

CPO, CAO join forces: Engineering, Administrative Support Office

Western Administrator **Mike HacsKaylo** announced a reorganization of two CSO staff functions in an all-employee e-mail message July 5. Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson approved the administrator's request to merge the Chief Administrative Office and the Chief Program Office on June 29.

The merged organization will be named the Engineering and Administrative Support Office. EAS staff will continue to provide engineering and administrative support to Western offices. "The merger will allow Western to better focus our resources on our core mission of marketing and delivering reliable, cost-based hydroelectric power and related services," HacsKaylo said.

The office will be headed by the Chief, Engineering and Administrative Support Office. A Senior Executive Service vacancy announcement for the chief's position will be advertised nationwide this month. The CAO/CPO merger will take place after the chief is selected and on the job.

The merger will not result in any reductions in force or downgrades. No directed reassignments or changes in office space are planned.

For better functional alignment, the existing CAO Financial Management Office will also be transferred to the Chief Financial Office. "This will bring all our financial staff at CSO under the direct supervision of the CFO," HacsKaylo added.

This transfer will take place after the Chief Financial Officer is selected and on the job.

All other functions and responsibilities of the former CAO and CPO will be incorporated into the Engineering and Administrative Support Office.

