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OHA NAMES NEW DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Former Tacoma, Wash. executive brings large project experience to position

(Oakland, Calif.) – Janet Rice, a veteran of several large housing redevelopment projects in Sacramento and Tacoma, Wash., was hired to fill a key management position at the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA), Executive Director Jon Gresley announced today.

As the new Deputy Executive Director for Program Administration, Rice will supervise the Leased Housing, Finance, Information Technology and Family and Community Partnerships departments and California Affordable Housing Initiatives, an OHA non-profit affiliate.

“Janet brings a long history of public service and large project experience to the Oakland Housing Authority,” Gresley said. “Her addition to the senior executive ranks gives the Authority an added level of experience, passion and dedication that will serve our clients well.”

While serving as the Deputy Executive Director of the Tacoma Housing Authority (THA), Rice helped manage the redevelopment of the Salishan community. That project turned a stock of six decades-old public housing into an up-to-date neighborhood complete with parks, new infrastructure and home ownership opportunities.

Rice also served as Director of Special Projects for the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, where she managed the development of Phoenix Park, an \$84 million housing rehabilitation project that transformed a neighborhood, and Del Paso Nuevo, a 150-acre master planned community.

Prior to her work in housing, Janet worked for several state agencies, including the California State University, California, Department of Corrections, Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs and California Conservation Corps. She holds Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. She also graduated from the real

estate development program at the Lusk Center for Real Estate at the University of Southern California.

Oakland Housing Authority recently celebrated its 70th Anniversary of providing quality, affordable housing to Oakland's residents. It has revitalized neighborhoods, offered life enrichment services to its residents and has contributed to the local economy. Presently, 11,142 of Oakland families, elderly and disabled rent with Section 8 vouchers, which is a public/private partnership allowing clients choice in the private rental market. OHA provides housing for approximately 10 percent of Oakland's families, with 3,221 public housing units in its stock. The average income of OHA families is about \$15,000.