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Geothermal Resources Council Announces Executive Director

After serving on an interim basis Steve Ponder is the new Executive Director of the GRC.

(Davis, Calif.) The Geothermal Resources Council (GRC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Steve Ponder as the association's Executive Director.

Steve has been performing the duties of interim Executive Director since May 1st, 2012. He has been appointed on a permanent basis after an exhaustive selection process.

GRC President Louis E. Capuano, Jr., commented on the appointment: "Steve stepped in at a time when the GRC needed his expertise. Our talented GRC staff welcomed him during this time and together they have performed fabulously to bring the GRC to new heights of efficiency and cooperation."



"The selection committee worked very hard during the 3 months of this process, to be fair to all candidates, and together we feel that we have made the right decision. Help me welcome Steve back into our system, now in the position he was meant to have."

Steve has over 30 years of leadership experience in the renewable energy industry including geothermal development and operations for companies such as Unocal, Geothermal Resources International and FPL Energy (FPLE). He helped develop over 100 MWs of geothermal resources at the Geysers geothermal field in northern California and led FPLE's regulatory strategy for their 500 MWs of renewable energy assets during the California energy crisis in 1999-2000. Most recently he was Director of Renewable Energy at NV Energy.

Steve obtained a BA and MA from the University of Southern California and a JD from Southwestern University.

Steve is committed to serving the global geothermal community and developing relationships that will enhance the development of geothermal energy utilization.

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About the Geothermal Resources Council:

With the experience and dedication of its diverse, international membership bolstering a more than 40-year track record, the Geothermal Resources Council has built a solid reputation as the world's preeminent geothermal association. The GRC serves as a focal point for continuing professional development for its members through its outreach, information transfer and education services.

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