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PVSC ANNOUNCES FUSCALDO'S ELECTION AS HEAD OF STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION

Forrest swears in newly elected officers

NEWARK – Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission Executive Director, Wayne J. Forrest, announced that Thomas Fuscaldo has been reelected as President of the Governmental Purchasing Association of New Jersey (GPANJ). The installation was held last night in East Windsor and his term is for the upcoming year. The GPANJ Executive Board invited Forrest, who is the former Somerset County Prosecutor, to swear in each of the newly elected officers.

"On behalf of the Commissioners and staff of PVSC, we are thrilled that Mr. Fuscaldo was reelected President of the Governmental Purchasing Association of New Jersey. The recognition shows the long-term commitment and dedication that both Mr. Fuscaldo and this agency have toward improving the quality of New Jersey Government," said Forrest. "Having Tom Fuscaldo receive this recognition from such an important State organization, confirms the high regard in which this agency is held throughout our State and I am truly honored to have the opportunity to swear in each of these dedicated officers," Forrest added.

According to Fuscaldo, the GPANJ is an active organization of more than 500 purchasing agents across the many government entities of New Jersey. The organization was established in 1959, membership consists of purchasing agents from municipalities, school boards, counties, authorities and other government entities throughout New Jersey. The organization has a nine point mission statement focusing on increasing professional standards, advocating for better laws regarding purchasing and assisting the overall operations of New Jersey Government.

"I am honored that my peers have selected me to be President of this distinguished organization," said Fuscaldo, who has served as PVSC's Purchasing Agent since 2000. "I look forward to working toward improving the purchasing system, not only at PVSC but at government entities throughout New Jersey," Fuscaldo said.

In order to protect and preserve local streams and rivers from water pollution, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners operate one of the country's largest treatment plants for the wastewaters of northern New Jersey. With many expansions, and recent upgrading to secondary treatment, the facility has been striving, since its initial operation in 1924, to improve local water quality in accordance with federal and state water quality standards. Since the creation of PVSC's River Restoration Program in 1998, which is charged with preserving and protecting over 100 miles of area waterways, has removed over 8,000 tons of debris from the Newark Bay, the Passaic River and its tributaries, and sponsored over 650 individual clean ups along shorelines and in communities, along with educating over 150,000 students on how they can help protect the Passaic River and our environment.

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