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Northern Nevada Recycling Coordinator Selected

LAS VEGAS — Chester Sergent has been named northern Nevada recycling coordinator for the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP). His duties include coordinating, promoting and supporting recycling efforts in northern Nevada.

An eight-year NDEP employee, Sergent previously worked as supervisor of the Technical Service Branch and as an environmental scientist. Prior to joining NDEP, he was an environmental programs manager for Day Zimmerman Hawthorne Corp. in Hawthorne, Nev., and a bioenvironmental engineering technician in the United State Air Force.

He holds an Associate of Science degree in bioenvironmental engineering from the Community College of the Air Force in Maxwell, Ala., and a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial technology from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill. He is a Certified Environmental Compliance Manager and a State Certified Environmental Manager.

"Northern Nevadans need to do more recycling," said Eric Noack, chief of NDEP's Bureau of Waste Management, which oversees recycling across the state. "It's Chet's job to increase the recycling rate through education, industry coordination and cooperation, and innovative ideas and promotions."

The bureau is charged with regulating the collection and disposal of solid waste in a manner that will: protect public health and welfare; prevent water or air pollution; prevent the spread of disease and the creation of nuisances; conserve natural resources; and enhance the beauty and quality of the environment in Nevada.

In southern Nevada, NDEP has selected Kathryn Fergus to fill a similar position.

For more information on the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and its recycling program, visit the department's website at www.ndep.nv.gov.

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