



Announcement – Assistant Region Chief for the Southern Region

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Craig Tolmie to Assistant Region Chief for the Southern Region, effective July 27, 2015.

Craig has a diverse background and has held various positions within the Southern Region and Fresno-Kings Unit. Craig began his career with CAL FIRE in 1999 as the Unit Forester with the Fresno-Kings Unit. In 2004, he was selected as the Southern Region Pre-Fire Management Coordinator, Battalion Chief. He remained in this position until 2006, when he transferred to the Fresno-Kings Unit as the Shaver Lake Battalion Chief.

In January 2009, Craig transferred into the Unit's Fire Prevention Bureau Chief position. Later that year, he promoted to Eastern Division Chief, supervising fire protection operations, as well as the Miramonte Conservation Camp. In 2010, Craig moved back into Pre-Fire and Prevention as the Division Chief, with oversight of the Unit's Law Enforcement, Fire Prevention/Planning, Training, and Resource Management programs.

After two years, Craig promoted to a Deputy Chief position at the Southern Region Office – Fresno, where he had oversight of the Region's Personnel and Finance programs. In January 2013, he was appointed to the Southern Region Staff Chief of Management Services, where he had supervision and oversight of Region Personnel, Finance, Technical Services, and Law Enforcement/Fire Prevention programs.

Prior to his career with CAL FIRE Craig worked on the Stanislaus National Forest in fire management and timber management. He worked in the field of private land and timber management for a private forestry consulting firm in the Central Sierra. He spent 10 years as a Reserve Police Officer for the City of Lodi. Craig is a P.O.S.T. certified Peace Officer, as well as, a Registered Professional Forester. Craig holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Management, with a Minor in Public Administration, from Humboldt State University.

Please join me in congratulating Chief Tolmie on his new assignment.

KEN PIMLOTT
Chief