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IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTS ADMINISTRATOR

(Boise, Idaho) - Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission (SWC) Chairman Bill Flory has announced the appointment of the new Administrator, Teri Murrison of Tuolumne, California.

Murrison fills the position effective June 1, 2011 and will be located in the Boise office. She will be responsible for providing leadership and direction for Commission staff, budgets, and programs.

“The Soil & Water Conservation Commission believes that Ms. Murrison’s background will serve her well in supporting our mission and commitment to natural resource conservation,” said Flory. “Teri has experience and perspective from the local and state levels to lead the Commission and continue the relationships with all of our conservation partners.”

Murrison served as a county supervisor in Tuolumne County, California from 2007 to 2010 where she focused on increasing government transparency and accountability, public participation, and attaining balance between natural resource and socioeconomic interests.

“Helping landowners and conservation districts do the work they do best is personally and professionally gratifying. It’s also incredibly important to the future of Idaho,” said Murrison. “I look forward to working with the Commission to strengthen relationships with our conservation partners and promote good stewardship of Idaho’s natural resources and its strong agricultural heritage.”

Her extensive experience working on resource issues includes serving on California’s statewide watershed advisory committee under Secretary Michael Chrisman, member of the CALFED Public Watershed Committee, member of the Department of Water Resource San Joaquin River Management Plan committee, and participation in the Tuolumne Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Program, along with other groundwater and water quality groups and coalitions.

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In addition to water issues, Murrison also participated in the Sustainable Forest Action Coalition. In 2000, she founded a business to provide grant writing and administration services to local governments and special districts, including the East Merced Resource Conservation District. Prior to that, Murrison served as a public information/administrative services officer, working on regional transportation projects around the Yosemite National Park system.

Murrison is a graduate from California State University and holds Bachelor degrees in both English and Political Science, along with a Masters in Negotiation, Conflict Resolution, and Peacebuilding. She is a member of California Women's Leadership Association and is a graduate of California Agricultural Leadership Class XXXIV.

About the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission:

The SWC provides support and services to Idaho's 50 Soil Conservation Districts in the wise use and enhancement of soil, water and related natural resources. The SWC is committed to improving the environment, increasing public awareness of conservation issues, and providing technical information needed to implement conservation measures and improve natural resource management.

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