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## **Winters Hires Miller as Police Chief**

Winters City Manager, John W. Donlevy, Jr., announced today the appointment of John P. Miller as the next Police Chief for the Winters Police Department. Miller will begin as Chief in August. Miller will replace Joseph Kreins who has served as Interim Chief since December, 2015 and Sergio Gutierrez who served since 2011.

The appointment of Miller follows an almost six (6) month recruitment process which included 34 applicants from California and surrounding states. The process include professional screening by an executive search firm, interview panels including a Winters Community Panel and a final interview and background review.

Miller comes to the Police Chief position with almost 25 years in California law enforcement including service as a Police Officer with the cities of Vacaville, Fairfield and Vallejo and serving as a Commander with the Pacific Grove Police Department as well as beginning his career as a reserve with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department. His training includes all POST level Certifications and attendance at the FBI National Academy. He has served as an instructor at the Napa Criminal Justice Training Center. His education includes an undergraduate degree from CSU Hayward and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University.

In announcing the hire, Donlevy said "Miller will bring the perfect balance of working with the community and training police officers to help move Winters PD to that next level of law enforcement and public service." He also said, "during the interview process, John showed his knowledge of Winters and the importance that community policing and effectively training

police officers can lead to building a strong sense of public safety within a community. "As Chief, I am certain that John Miller will bring a strong background to support the development of our police officers to build the type of Police Department Winters deserves."

Miller will be introduced to the City Council at the July 19 regular meeting. An official swearing in ceremony will be scheduled for a date to be determined.

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