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## **Modesto Irrigation District promotes Jimi Netniss to Assistant General Manager of Finance**

Modesto Irrigation District (MID) has promoted Jimi Netniss to serve as the District's next Assistant General Manager (AGM) of Finance. Netniss succeeds Scott Van Vuren who has served as AGM of Finance since 2013 and is retiring this week following a 24-year tenure with MID.

Netniss joined MID in 2001 as a Programmer in the Information Technology Department. He was promoted to Budget and Rates Administrator in the Finance Division in 2006 and has served as the Risk and Pricing Administrator for the last eight years. He has been responsible for overseeing MID's budget of more than \$400 million, managing pricing policies and developing and administering MID's risk management program for hedging power and fuel costs.

"Jimi has navigated MID through numerous projects and advised on a variety of policies and I'm proud to recognize his leadership through this appointment," said MID General Manager Bill Schwandt. "His strategic vision and financial savvy will continue to successfully serve the District and our customers."

In addition to establishing guidelines, reviewing and analyzing financial issues for MID and managing the Finance team, Netniss will oversee the activities and operations of the District's Customer Service, Energy Services, Safety and General Services departments. These activities and operations include treasury, payroll, accounts payable, investments, retirement funds, budget and rates, customer services, energy efficiency and rebates, employee safety programs and general services (risk and property, environmental compliance, purchasing, fleet and building services). His appointment to AGM of Finance is effective Monday, March 7.

Netniss received a bachelor's degree in computer information systems and a master's in business administration with a concentration in finance from California State University, Stanislaus.

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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 131,000 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)).