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BUCKLES AND MCDANIEL TO JOIN FORSYTH COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL ROLES

Forsyth County, Georgia – Sam Buckles and Charles McDaniel have been hired by Forsyth County government to fill the newly created positions of environmental scientist manager and code enforcement officer respectively.

“These new positions will provide assistance to the Recycling and Solid Waste Department in several capacities including monitoring operations of landfills within the county,” said Forsyth County Manager Eric Johnson. “Both Sam and Charles bring a wealth of knowledge to the county in the area of environmental compliance and we are excited for them to begin.”

In his role, Buckles will act as a key community liaison, regularly interacting with the public, individual citizens and stakeholders involved in landfill operations. Among other duties, he will also respond to complaints and questions related to landfill odor, noise, operations and other related issues; providing information and initiating problem resolution.

Buckles brings to the county over 30 of experience in environmental work related roles. He most recently served as a municipal team manager for the State of Georgia Department of Natural Resources Protection Division. Before that, Buckles held positions at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division Air Protection Branch.

Buckles holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Tennessee Technological University. His first day with the county will be July 2.

As code enforcement officer, McDaniel will patrol county areas to inspect various sites to determine compliance with codes/ordinances relating to environmental protection, solid waste disposal, illegal dumping and other code enforcement issues.

McDaniel brings to the county 20 years of professional environmental compliance experience as an environmental specialist with the Georgia E.P.D. In the Solid Waste Management Program he conducted landfill inspections, investigated landfill complaints, reviewed landfill permits and conducted enforcement. He also worked 10 years as an environmental specialist with the Gwinnett County Environmental Health Department.

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McDaniel holds a BS degree in Food Processing and Microbiology from Clemson University and an Associate Degree in Business from Georgia State University. His first day with the county will be July 9.

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