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Pollinator Partnership CEO Dolcini Tapped for New Role in Governor Gavin Newsom's California Administration – Adams and Rourke Go Forward for Pollinators across North America and Beyond

Pollinator Partnership (P2), the world's largest non-profit dealing exclusively with pollinator issues, announced today that beginning May 1, 2019 **Val Dolcini**, will join Governor Gavin Newsom's administration as **Deputy Secretary for Agriculture** at the **California Environmental Protection Agency**.



"This is a new position, and I am honored to serve the people of California in this role – especially as I will have the opportunity to work with farmers, ranchers, and with my colleagues and associates in the agricultural community, so vital to the strength of California." **Laurie Davies Adams**, who will reprise her leadership of **Pollinator Partnership as President and CEO**, said, "Though we would have liked to have Val continue at P2, we feel that his service to California will be an important addition to the Newsom strategy. We are proud



that he has been selected for this pioneering opportunity and offer him all our support." Ms. Adams brings a rich background of pollinator conservation to her position and promises to enhance and enrich the programs and impact of Pollinator Partnership's many programs to promote and protect pollinators.

Kelly Rourke, MS, has been promoted to **Director of Programs and Operations** and will continue her stellar management of the P2 portfolio of successful education, certification, conservation, research and policy work on behalf of the pollinators that solidify our ecosystems and support so much of agriculture. "P2 has helped monarch butterfly populations across the Midwest and in California in uniquely productive ways, planting more than 12,000 food source plants for their benefit – and for the benefit of other troubled pollinators like the Rusty patched Bumble bee." Helping pollinators is everyone's responsibility and can start with simple actions in your own garden or a donation to one of the hardest working and most successful conservation organizations in the world, the Pollinator Partnership– all available at www.pollinator.org.



ABOUT THE POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIP (P2)

Established in 1997, the Pollinator Partnership is the largest 501(c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to the health, protection, and conservation of all pollinating animals. Pollinator Partnership's actions for pollinators include education, conservation, restoration, policy, and research. Pollinator Partnership's financial support comes through grants, gifts, memberships and donations from any interested party. Pollinator Partnership's policies are science-based, set by its board of directors,



and never influenced by any donor. Based in San Francisco, P2 has staff in Washington, D.C.; Chicago; Cleveland; Toronto, Ontario; and Victoria, British Columbia. **To make a donation, or for information on pollinators, visit www.pollinator.org.**