Engineers Association selected Bundy as the Safer City Building Official of the Year as part of their annual Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards.

Bundy will work in close partnership with the City's Environmental Sustainability Manager / Deputy Building Official Andrew Sheldon, who has been serving as Acting ESD Director / Building Official.

The City is committed to doing everything possible to help residents rebuild, and the City Council established Woolsey Fire rebuilding as Malibu's highest priority after ensuring public safety.

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