

First 5 California Personnel Report

At each quarterly Commission meeting, First 5 California staff will be providing a personnel report that includes new hires, promotions, resignations/retirements, personnel requests, and advertised positions.

New Hires

- Rick Espinoza, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, Contracts and Procurement Office. Rick most recently worked as a contracts analyst with Caltrans and also at the Agricultural Labor Relations Board. Before joining state service, Mr. Espinoza worked for the Center Unified School District as a head instructional specialist.

Promotions

- Simone Afghari was recently promoted to a Staff Services Analyst. Her responsibilities include Commission meeting coordinator, and fiscal and administrative analyst for several F5CA programs. She previously worked as an Office Technician.

Resignations

- Retired annuitant Debora Remington, an acquisitions analyst in the Contracts and Procurement Office, resigned in October 2020.

Personnel Requests in Progress

- F5CA staff are currently processing requests:
 - to extend contracts for two retired annuitants. Diane Canepa and Roxanne Eres will be assisting staff at the leadership level in the program and fiscal offices.
 - to hire a Health Program Specialist II. This position will manage and guide the health and family support-related responsibilities prioritized in the Strategic Plan.
- Finalizing interviews for the External and Governmental Affairs Deputy Director. F5CA's goal is to fill the position by the end of October.