

Press Release

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Steven V. Giorgi Appointed Executive Director of the California Gambling Control Commission

The California Gambling Control Commission (Commission) unanimously approved the appointment of Steven V. Giorgi as Executive Director. His appointment becomes effective September 15, 2005. Giorgi will succeed the Commission's current Executive Director, Eugene Balonon, who was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on September 9, 2005 to a judgeship on the Sacramento County Superior Court.

"Steve Giorgi has tremendous experience in law enforcement and State and federal government administration, and I am pleased that he has accepted this opportunity to advise the Commission and serve as the administrator over the Commission's staff", said Dean Shelton, Commission Chairman. "I would like to thank Eugene Balonon for his dedicated service to the Commission and for his strong leadership skills and ability to work collaboratively with State and Tribal gaming organizations."

Mr. Giorgi has held five different Governor's appointments since 1997. These appointments included Chief, Enforcement for the Department of Consumer Affairs, Chief of the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services and Deputy Director for the California Office of Homeland Security. He currently serves as the Deputy Director of Consumer Affairs.

Mr. Giorgi retired from federal law enforcement in 1997 after 28 years of distinguished service. His last 13 years were as Chief of the Criminal Division for the United States Treasury Department in Sacramento. He also served as the Deputy Director of the Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network in Washington, D.C.