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SUBJECT: **Templeton Community Services District Welcomes - New District Engineer**

The Templeton Community Services District is pleased to announce Lori Azeem as the new District Engineer, effective May 13, 2024. Lori comes to the District with a Civil Engineering Degree from Cal Poly State University San Luis Obispo, a Masters Degree from the University of Cambridge and 20 years of experience in the Engineering field. Lori has spent 10 years working with local government agencies, including the Cities of Guadalupe, Santa Maria, Pismo Beach and most recently the City of Atascadero as an Associate Civil Engineer since 2020.

Lori was raised in North San Luis Obispo County and graduated from Paso Robles High School before moving on to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to pursue her Civil Engineering Degree. Lori resides in Templeton with her two boys where she has been since 2013, after returning from time overseas.

Lori is looking forward to working with the District. She said she "is excited to join the team at the District to help further its goals to increase the resiliency of its services, in turn making a way for healthy development. The North County of San Luis Obispo has it all, beautiful landscapes and weather, a family friendly atmosphere and community with big heart. Templeton is a gem, and I am privileged to live and now work here." Lori added, " the community of Templeton has invested in my family through the schools, recreation sports and community events. It is my desire to give back in a small way and invest in Templeton's future to ensure its residents are well taken care of regarding water-related issues, and giving us a voice within the County."

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Azeem replaces Tina Mayer, who retired last October after serving 16 years as District Engineer for Templeton CSD.

“We are thrilled to have Lori join the District in this capacity” says General Manager Jeff Britz. “Her background, interests, and desire to serve the Templeton community combine to make Lori a great fit for Templeton CSD at this time.” Lori Azeem will take the lead in reviewing development applications as they relate to District utilities, manage capital projects, and take the staff lead in developing water and wastewater master plans for the District.

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