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### Provost & Pritchard expands Planning Department

**Fresno, CA:** Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group has expanded their Planning Department with three new hires: Mary Beatie joins the firm as a senior planner; George Uc and Samantha Chaidez join as assistant planners.

“We are excited to expand our Planning Department to a total of eight planners with the addition of Mary Beatie, George Uc, and Samantha Chaidez”, said Dale Melville, Provost & Pritchard’s president. “Mary is a seasoned planner and brings extensive land use and municipal planning expertise to the firm. In addition, George and Samantha are relatively new in their careers, yet have already proven to be valuable assets to our clients’ projects.”

With over 36 years of experience, Beatie specializes in land use entitlement processing and presenting; site plan assessments and concept designs; CEQA/NEPA environmental documentation preparation and processing; city/county staff support services; staff and project management; and special studies. She has spent the last 9 years in the private sector; prior to that Mary provided planning services for the County of Tulare Resource Management Agency for 23 years. Beatie holds a bachelor’s degree in City and Regional Planning from Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo.

Uc has three years of planning experience and holds a bachelor’s degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Cal Poly State University, Pomona. His experience includes entitlements, site plan reviews, geographic mapping, research, conditional use permit preparation, annexations, and public outreach.

Chaidez worked as a planning intern at Provost & Pritchard during the summer of 2012 and returned to the firm full-time in 2013 after graduating from Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo with a bachelor’s degree in Environmental Management and Protection with a concentration in Environmental Policy and Management and a minor in Law and Society.

Established in 1968, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group has a strong tradition of engineering and consulting excellence throughout California. With office locations in Fresno, Clovis, Visalia, Bakersfield, Modesto, and Los Banos, the firm features a mix of seasoned professionals, complemented by younger staff with fresh ideas. Provost & Pritchard specializes in civil and agricultural engineering, environmental and land use planning, hydrogeology and geology, surveying, and construction management services in the areas of water resources, municipal infrastructure, agriculture, site development, and environmental compliance. For more information, visit [www.ppeng.com](http://www.ppeng.com) or email [info@ppeng.com](mailto:info@ppeng.com).

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