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Arapahoe County hires new Planning Manager *Jan Yeckes replaces Sue Conaway who retired April 20*

LITTLETON, CO --- Arapahoe County has named Jan Yeckes as its new Planning Manager, effective immediately.

After conducting a nationwide search, Yeckes oversees a 23-member staff that guides growth in unincorporated Arapahoe County. As Planning Manager, Yeckes manages the Planning and Zoning Division in the Department of Public Works and Development. Functions covered in the division include Current and Long Range Planning, Zoning Code Enforcement, Mosquito Control, Animal Control, Board of Adjustment and Customer Service. She also will work directly with the Board of County Commissioners and Planning Commission on planning and zoning issues.

“Jan brings a wealth of multidisciplinary planning and public administration experience to Arapahoe County, including experience in city and county government planning, water resource, transportation and regional planning,” said Commissioner Jim Dyer, who oversees the Public Works and Development Department. “We are very excited and fortunate to have Jan join our team, and look forward to working with her as she helps guide the development of unincorporated Arapahoe County.”

Yeckes has more than 20 years of experience in planning and public administration. She previously worked as the Assistant Director of Community Development for the City of Provo, Utah Community Development Department – a city of 114,000 residents, which also includes the campus of Brigham Young University. In Provo, Yeckes was responsible for special projects, general plan development, regional transportation and served as the land use planning liaison for the department.

Prior to her work in Provo, she served as a planning division manager for the City of Draper, Utah; was the owner and planning manager for Planning Alternatives; served as executive director of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee in Salt Lake City, Utah and was the statewide bicycle and pedestrian planner for the Utah Department of Transportation.

Yeckes is a member of the American Planning Association and has a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture from the University of Arizona.

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