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MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELECT JOSEPH E. DREW AS NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The MTA Board of Directors today unanimously approved the selection of Joseph E. Drew as MTA's new Chief Executive Officer.

Drew was appointed by the Board of Directors as interim Chief Executive Officer effective Jan. 1, 1996.

"Joe Drew during his months as interim CEO for the MTA has proven to be an excellent leader," said MTA Board Chairman Larry Zarian. "I believe he has the abilities to lead this agency forward as it meets the challenges facing us working with the Board to build the best multi-modal transportation system for this county."

Since joining the MTA, Drew's responsibilities have included oversight of most of the day-to-day operations of the agency, including administrative, financial, planning and operations.

Before joining the agency, Drew served as Kern County administrative officer, a position he held for four years, and the county's director of personnel for seven years. During his tenure in Kern County, he gained experience in strategic planning and organizational development for public organizations, working extensively with the governor and legislature in re-engineering intergovernmental relationships.

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He holds a bachelors and masters degrees, and in 1989 completed the program for senior executives in state and local government at the JFK School of Government at Harvard University.

Drew also served in the U.S. Army, retiring in 1981 as a lieutenant colonel. He served two years of combat duty in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot, logging more that 1,000 combat hours in attach helicopters. His numerous military honors include two Purple Hearts, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Bronze Stars and 30 Air Medals.

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