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**State Labor & Workforce Development Agency announces the appointment of
Carrie Nevans to the position of acting deputy administrative director for the
Division of Workers' Compensation**

**Nevans will also serve as the division's acting administrative director (AD) while a
new AD is sought**

Sacramento – The California Labor & Workforce Development Agency (LWDA) today announced the appointment of Carrie Nevans to the position of acting deputy administrative director for the state Division of Workers' Compensation. Nevans has also been named acting administrative director for the division, and takes over for former Administrative Director Andrea Lynn Hoch, who on Oct. 17 will be appointed the governor's legal affairs secretary.

"Andrea and Carrie worked tirelessly together over the past 18 months to implement workers' compensation reforms passed by the Legislature," said Labor and Workforce Development Agency Secretary Victoria L. Bradshaw. "Carrie's leadership skills and understanding of the workers' compensation system will assure the division's efforts to mend a once-broken system will continue until a new administrative director is appointed."

While a permanent administrative director (AD) is sought, as acting AD Nevans will oversee the division's diverse programs and manage a staff of 1,200 and a budget of over \$135 million.

"I am completely confident in Carrie's ability to lead the division," said Hoch. "As the chief of programmatic services she's worked alongside me every step of the way to implement recent reforms and hire the staff needed to get the division functioning at a high level of effectiveness."

Nevans started her career as a claims adjuster for the State Compensation Insurance Fund in 1982. She is a certified self insurance administrator and is fully

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versed in all the specifics of workers' compensation, as well as the ethics of claims administration.

Nevans joined the Department of Industrial Relations, a subsidiary of the LWDA, in 1999 and, as Hoch's chief of programmatic services, has managed the division's administrative functions.

"It's exciting to be structuring policies and programs that bring about change so our workers' comp system works for both injured workers and employers," said Nevans.

Under Hoch, who was appointed administrative director in April 2004, Division of Workers' Compensation staff put new programs like medical provider networks and Spanish-language injured worker workshops into service and promulgated a record number of regulations necessary to implement the reform measures.

"That work will continue as we enact regulations for medical treatment guidelines, return to work, pre-designation of personal physician and fee schedules," said Nevans. "The division now has a strong team in place, which will allow us to continue in our tradition of excellence."

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