

## Mountain House picks administrator

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Jerry Torres will be knocking on Mountain House doors in the new year to introduce himself as the new neighborhood administrator, serving as the liaison between residents and their governing body.

Torres, 35, is the first full-time neighborhood administrator for the Mountain House Community Services District, which governs the growing town of Mountain House. The county's supervisor's serve as the Mountain House Community Services District Board of Directors.

Torres' primary job duties include enforcing the rules and codes of Mountain House; educating the public about government programs and regulations; and serving as the liaison between residents and the school district, the fire and police departments, the library, and Delta College.

Torres, 35, begins the job Jan. 10, working out of the Lammersville Elementary campus in Mountain House.

Until then, Torres said he plans to walk the community, going door-to-door and introducing himself to the residents of Mountain House.

"It's important that the CSD has a presence in the community," said Torres who moved to Mountain House in May. "Residents won't feel distant from the people who make important decisions about issues in the community."

Torres was selected among 14 candidates, seven of which made it down to the final interview process, said Paul Sensibaugh, general manager for the Community Services District. Torres will be making \$62,587.

Sensibaugh said aside from his experience and education, he chose Torres for his strong communication skills and upbeat energy.

"He had already read the General Plan," Sensibaugh said. "When you get a candidate who really looks into the job, that shows they're interested."

Torres received his bachelor's degree in history and English from California State University, Hayward. Torres most recently worked as an executive administrative assistant at the American Board of Podiatric Surgery.

Many residents have long-awaited the arrival of a full-time administrator, said Mike Torres, who moved to Mountain House over a year ago.

"Everyone is looking forward to it," said Torres, who is not related to Jerry Torres.

Ultimately, the community would like to have its own working government stationed in Mountain House. The community needs 1,000 registered voters before it can decide whether it wants to elect its own board of directors.

"We'd like to see the entire department move to Mountain House," Torres said. "The sooner we can get them here the more we can feel like a whole."