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El Dorado County Supervisor John Hidahl Appointed Connector JPA Board Chair *Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli Named Vice Chair*

Mather, Calif., December 14, 2017 – El Dorado County Supervisor [John Hidahl](#) has been named chair of the [Capital SouthEast Connector](#) Joint Powers Authority (JPA) board of directors for 2018 and Sacramento County Supervisor [Don Nottoli](#) has been named vice chair.

Hidahl joined the Connector JPA board earlier in 2017 following his November 2016 election to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, where he represents El Dorado Hills and surrounding areas.

“The Connector is a vitally important regional transportation project and I’m excited about taking on a leadership role as we aggressively pursue federal and state funding that will enable us to move more of the project quickly into construction,” said Hidahl. “We’ve made significant strides this year in getting more of the project to shovel-ready status, and we expect 2018 to be busy and even more productive.”

Nottoli has served on the Connector JPA board since 2006 and previously was chair in 2014. He represents the cities of Elk Grove, Galt, Isleton and Rancho Cordova, and rural communities in south Sacramento County and the Delta on the Board of Supervisors.

Project milestones reached by the Connector JPA in 2017 include beginning right of way acquisition processes for segments in Elk Grove and Folsom, completing environmental review for segments in Folsom and Sacramento County, assuming lead responsibility for environmental clearance on the Kammerer Road project in Elk Grove, and entering into a mitigation funding agreement through the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan.

Connector JPA priorities for 2018 are primarily focused on getting more of the project ready for construction start-up, with a near-term focus on segments in Elk Grove, Folsom and El Dorado Hills.

The Connector JPA was formed in December 2006 and includes Sacramento County, El Dorado County and the cities of Elk Grove, Folsom and Rancho Cordova. It is responsible for the Connector's planning, environmental review, engineering design, development and construction. Elk Grove City Council Member Pat Hume, Folsom City Council Member Steve Miklos and Rancho Cordova City Council Member David Sander also serve on the JPA board.

The 34-mile [Connector](#) runs from Interstate 5 and State Route 99 south of Elk Grove to Highway 50 just east of El Dorado Hills. The project's first phase includes construction of four continuous lanes generally along Kammerer Road, Grant Line Road and White Rock Road south of Highway 50, expanded at-grade intersections, and a continuous path for pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians.

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