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Jim O'Toole Named Vice President and Deputy California Water Practice Leader

San Francisco, CA, January 2012: Environmental Science Associates (ESA), a leading California environmental consulting firm, is pleased to announce that Jim O'Toole has been promoted to Vice President and Deputy Leader of ESA's California Water practice.

Jim O'Toole steps into the role of firm Vice President and Deputy Practice Leader after serving in various management capacities since he joined ESA in 1997. In his new role he will help set the future direction of ESA's California water practice, capitalizing on an already successful career of navigating regulatory complexities and providing integrated environmental solutions for the supply and conveyance of treated and recycled water, wastewater, watershed management, and flood control projects. Jim's 20 years of experience partnering with clients to manage complex water projects and challenging environmental documents from concept to completion have provided him with in-depth knowledge of state and local regulations and processes. As both a technical team leader and project manager, clients praise Jim's knowledge and innovation in all phases of environmental analysis, including site constraint analysis, EIR/EIS preparation, permitting, construction monitoring and mitigation.

"Jim is a recognized leader in the environmental management of water resource projects," says Leslie Moulton, ESA's California Water Leader. "Jim's client commitment and strategic problem solving around the unique challenges our clients face throughout California make him the perfect person to help shape the future of our California water practice."

Jim will continue to work from the firm's Petaluma office, closely coordinating with water group leaders throughout the firm's nine California offices. Jim has managed several large projects for clients including the California Department of Water Resources, Sonoma County Water Agency, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Zone 7 Water Agency, Novato Sanitation District, East Bay Municipal Utility District, and the Alameda County Water District.

ESA is a West Coast-based environmental science and planning firm committed to the principles of sustainability. It specializes in resource and land use planning, engineering, technical studies and investigations, environmental impact assessment and documentation, and environmental compliance. The firm has offices in San Francisco, Oakland, Santa Cruz, Petaluma, Woodland Hills, Palm Springs, San Diego, Los Angeles and Sacramento, California; Seattle, Washington; Portland, Oregon; and Orlando and Tampa, Florida. To learn more about ESA, visit our website at www.esassoc.com.

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