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### **County Harbor Department Director, Lyn Krieger, to retire**

VENTURA, Calif. – After more than 21 years of service to the people of Ventura County, Lyn Krieger, Harbor Department Director, has announced her retirement effective at the end of March 2018.

Krieger came to the County in 1996 after 15 years in the private sector, and 7 years with the city of Stockton. She was serving as the deputy city manager when she was hired as the director of the County's newly formed Harbor Department.

The Harbor Director oversees the management of more than 320 acres of land and water, including 2,150 boat slips, 31 leaseholds, Harbor Patrol, a fuel and recycling operation, a seasonal lifeguard program, and conducts leasehold negotiations and enforcement, including development of plans for new and replacement facilities, including hotels, restaurants, commercial centers, apartment complexes, marinas, boatyards and sport-fishing operations. The Harbor Director also oversees Silver Strand and Hollywood beaches on behalf of the County.

"Lyn has done a remarkable job running one of our most challenging departments," said Mike Powers, County Executive Officer. "Channel Islands Harbor is a public treasure that serves our local business partners, residents from throughout Ventura County, and visitors from across the nation. Lyn has put into place a solid foundation for the Harbor which will allow it to continue serving these businesses, residents and visitors for many years and generations to come."

Krieger has been instrumental in returning the harbor to financial stability. She has also been successful in securing federal funding for dredging of the harbor's sand trap and entrance, which produces sand used to replenish beaches in Port Hueneme and Naval Base Ventura County. She has increased public access to the harbor, adding 1,500 feet of waterfront promenade, four new restrooms and a new boat launch facility.

While with the County, Lyn has served twice as the chair of CMANC, the California Marine and Navigation Conference, a state-wide association of ports and harbors that works closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on California projects. Lyn has been a member of the CMANC Board of Directors since 1999.

She is proud to have initiated the County's Junior Lifeguard Program. It serves about 250 young people every summer and offers more than 60 scholarships through the Boys and Girls



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Club. Her bench donation program has resulted in more than 60 high-quality benches for public use along the water's edge.

Krieger has also had success in redeveloping the commercial side of the harbor, bringing in projects such as the Hampton Inn, Toppers pizza restaurant, replacement buildings at the Marine Emporium Landing, the Maritime Museum, and the Channel Islands Harbor Boating Center. Lyn was also successful in obtaining approval for the long-planned hotel and restaurant replacement project on the Harbor's peninsula.

"Lyn's expertise is recognized locally, statewide and nationally," said Powers. "Despite serious national economic setbacks which impacted the business side of the harbor, Lyn has shown remarkable leadership as she worked with a diverse array of government agencies, organizations, advocacy groups and homeowners to maintain the Channel Islands Harbor as one of the most beautiful places in the county."

A nationwide competitive recruitment to identify Krieger's successor is planned.

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