



Antelope Valley Transit Authority

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AVTA Adds New Talent

LANCASTER – The Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) is pleased to welcome three new additions to the administrative staff. Executive Director Julie Austin said, “We are thrilled to have the added expertise that this trio of professional brings to our agency. AVTA is poised for new heights.”

With 26 years of management experience, Gail Charles-Wright is now AVTA’s new Director of Finance and Administration. She is an active member of the State Bar of California and has more than 15 years of experience in the transportation industry. Charles-Wright’s most recent public sector position was with Omnitrans, based out of San Bernardino. She served as the Chief Administrative Officer and later as the Legal Regulatory Compliance Manager. “The AVTA is a great career opportunity,” stated Charles-Wright, “I welcome the opportunity to serve the agency as we seek to meet transportation needs in the Antelope Valley”.

AVTA’s new Director of Operations and Maintenance, Martin J. Tompkins, has worked closely with AVTA since 2006 as the General Manager of Veolia Transportation, the agency’s contracted fleet provider. “I am honored to be working for the Antelope Valley Transit Authority.” Tompkins said. “I look forward to working with our stakeholders and our riding customers. My focus will be to ensure that we provide a safe, reliable, and comfortable experience to the community we serve.” Tompkins has worked in the transit industry for nearly 25 years.

The agency has also hired Wendy Williams as their new Marketing Manager and Public Information Officer. Williams has a background in broadcast journalism and video marketing. She is a longtime resident of the Antelope Valley and is familiar with many of the businesses and organizations within our community.