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CALIFORNIA STATE TREASURER BILL LOCKYER

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STATE TREASURER LOCKYER ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF JOHN DECKER AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA DEBT AND INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

SACRAMENTO – California State Treasurer Bill Lockyer today announced his appointment of John Decker as Executive Director of the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission (CDIAC).

“John Decker’s nearly 20-years of experience working in the California Legislature to help craft state budgets and address important public policy issues makes him uniquely qualified to lead the Commission in its present capacity and its expanded role in my administration,” said Lockyer. “John’s understanding of California’s fiscal condition and its economy are a tremendous asset for my team at the State Treasurer’s Office.”

“I am honored Treasurer Lockyer has appointed me Executive Director of the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission,” said Decker. “CDIAC’s mission to assist state and local agencies on matters of debt issuance and investing public funds are important to the state’s economy. The commission’s staff has great talent, and I look forward to working with them.”

Decker will assume the CDIAC executive director’s position effective January 29.

CDIAC provides information, education and technical assistance on public debt, investments and economic development financing tools to local public agencies and public finance professionals. CDIAC serves as the state’s clearinghouse for debt issuance information and compiles data from all city, county and state government debt issuers in California. The data collected is available to public agencies. CDIAC also organizes educational seminars on public finance matters and the debt issuance process. Seminars include how local governments can use grants, loans and other financing to revitalize their communities.

Decker currently is Consultant to the State Senate Appropriations Committee. His prior experience includes serving as a consultant in the State Senate Office of Research, Staff Director for the State Senate Budget Committee and Chief Fiscal Advisor to the State Assembly Speaker’s Office. Decker also teaches “Politics and Public Policy” at the University of California, Berkeley Graduate School of Public Policy. In 2004, he received a fellowship from the Rockefeller Study and Conference Center in Bellagio, Italy.

Decker, 47, attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor where he received a bachelor’s degree in Latin and Economics and a master’s degree in Public Policy.

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