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PACIFIC MARINE MAMMAL CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW CEO
GLENN GRAY

Former banking executive will take helm of PMMC on May 31, 2022

Laguna Beach, CA Wednesday, May 25, 2022 – Pacific Marine Mammal Center has tapped Glenn Gray as the next leader of Pacific Marine Mammal Center, which has been rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing marine mammals for more than 50 years.

“Glenn is recognized for his decades of experience and success leading large teams and organizations,” said Board Chair Jeff Meberg, “and we feel he is exactly the right person to lead us into our next chapter.”

“Marine mammals are the modern-day canary-in-the-coal-mine. Sadly, through their diseases, malnutrition, and injuries they are telling us our oceans need our help. As a scuba diver, I have seen the damage first-hand, rising water temperatures, bleached-out coral reefs, masses of single-use plastic, and abandoned fishing lines entangling mammals. If we do not take care of what covers 70% of our planet, the other 30% is in grave danger. Through its rescue & rehabilitation efforts and its research & education initiatives PMMC is not only treating symptoms but also addressing causes. We all must become better stewards of our oceans,” according to Mr. Gray.

Mr. Gray is an accomplished leader with more than 40 years of diverse experience in commercial lending and specialty finance, within banks and non-bank lenders, of which 20 years were in positions of executive leadership. Prior to retiring in 2020, Mr. Gray was the Chief Executive Officer of CalWest Bank, a $225 million asset commercial bank based in Orange County, California. Before joining CalWest Bank, from 2005 to 2012 Mr. Gray was the Chief Executive Officer of Sunwest Bank, a commercial bank with operations in California and Arizona.

Mr. Gray has served on many not-for-profit boards, including the past 5 years on the PMMC Board of Directors, a Trustee for the Laguna Playhouse for 10 years, and as Board Chairman, Board Member of Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, and fundraiser for Susan G. Komen/Orange County. Mr. Gray and his wife Kathryn have been residents of Laguna Beach since 2000.

“I am very grateful for this opportunity to lead the Pacific Marine Mammal Center and to join the remarkable staff and countless volunteers whose work and efforts are changing the landscape of ocean stewardship and marine mammal conservation,” stated Gray.

PMMC is committed to marine mammal rescue and rehabilitation, science-based education for youth, and collaborative research initiatives that contribute to environmental conservation and stewardship.
About Pacific Marine Mammal Center (PMMC)

The Pacific Marine Mammal Center rescues, rehabilitates and releases marine mammals and inspires ocean stewardship through research, education and collaboration. PMMC is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization. Tax-ID #: 95-3680896

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