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NEWS RELEASE

CBA SUSPENDS CPA LICENSE OF FORMER OROVILLE MAYOR

Sacramento - The California Board of Accountancy has issued an interim suspension order to suspend the Certified Public Accountant license of Dennis D. Diver, the former mayor of Oroville. Mr. Diver pled no-contest in Butte County Superior Court to two counts of grand theft by embezzlement. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail and three years of probation for embezzling through his accounting firm, Dennis D. Diver & Assoc., CPAs.

The CBA issues interim suspension orders to immediately stop an individual from practicing public accountancy in cases where there is the potential for continuing harm to consumers. The interim suspension order allows the CBA time to file a formal accusation against a license and time for the full disciplinary process to proceed.

"The CBA will be filing a formal accusation within two weeks," said CBA Executive Officer Patti Bowers. "It is the CBA's mandate to protect the consumers of California from licensees who abuse the public trust."

During the 1990s, Mr. Diver served as the mayor of Oroville for eight years. The interim suspension order was effective November 19, 2015.

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Created by statute in 1901, the CBA's mandate requires that protection of the public shall be its highest priority in exercising licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. The CBA currently regulates more than 98,000 licensees, the largest group of licensed accounting professionals in the nation, including individuals, partnerships, and corporations.

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