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## Colorado PERA Announces Staff Changes

DENVER—Colorado PERA named new executives and new directors in anticipation of the retirement of its chief operating officer later this year. In addition, PERA's general counsel, Greg Smith, is now also the chief operating officer.

The following changes were made:

- Ron Baker was named PERA's chief technology officer. Baker was formerly the director of application development and has worked at PERA for 15 years.
- Donna Trujillo was named chief benefits officer. Trujillo was previously director of PERA's operations support division. She has worked at PERA for 20 years.
- Katie Kaufmanis retained her title as director of communications but she now reports directly to PERA's executive director, focusing on external communications. The former communications division was split into two divisions: field education services and member publications. Katie has worked at PERA for eight years.
- Dennis Gatlin was named director of field education services. He was previously a manager for the same group and has worked at PERA for nearly 22 years.
- Madalyn Knudsen was named director of member publications. She was previously a manager for the same group. Madalyn has worked at PERA for 14 years.

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- Rich Krough was named director of application development. He has worked at PERA for seven years.
- Aubre Schneider was named director of operations support. She was previously a manager in the operations support division. Aubre has worked at PERA for seven years.

The reorganization is effective immediately but is in anticipation of chief operating officer David Maurek's retirement later this year. Maurek will be working on a variety of special projects before his retirement.

Colorado PERA provides retirement and other benefits to 430,000 current and former employees of over 400 government and public entities in the state of Colorado. Colorado PERA is the 25th largest public pension plan in the U.S. with assets of \$30.7 billion.

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