

## STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

### USDA Rural Development Announces Staffing and Leadership Changes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 2019 – Deputy Under Secretary Donald “DJ” LaVoy today announced the following staff changes at USDA Rural Development:

After a 44-and-a-half-year career with USDA, Deputy Administrator of Community Facilities **Rich Davis** is retiring. Davis has served in this role since August 2010.

**Chad Parker** will succeed Davis as the new Deputy Administrator of Community Facilities. Parker has a long history of leadership across all Rural Development program areas and he currently serves as Assistant Administrator for Telecommunication Programs. During his career with USDA, Parker has led the Single Family Housing program, the Rural Business and Cooperative programs, and he has served as Acting Administrator of the Rural Business-Cooperative Service. Prior to his programmatic leadership roles, Parker spent 15 years within the Community Facilities Loan and Grant Division.

**Laurel Leverrier** will serve as Acting Assistant Administrator for Telecommunications Programs. Leverrier is currently the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Telecommunications Programs, where she oversees a \$3.6 billion portfolio of telecommunications loans and grants. She also serves on the American Broadband Initiative’s Federal Funding Working Group, which is comprised of representatives from a dozen federal agencies supporting the expansion of last-mile broadband service and adoption.

In her 15-year career at USDA, Leverrier has served in a variety of positions, including as Assistant Deputy Administrator of USDA’s Rural Business and Cooperative programs from August 2016 until November 2017. She was also the Deputy Director of the Broadband Division and Chief of the Office of Policy and Outreach within the RUS Telecommunications Programs from August 2010 until August 2016.

All changes will be effective January 6, 2020. USDA Rural Development encourages stakeholders to reach out to Parker and Leverrier in their new roles to build on existing relationships and create new partnerships.

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