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AGNC SELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PARACHUTE, CO – The Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado is pleased to announce that it has selected Bonnie Petersen to replace outgoing Executive Director Scott McInnis.

The Association voted to offer the position to Petersen at a Board meeting held in Parachute earlier today. Petersen, who currently serves as Executive Director for the West Slope lobbying organization Club 20, will be offered the position to take over from former congressman Scott McInnis, who is stepping down due to being elected as Mesa County Commissioner on November 4.

“The AGNC is extremely grateful to Scott for all that he has done for our Association,” said AGNC Chairman Mike Samson, a Garfield County Commissioner. “We knew going ahead that it would be a tall order to find someone capable of replacing him, so we are thrilled and confident that we found a candidate, Bonnie Petersen, who is up to the task.

“Bonnie brings to our Association a wealth of experience, and a great familiarity with the issues that AGNC members are faced with,” Samson added. “We are very pleased to offer this position to her, and are certain that the Association will continue to flourish under her leadership.”

Bonnie Petersen has held the position as Executive Director of Club 20 since 2011. She has been a member of that organization since 1988, and had previously served six years on the Board of Directors. Peterson has also chaired the boards of the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce and the Grand Junction Economic Partnership, and served as treasurer of the Home and Building Association of Northwestern Colorado.

Petersen’s professional experience also includes serving as public policy director for Qwest Communications, where she worked to secure access to high-speed communications for Western

Slope communities, as well as experience as a financial advisor and owner of a home construction business. The Western Slope native earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from Mesa State College (now Colorado Mesa University) in Grand Junction.

"I am proud of AGNC and all that we have accomplished over the past few years," said McInnis. "I know that given her experience, dedication and work ethic, Bonnie will do a fantastic job of moving the Association forward and advancing the interests of Western Slope communities at all levels."

For more information, or to schedule an interview, please contact AGNC Executive Director Scott McInnis at 970-285-7630

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