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PVSC Names Wayne Forrest As New Executive Director

NEWARK – The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners today approved the appointment of former Somerset County Prosecutor Wayne J. Forrest as the new Executive Director of the agency. Forrest, who becomes the agency's fourth Executive Director, will join PVSC effective July 6.

“After reviewing more than 60 applications and interviewing four finalists, the Commissioners have selected Wayne Forrest to fill the Executive Director's position,” said PVSC Chairman Anthony Luna. “Mr. Forrest demonstrated an impressive background in managing large public agencies, which the Commissioners felt filled our needs.

“Given that PVSC serves as a key regulatory agency in the region, Mr. Forrest's law enforcement background was an additional skill set that we felt made him the right choice to manage our operations,” Luna added.

The terms of Forrest's employment and salary have not yet been finalized, but the Commissioners are expected to ratify those details at their July 15 public meeting.

Forrest joins PVSC after nearly thirteen years as Somerset County Prosecutor. He previously served for eighteen years in the New Jersey State Attorney General's Office of Criminal Justice as a detective and Deputy Attorney General. He also served as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division, a military police officer, and supervisor of criminal investigation at Fort Bragg in North Carolina.

Forrest received his Bachelor's Degree from Washington & Jefferson College, a Master's Degree in Administration of Justice from Webster University and his Juris Doctor Degree from Seton Hall University School of Law.

Forrest will oversee the operations of the nation's fifth largest wastewater treatment facility, which processes up to 330 million gallons of wastewater daily from 48 municipalities in four counties, serving 1.4 million New Jerseyans.