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## **OC Parks Hires New Manager for Dana Point Harbor**

(Irvine, Calif.) – A new harbor manager will join OC Parks in Dana Point Harbor after a competitive nationwide recruitment with more than 70 applicants to fill the high-level position. The position was created to fill a need identified after OC Parks took over management of Dana Point Harbor in June of 2016 at the direction of the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

Shannon Levin will serve as OC Parks Dana Point Harbor Manager beginning June 9. Levin last served as Harbor Supervisor for the City of Newport Beach, where she focused on long-range harbor planning, coastal resource management, tidelands revenues and expenditures, and public access. She brings with her 14 years of municipal experience.

Levin earned a Bachelor of Science in biology from Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame. After graduating, she picked up oceanography courses at Orange Coast College and environmental science classes at Cal State Fullerton. In 2015, she earned her master's degree in public administration from National University.

"Dana Point Harbor is a beautiful place that is a popular destination for residents and visitors alike," County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, Fifth District, said. "It takes a talented individual to keep it running smoothly and I'm confident Shannon's education and years of harbor experience will make her an asset to the County and to Dana Point Harbor."

While at Newport Beach, Levin led the 2016 Grand Opening and management of Marina Park, the only dedicated guest-slip marina in Newport Harbor. She administered contracts in maintenance and operations, commercial and marina tenants, and mooring management by the Sheriff's Harbor Patrol. She also served with the city's Code and Water Quality Division, enforcing municipal code compliance, and conducting water quality inspections on construction, commercial, and industrial facilities.

As Dana Point Harbor Manager, Levin will administer the harbor's multiple operating agreements, including retail, hotel, and marina facilities. She will serve as the primary point of contact between harbor interests and County agencies, including OC Parks, CEO Real Estate, OC Public Works and the Orange County Sheriff's Department Harbor Patrol. Levin will also work with other local government and regulatory agencies involved with the harbor, such as the City of Dana Point, California Department of Boating and Waterways, California Coastal Commission and the Water Quality Board.

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