



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **City of Cloverdale Announces City Manager's Retirement**

The City of Cloverdale announced today that Cloverdale City Manager, Paul Cayler, will retire from public service effective March 31, 2018.

“After 30 years of local government service, my Wife and I have decided that it is time to make a lifestyle choice for a more relaxed pace,” said Cayler. “We have raised two good kids that are independent adults, and now we would like to spend more time with each other. I do not plan to stop working, however I am going to do something less urgent with fewer hours.”

Cayler's public service career in local government began in 1988 as an Administrative Intern in Redding, California while he was a student at Chico State University. He then worked in the City of Redding's General Service Department from 1989 to 1992. In 1992, Paul moved to Ukiah, California where he worked 16 years for the County of Mendocino as a Division Head, Deputy Director of Transportation and Deputy CEO. In 2008, Paul started as the City Manager at the City of Willits. He then moved to Cloverdale as Interim City Manager in February 2013, and became permanent City Manager six months later.

“I am proud of my public service and all the dedicated people that I have worked, especially the employees at the City of Cloverdale,” said Cayler. “I want to thank the Cloverdale City Council for the opportunity because we have accomplished much in the past five years.”

The list of accomplishments at the City of Cloverdale while Cayler has served as City Manager include, returning the City finances to stability, rebuilding the City Hall staff, restructuring the Police Department to add back employees cut during the Great Recession, developing a City-wide strategic plan, improving the City's budgeting method, creating a more friendly business environment, leading the City through the worst drought in recorded history, improving the Water Department's infrastructure, performing as the Incident Commander in the City's Emergency Operations Center for the 2017 Sonoma Complex Fire Disaster; outreaching to the Latino community, bringing and retaining good paying jobs to the City, improving civic transparency by routine reporting, passing a commercial cannabis ordinance, and being visible and participating in the community events.

Cloverdale Mayor Joe Palla, who was on the City Council when Cayler was appointed, said “As a result of Cayler's leadership, Cloverdale is truly in a better place for residents and businesses

alike. Cayler has worked hard and successfully moved important community projects forward with limited resources. Cayler will be missed, not only for his wisdom and leadership, but for his friendship and dedication. I join the entire City Council in wishing Cayler the very best in his well-earned retirement.”

In the next three months, the Cloverdale City Council will be considering its options for filling the City Manager position after Cayler’s departure.

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