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Coffman Engineers Announces New Leadership to Support Growth in the Los Angeles-Orange County Region

*Jonathan Wirthlin to serve as LA-OC Region General Manager,
Christopher Haight and Steven Dannaway to support as Operations Managers*

ENCINO, Ca., Mar. 6, 2019 – Coffman Engineers, Inc. (Coffman) is pleased to announce new regional leadership for the Los Angeles-Orange County Region offices. Jonathan Wirthlin, SE was promoted to serve as LA-OC Region General Manager effective Jan. 1, 2019 and will oversee three offices located in Encino, Downtown Los Angeles, and Orange County. Christopher Haight, SE was named the Operations Manager of the Orange County office. Steven Dannaway, PE was named the Operations Manager of the Downtown LA office.

Jonathan Wirthlin is a structural engineer and been with Coffman for 11 years in the Encino office location. He succeeds Paul Van Benschoten, SE who led the LA office as the General Manager for nine years. The promotion of a new General Manager was part of Paul's planned leadership transition and allows him more time to serve clients from the Encino office.

Christopher Haight is a structural engineer and seasoned leader with more than 22 years of experience. He joined Coffman with the Hope-Amundson, Inc. acquisition in 2017 and was managing a staff of four structural engineers. As the Operations Manager in Orange County, he will be looking to grow the structural group further and add more engineering disciplines.

Steven Dannaway is a fire protection engineer with more than 7 years of experience. Steven's combination of technical competence and interpersonal skills has allowed him to build confidence with clients and staff. As the Operations Manager in Downtown LA, Steven will be adding staff strategically to support objectives of the entire region and is also looking to broaden offerings to other engineering disciplines.

The leadership transition coincides with Coffman's recent growth in Los Angeles and Orange County and supports Coffman's strategy to have one General Manager and supporting Operations Managers lead the region instead of three separate offices. Jonathan will provide leadership for the growing team as they operate as one unit to serve the LA-OC region. Steven and Chris will provide local leadership to manage daily operations, maintain responsive services, and implement the broader business strategy for the entire metropolitan area.

"The LA-OC area is vast, and we are fortunate to have three respected engineers - Jonathan, Steven, and Chris step into leadership roles to continue supporting our vision for the region. I also want to thank Paul, on behalf of the company, for his dedication and years of leadership as the LA General Manager.



He is a valued partner and we are glad he will continue to support our clients,” said Dave Ruff, PE, CEO and President.

Coffman’s LA-OC Region includes 23 engineers and support staff and offers multidiscipline engineering services including structural, civil, seismic risk, mechanical, electrical, corrosion, and fire protection. Notable projects include Scripps Mercy Replacement Hospital, UC Riverside Plant Growth Facility, and Brentwood School Middle School Classrooms.

About Coffman Engineers

Coffman Engineers is celebrating 40 years of providing clients with multidiscipline engineering solutions. Our services include civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, fire protection, commissioning, process piping, instrumentation and controls, corrosion control, alternative and renewable energy, and land surveying. Coffman’s 480 employees serve clients across the U.S. and overseas from offices in Anchorage, Alaska; Atlanta, Georgia; Bay Area, Los Angeles, Orange County, and San Diego, California; Bozeman, Montana; Charleston, South Carolina; Fulton, Maryland; Hagatna, Guam; Honolulu, Hawaii; Hood River, Oregon; Burlington, Seattle, and Spokane, Washington. For firm information, visit coffman.com or follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

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