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T.J. joined Sacramento County Department of Airports in 2015 as the Department’s Chief Administrative Officer-Deputy Director for Planning and Development. T.J. embarked on his airports career more than 25 years ago as an airport engineering intern with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). In the 25-plus-year span, T.J. held various project engineering, program management and leadership positions in both public and private sectors and in the US and abroad. T.J. also had the opportunity to establish a joint-venture company in China for an US/French aerospace company. T.J. currently serves as a Director for Southwest Chapter of AAAE and Sacramento Asian Chamber of Commerce. He also serves as the Vice Chair for Southwest Chapter’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.

T.J. was born in Taiwan and moved to the US in 1985 when he was 11 years old with his two older brothers. TJ joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve after high school and served 7.5 years in a Marine Corps Reserve infantry unit. T.J. received his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Civil Engineering from San Jose State University and is a licensed civil engineer in the State of California. T.J. is also a graduate of FAA’s Program for Emerging Leaders.

T.J. is married with four daughters. In his spare time, T.J. is an avid runner and mountain biker and uses the hashtag, *#anothercityanother5K*, to log his running adventures in more than 50 cities around the world. He completed his first half-marathon in 2016 and continues to train for running events.