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Pollinator Partnership Welcomes Val Dolcini: New President and CEO Signals Bright Future for Pollinator Action

Pollinator Partnership (P2), the world's largest non-profit dealing exclusively with pollinator issues, announced today that beginning June 1, 2017, **Val Dolcini**, will assume the leadership of Pollinator Partnership as **President and CEO**. He comes to P2 with a rich background as an effective and experienced executive with significant public and private sector experience. Most recently, Dolcini served as the **Administrator of the USDA Farm Service Agency** where he led the delivery of Farm Bill programs, extended credit to farmers and ranchers, and championed important conservation programs, including new tools designed to increase the quality and amount of pollinator habitat and forage. Val has had extensive experience at all levels of government and he has worked with national agricultural organizations, NGOs, media, academia, and Congress throughout his career.



Val takes over the reins from **Laurie Davies Adams**, whose 21 years of leadership at Pollinator Partnership brought major and substantial increases in the understanding and awareness of the plight of all pollinators. "I am thrilled to have Val Dolcini at the helm of Pollinator Partnership. He brings significant skills in building our organization and in creating real and lasting progress for the pollinators of the world," Adams said.

Steve Shestag, **Director of Environment at the Boeing Company** and **Pollinator Partnership Board Chair**, commented, "Val's leadership and experience are unparalleled and provide a clear focus on both the environment and agriculture, two essential areas of pollinator conservation. He will provide a strong presence for the Pollinator Partnership in the nation's capital, but also in his home state of California, across the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and beyond."

Dolcini added, "I am very excited to lead the Pollinator Partnership. Going forward, it is critically important to redouble our efforts to develop new and deeper public-private partnerships for the benefit of pollinators and to more fully engage our fellow citizens in order to encourage greater protection of all pollinators. These are significant challenges, but working together in a spirit of good will, they are eminently achievable."

In other administrative changes within Pollinator Partnership beginning June 1, **James E. Sherman** will be elevated to Chief Operating Officer based in the company's San Francisco office. "Jamie's background in finance, biology and water issues will bring strong organizational improvements," Ms. Adams said. "Pollinator Partnership is a formidable team working for pollinators everywhere, and it has just taken several steps forward in its leadership and effectiveness for a sustainable future for pollinator health."

ABOUT THE POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIP (P2)

Established in 1997, the Pollinator Partnership is the largest 501(c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to the health, protection, and conservation of all pollinating animals. Pollinator Partnership's actions for pollinators include education, conservation, restoration, policy, and research. Pollinator Partnership's financial support comes through grants, gifts, memberships and donations from any interested party. Pollinator Partnership's policies are science-based, set by its board of directors, and never influenced by any donor. To make a donation or for information on pollinators, visit www.pollinator.org.