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### USDA Rural Development Announces Senior Executive Leadership Changes

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14, 2017 – Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett today announced the following changes in Senior Executive Service leadership roles at USDA Rural Development:

- Claudette Fernandez is now Assistant Administrator for Water and Environmental Programs in the Rural Utilities Service. Fernandez brings 15 years of community development experience to her new role. She has held various leadership positions within USDA Rural Development's Rural Business-Cooperative Service since 2014. Prior to USDA, she served as senior program manager for more than 10 years at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- Bryan Hooper is now the Deputy Administrator for Business Programs in the Rural Business-Cooperative Service. Hooper brings 11 years of leadership in managing federal commercial loan programs to his new role, including 5 years as the head of Credit Risk Management at the Small Business Administration (SBA).
- Joyce Allen is now the Deputy Administrator for Multi-Family Housing Programs in the Rural Housing Service. Since 2011, Allen has managed USDA Rural Development's Single Family Housing Programs. Prior to that role, Allen spent more than 20 years working in affordable multi-family housing both at USDA and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- Cathy Glover is now detailed as Deputy Administrator for Single Family Housing Programs in the Rural Housing Service. Glover has nearly 30 years of affordable housing experience. She started her career with USDA in 1988 and has worked at the local, State and National Office levels of Rural Development. She also spent two years with HUD, working in the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) Home Mortgage Insurance Division.

These program leadership changes are effective immediately. USDA Rural Development encourages partners and stakeholder groups to reach out to these leaders in their new roles to build on existing partnerships and create new ones.

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