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## **California Independent Petroleum Association Hires Sean Wallentine as Director of Strategic Development**

(Sacramento, CA) – California Independent Petroleum Association (CIPA) Chief Executive Officer Rock Zierman is pleased to announce the trade association has hired Sean Wallentine to serve as the Director of Strategic Development. In this newly-created role, Wallentine will be directing CIPA's Innovative Crude Methods Program which deploys renewable energy in the oil patch, advocating on behalf of CIPA members' projects at state agencies, and leading CIPA's federal advocacy at both federal agencies and in Congress.

"Despite constant change at all levels of government to an already complex regulatory framework, California independent producers continue to provide affordable and reliable energy to all Californians. Sean will play a key role in assisting our members as they adopt new technologies to reduce the carbon footprint of production and helping our members navigate bureaucratic hurdles to responsible production," said Zierman.

Sean Wallentine most recently served as the Chief Deputy to Board of Equalization Member George Runner. In this role, he was responsible for ensuring Mr. Runner's constituents received the highest level of service and assistance from the State Board of Equalization.

Sean is a California native and a UCLA graduate. He served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve from 1988 to 1994 and was on active duty in 1990 and 1991 during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Since beginning his career as a political adviser in 1994, Sean has worked for numerous elected leaders in the State Legislature as well as in the private sector as a campaign consultant.

Over the years, Sean served as Legislative Director to Assembly Member Jim Morrissey and Chief of Staff for three members, including State Assembly Member Roy Ashburn, State Senator Bob Dutton and State Senator George Runner.

Wallentine began this position on January 3, 2019. He can be reached at (916) 447-1177 or [Sean@cipa.org](mailto:Sean@cipa.org).

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