

**VIGIL-AGRIMIS**, a Portland-based professional design firm specializing in water and natural resource management, has joined with ESA. The merger supports ESA's strategy to deepen technical services through added expertise in ecosystem restoration, landscape architecture and water resources engineering. Founders Ken Vigil and Paul Agrimis will become ESA Vice Presidents and lead strategic business integration and expansion of environmental hydrology in the Pacific Northwest alongside Marjorie Wolfe, ESA's Watershed Program Director. Ken and Paul bring more than 40 years of successful, award-winning experience in river, wetland, and coastal restoration. Ken Vigil, Paul Agrimis and their staff of more than 20 engineers, hydrologists, landscape architects, and environmental scientists have been providing clients with premier environmental services for over 14 years. They join a team of 50 staff located in ESA's Portland and Seattle offices and more than 300 in offices throughout California and Florida.

**MR. PETER AARONS** has been named a Program Manager in the Los Angeles office of Parsons Brinckerhoff. In his new position, Mr. Aarons will serve as the firm's Client Relations Manager for Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), the City of Los Angeles department that owns and operates Los Angeles International (LAX), LA/Ontario International (ONT), and Van Nuys Airport. He will also manage other airport projects throughout California. Mr. Aarons has 25 years of experience in the planning, development, design, and project management of aviation projects. He has provided on-site management and oversight for master plan and capital improvement programs at San Francisco International, San Diego International, LAX, and ONT airports. Mr. Aarons comes to Parsons Brinckerhoff from the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, where he served as Program Manager on the Green Build Terminal Development Program. He previously served as Deputy Program Manager and technical consultant for LAWA's infrastructure master plan program on behalf of a Los Angeles consulting firm, and was a Project Construction Manager for the San Francisco International Airport Commission.

**MR. DAVID ALVAREZ** has been named a Principal Consultant at Parsons Brinckerhoff. In his new position, Mr. Alvarez will support existing and future projects as a key technical and commercial advisor taking a lead in execution of major public-private partnerships (PPPs) and other advisory assignments. Prior to joining Parsons

Brinckerhoff, Mr. Alvarez was Executive Director of the Puerto Rico Public-Private Partnerships Authority (PRPPA), the first centralized PPP government agency in the US. He was responsible for implementing PPP legislation in Puerto Rico and conducted the initial and full development of the PRPPA. He led the development of the largest and first design-build-maintain project for public schools in Puerto Rico, known as Schools for the 21st Century, and managed the process that led to the financial close of the long-term concession of toll roads PR-22 and PR-5. He also managed the successful process securing a long-term lease of the Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport under the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Privatization Pilot Program.

**MR. DAMON FORDHAM** has been named a Practice Leader of the new Sustainable Transportation Practice in The Cadmus Group, Inc. Fordham is an experienced program manager with a background in transportation, engineering, and construction management. His expertise includes more than a decade of managing complex studies and collaborative projects for a variety of transportation organizations and state and federal agencies. He has successfully implemented high-level policy and program initiatives as well as in-depth research and technical analyses. Fordham joins Cadmus from Project Performance Company (PPC), where he was a Senior Principal managing the development and execution of North American surface transportation and aviation projects, coordination of related marketing and business development opportunities, and technical and analytical oversight of domestic and international project teams. Before joining PPC, Fordham was Program Manager for Environment in the Policy and Government Relations Division of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). Prior to his role at AASHTO, Fordham was the first Sustainability Program Manager at the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), where he served in the Director's Office and developed a groundbreaking sustainability program, driving organizational change, and executing business improvements. An active member of TRB, Fordham serves as Vice Chair of the Committee on Transportation and Sustainability and a member of the Committee on Transportation Energy. He has been a panel member for more than half a dozen Cooperative Research Program and Strategic Highway Research Program projects. Fordham is based in Cadmus' Arlington, Va., office.

**MR. WAYNE HALTER** has joined the aviation staff of Lamp, Rynearson & Associates. After an illustrious 39 year career in the FAA, Halter retired last January after serving as Lead Engineer in the Central Region Airports Division. He started his FAA career in 1974, eventually joining the Airports Division in 1986 where he recently completed his FAA career with a long list of accomplishments. Halter will assist LRA clients with his insight on all issues related to Airport Improvement Program Projects as well as detailed expertise on navigation aid design and construction and will work from Lamp Rynearson's Kansas City, Missouri office.

**MR. LADDIE IRION** has joined HNTB Corporation as senior vice president and national aviation market sector leader. In his new role at HNTB, Irion will work closely with leadership and aviation professionals to help achieve the firm's aggressive strategic goals and broaden the range of value-based services that HNTB provides aviation clients. The firm's many signature aviation projects include design of the "Green Build" expansion at San Diego International Airport; engineering and design services at Los Angeles World Airports; design and construction management of runway status light implementation at airports across the country; and design of the runway expansion at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. Irion brings more than three decades of experience in strategic management, business development and aviation leadership positions. He has worked on more than 100 aviation and airport projects in the United States and abroad. He served as principal-in-charge on a number of projects associated with large-scale airport expansion programs, including work in Dallas, Phoenix, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Hong Kong.

**DR. DAVID POHL, PHD, PE, LEED AP** has joined the San Diego office of Environmental Science Associates (ESA) as Senior Water Quality Program Manager. Dr. Pohl's expertise will integrate with ESA's existing practice areas of ecosystem restoration, environmental permitting and CEQA/NEPA compliance. Pohl brings 28 years of geo-environmental engineering planning, concept and final design, construction management and cost estimation experience. From hydrological and pollutant loading modeling for storm water management, total maximum daily loads (TMDL) implementation plans, assessment of water and sediment quality for restoration projects, to sediment/dredge material management plans, BMP design and cost estimation. Pohl is experienced

in NPDES permit compliance, understanding and meeting the challenges of TMDL, newly passed Ocean Plan amendments and other water quality drivers that have become an important element in all project phases from permitting to implementation and long term maintenance. His BMP design experience includes geotechnical assessment and design for Low Impact Development and groundwater recharge projects, engineered wetlands, channel bank stabilization using bio-engineering, runoff reduction measures, and advanced treatment-train solutions that include media filters and UV treatment for bacteria. He is a LEED Accredited Professional and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

**MR. SHAMMI RATTI** has been named Director of the Air Transportation Business Line at URS Corporation. In this position, he will be responsible for leading URS' aviation business development efforts in the United States. He will work closely with the aviation professionals throughout the firm to grow and expand URS' business offerings to its clients. Mr. Ratti brings nearly two decades of experience in air transportation business development and project leadership positions within URS and at Tampa International Airport. His expertise includes leading the planning, design, and construction management of large-scale aviation improvement projects throughout North America, including such notable projects as the design and construction management for Oakland International Airport's runway safety program, and the planning and engineering for the new reliever airport for Las Vegas International Airport. Mr. Ratti has been with URS for 18 years and helped build the company's air transportation practice in Seattle, WA where he is based.

**MR. JOHN B. "JACK" RENTON, P.E.**, has joined T.Y. LIN International as an Aviation Principal, and Marketing and Business Development Director for the firm's growing aviation practice. Renton will be responsible for providing leadership, direction and management to the Aviation Line of Business (LOB), assisting in strategic and tactical planning efforts, and overseeing the development of client relations. T.Y. LIN's Aviation LOB provides complete planning, design and program management services for aviation facilities that range in size from major international air carrier airports to regional airports and general aviation facilities. Renton has more than 44 years of experience in

aviation, highlighted by a variety of management roles, including serving as a senior staff member of three hub airports, Director of Aviation at several major airport consulting firms, and as a manager of significant military and civilian airport projects. Renton has managed or provided oversight for more than \$3.5 Billion of airport planning, design, construction, and environmental projects, and has served as a Program Manager or Project Executive on projects at airports such as Chicago O'Hare, Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International, Nashville, Miami, Manchester, Louisville, and Denver Stapleton.

**MR. FREDERICK ROE** has joined Safegate Airport Systems, Inc., as Vice President of Sales. Frederick brings with him ten years of experience selling aviation business intelligence solutions. In his new role at Safegate, he will be responsible for business development in North America for the company's apron solutions including the Safedock Advanced Visual Docking Guidance System (A-VDGS) and new SafeControl-Apron Management software introduced this year.

**MR. JOSEPH A. SAWMILLER** has joined Hatch Mott MacDonald's office in Tampa, FL as Deputy Practice Leader for Aviation. In his new role, he will focus on supporting and developing HMM's aviation practice, including major airport design projects in North America. Sawmiller's technical expertise encompasses pavement management systems, flexible/rigid pavement design, airside/landside civil and environmental design, construction phasing (including time-sensitive construction), cost estimating, scheduling, navigational aids, and facility assessments. He has achieved an impressive record of on-time and on-budget completion of projects at primary, regional, and general aviation airports and military installations.

**MR. GEORGE VICKAS** has been named a Senior Principal Technical Specialist in the Chicago office of Parsons Brinckerhoff. In his new position, Mr. Vickas will oversee airfield construction projects on the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) for compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations and procedures. He will also coordinate among the owner, the FAA, and designers to complete construction safety phasing plans. Mr. Vickas is a recognized leader in aviation safety and airport safety issues. He has been a keynote and guest speaker for the FAA, American

Association of Airport Executives, the Construction Safety Council, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and numerous national airports on issues related to airport construction safety, airport emergency operations, FAA regulations and compliance, and aircraft recovery operations. Prior to joining Parsons Brinckerhoff, Mr. Vickas was a Safety Inspector for a contractor involved with modernization projects at O'Hare.

## ACC Updates

Since November 2013, ACC released the following e-mail supplements to this publication.

### Legislative News

#### LN 13-1 (APRIL 17, 2013)

- Obama Administration Releases FY 2014 Budget Proposal

#### LN 13-2 (APRIL 26, 2013)

- Legislation Fixing FAA Furlough Moving Through Congress; Transfers \$253 Million in Unobligated AIP Funding to FAA Operations

#### LN 13-3 (JUNE 28, 2013)

- AIP Funded at \$3.35 billion in House and Senate FY 2014 DOT Appropriations Bills; Next Year's Sequestration Cuts Unclear