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JERRY OGBURN ELECTED 2022 CHAIRPERSON OF MOUNT SAN JACINTO WINTER PARK AUTHORITY

PALM SPRINGS, CA (March 2, 2022) Jerry Ogburn, retired urban planner and designer, has been elected chairman of the Mount San Jacinto Winter Park Authority (MSJWPA), governing body of the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. Ogburn was appointed to the Authority by the Palm Springs City Council in 2006 and previously served as chair in 2009 and 2017.

For over four decades, Ogburn worked as an urban planner and designer in both the public and private sectors leading interdisciplinary teams of specialized consultants. Most recently, he served for five years as a senior designer for The Planning Center in Rancho Mirage, and then another five years for MSA Consulting, Inc., also in Rancho Mirage, as a senior planner. In January of 2017, he formally retired from the latter and continues to serve as a member of Desert Roundtable.

"As we approach the completion of the multi-year remodel of the Mountain Station in the coming months and the 60th anniversary of the Tramway in 2023, we look optimistically towards the future," says Ogburn. "It is an honor to serve as the 2022 chair alongside my fellow board members and the truly extraordinary staff members of the Tramway and our restaurant operations."

Ogburn succeeds 2021 **Chair Bary Freet**, a 2015 Riverside County MSJWPA appointee. Other officers elected for 2022 are **Vice Chair Brian Conley**, **Secretary Jeff Ohlfs** and **Treasurer Sandra Magana-Cuellar**.

The current Authority members are: **Jerry Ogburn** and **Nancy Stuart** appointed by the Palm Springs City Council; **Bary Freet** and **Brian Nestande** appointed by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors; and **Brian Conley, Sandra Magana-Cuellar** and **Jeff Ohlfs** appointed by the Governor.

About Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway is the world's largest rotating tram car. Opened in 1963, the Tram's 80-passenger cars travel along the breathtaking cliffs of Chino Canyon from the Valley Station (elevation 2,643 ft.) to the Mountain Station (elevation 8,516 ft.) in approximately 10 minutes. For more information, please call 888.515.TRAM or 760.325.1391, or visit us at www.pstramway.com. Also, download the Tramway's free mobile tour available now in the App Store/Google Play

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