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Steve Hardy is Confirmed Director of the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
The California State Senate Gives its Approval

Sacramento – The California State Senate has confirmed Steve Hardy as Director of the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Hardy as Director of the Department back in April, 2007. The official vote from the California State Senate took place yesterday, August 27, 2007.

With overwhelming support for his appointment from a number of organizations, Hardy received a unanimous 5-0 vote of approval from the Senate Rules Committee and a 37-0 vote of approval from the full Senate. The Governor said in a news release that Hardy brings an immense amount of knowledge and expertise from his policy background, advocacy experience, public service and police training that make him uniquely qualified to serve as Director.

"I am greatly honored the Senate has approved my appointment," said Hardy. "I look forward to continuing my public service with distinction and honor through this important role."

Hardy has nearly 25 years of experience in state government. Since 1998, he has served as staff director for the California State Senate Committee on Governmental Organization. In this capacity, Hardy managed committee staff and was responsible for analyzing legislation regarding the Alcoholic Beverage Control, Gaming, Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), Horse Racing and the California State Lottery. He previously held the positions of principal consultant and associate consultant with the California Senate Committee on Governmental Organization. Previously, Hardy served as a legislative advocate for the California State Employees' Association from 1980 to 1986. His experience also includes five years as a police officer with the San Francisco City Police Department.

Hardy, 64, of Vacaville, earned a Masters degree in public administration from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor of Arts degree in administration of justice from Golden Gate University.

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control is responsible for the administration, licensing and compliance for regulating the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages in California.