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## **Modesto Irrigation District appoints Chad Tienken as Interim Assistant General Manager of Water Operations**

Today, Modesto Irrigation District (MID) appointed Chad Tienken to serve as the District's Interim Assistant General Manager of Water Operations. Following almost a decade at MID, Assistant General Manager of Water Operations John Davids is returning to work in the private engineering sector and his last day with the District is June 4.

Tienken joined MID in 2015 as a Senior Civil Engineer and was promoted to MID's Civil Engineering Manager in 2017. In this role he has been responsible for overseeing the planning and design of civil engineering projects, studies and surveying activities. Most recently, he led the planning, construction and operation of MID's Main Canal Reservoir and the development and presentation of MID's 2020 Agricultural Water Management Plan.

"As we've worked side by side for nearly 20 years, I couldn't be more pleased to have Chad step up to lead MID's water operations. He is a consummate professional; Chad knows the industry and is well respected by both his peers and the customers we serve," said John Davids.

Prior to MID, Tienken was Engineering Manager at Guiliani & Kull, Inc. in Oakdale where he supervised a variety of projects, planning activities and provided consulting services for local cities and irrigation and reclamation districts.

Tienken holds a bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering and a master's degree in engineering with specialization in water from California State University, San Luis Obispo. He is a California-licensed civil engineer and land surveyor.

"Given Chad's knowledge and expertise of MID, current water challenges and opportunities and his understanding of our customers' needs, I'm confident he will successfully lead our water operations team in a positive direction," said MID's General Manager Bill Schwandt.

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### **About the Modesto Irrigation District (MID)**

The Modesto Irrigation District, established in 1887, is a vertically integrated public utility located in California's Central Valley. MID provides irrigation water to more than 2,300 agricultural accounts

irrigating close to 60,000 acres and electricity to more than 128,000 residential, commercial and agricultural accounts in Modesto, Empire, Salida, Waterford and Mountain House as well as parts of Escalon, Oakdale, Ripon and Riverbank. MID also treats, delivers and wholesales up to approximately 67,000 acre-feet of drinking water per year to the City of Modesto. For more information about MID visit [www.mid.org](http://www.mid.org) or follow MID on Facebook ([@modestoirrigationdistrict](https://www.facebook.com/modestoirrigationdistrict)) and Twitter ([@mod\\_irrigation](https://twitter.com/mod_irrigation)).