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Monterey State Parks' Superintendent Promoted to Deputy Director Position in Sacramento

California State Parks Director Anthony Jackson has promoted the District Superintendent of the Monterey District, Mat Fuzie, to the position of Deputy Director of Operations for the entire Department of Parks and Recreation.

In the position, which Fuzie assumed on March 18, Fuzie is in charge of the supervision of all park operations for the 20 park districts of the State park system. In that capacity, Fuzie is responsible for law enforcement, facility management, resource protection, interpretation and all other facets of operating parks.

"Mat is one of our most skilled and professional leaders," said Major General Anthony Jackson, USMC (Ret), director of California State Parks. "He has been in jobs that give him a wealth of experience and he is the right person to help move this department forward with new and creative solutions for a sustainable future."

Fuzie joined the Department in 1985 as a seasonal life guard. He went to the State Parks' peace officer training academy in 1991, becoming a lifeguard peace officer and a full time employee. Before becoming the superintendent of the Monterey District, Fuzie was the superintendent of the Colorado Desert District, east of San Diego, which includes such notable State Parks as Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and Cuyumaca Rancho State Park.

"It is with caution and excitement that I accept this position of high responsibility," said Fuzie. "We are at a critical stage in our history and I want to bring out the best in all of our employees and partners, working to forge a healthy future for our park system. Our friends, supporters and visitors are looking for a renewed trust in this department, and I intend to work hard to deliver it."

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