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### CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE ADDS STAFF, RELOCATES

Responding to increasing community awareness of issues such as global warming and growing support for improving the sustainability of the city, the City of Tucson has recently added new staff in the Office of Conservation and Sustainable Development (OCSD).

OCSD has hired David Schaller as Sustainable Development Administrator to oversee the City's implementation of the United Nation's Urban Environmental Accords and the Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, commitments that the City has taken to guide the community towards reduced fossil fuel dependency, smart growth, and sustainable water use.

Schaller is joining the City after 30 years with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), where he has spent much of the past decade serving as the Sustainable Development Coordinator and Regional Climate Change Coordinator for EPA Region 8. Schaller has been an active member of the Federal Network for Sustainability and helped guide its evolution into a national organization. In September of this year, Schaller received a "Sustainability Champion" award from the State of Colorado in recognition of his "leadership, generosity, and persistence in promoting sustainable development" and for his personal commitment to living sustainably.

"I am thrilled that David is joining our staff. Not only does he bring extensive knowledge in a broad range of sustainability issues, but as a Tucson native, he has a deep commitment to our community and is excited to be coming home" said Leslie Liberti, OCSD Director.

In addition, OCSD has been joined by Jamie Brown, as Environmental Planner, and Nicole Urban Lopez, who is working part-time for the office. Brown is a former Community Outreach Coordinator for Tucson Audubon Society and is returning to Tucson after completing a Masters in Environmental Management from Duke University. Urban Lopez is currently a Masters student in the Public Administration program at the University of Arizona and is assisting OCSD in developing ways to provide information and tools to residents and business to help them achieve greater sustainability and promote dialogue regarding community sustainability issues.

Effective Monday, November 5, the OCSD office will be relocating to the City/County Public Works Building, 201 N. Stone, 3rd Floor. The offices main number will remain (520) 791-4675. Further information on contacting OCSD staff can be found at <[www.tucsonaz.gov/OCSD](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/OCSD)>.

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