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**Ventura's Former Public Works Director, Ronald J. Calkins, P.E., PWLF,
Assumes Presidency of American Public Works Association**

KANSAS CITY, MO. – September 21, 2016 – Ventura's former Public Works Director, Ronald J. Calkins, P.E., PWLF, has assumed the Presidency of the American Public Works Association (APWA) at the recent international conference held in Minneapolis, Minnesota during August 28-31, 2016. Elected by the association's over 29,000 members, Calkins leads the association during the 2016-2017 term, continuing his seven years of service on the 17-member Board of Directors. He will also serve as the APWA Past President during 2017-2018.

Calkins has served in numerous public works leadership roles in California, including as the Director of Public Works for the City of Ventura, Calif., for 17 years. His previous work experience includes City Engineer for the City of Ventura; Assistant Public Works Director/Chief Engineer for the City of Santa Barbara, Calif.; and Principal Engineer, Senior Engineer, Associate Engineer and Assistant Engineer for the Ventura Regional Sanitation District.

In addition to serving as APWA President- Elect, Calkins has served as member of the APWA's Board of Directors since 2009, (serving as Regional Director representing California, Nevada and Hawaii), and chaired the Finance Committee for the past two years. He is a former member of APWA's State and Local Advocacy Task Force and the Body of Knowledge Task Force, and is a former Chapter Delegate for the Ventura County Chapter. He co-founded the Ventura County branch of APWA's Southern California Chapter in 1982, which then became the Ventura County Chapter in 1995. Calkins is a former trustee for the Public Works Historical Society, and a former trustee for the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists. He was also named one of APWA's Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year in 2008.

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About APWA

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 29,000 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, has an office in Washington, D.C. and 63 chapters in North America.

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