

Ken Trott was named Acting Assistant Director in charge of the Office of Mine Reclamation (OMR) in January. Trott joined the Department of Conservation in 1982, with the Special Services for Soil Resource Protection, the precursor to the Division of Land Resource Protection. During his 17 years with DLRP he put in stints with all of the Division's programs. He eventually managed the Resource Conservation District technical assistance and Williamson Act Programs. He also helped to develop and then managed the fledgling California Farmland Conservancy and watershed grant programs for that division. He then moved to the department's legislation unit, serving as DOC's environmental coordinator.

In 2001, Trott left DOC for the California Department of Food and Agriculture (DFA), where he worked in the Secretary's Office of Agriculture and Environmental Stewardship. He eventually became director of that office. Trott represented DFA on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, the Delta Protection Commission, and as an interagency member of the staff team that supported the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force. He also represented DFA on the Greenhouse Gas Solutions Act (AB 32) interagency team, focusing on climate change adaptation on behalf of agriculture, and on the California Roundtable on Agriculture and the Environment. Trott returned to DOC in 2009 as manager of OMR's Reporting and Compliance Unit.

A Placer County native, Trott earned a bachelor's degree in city and regional planning at the University of California, Davis. He worked in city and county government for several years before returning to U.C. Davis to earn a master's in soil science. Trott then worked for the UC Berkeley School of Forestry studying the impacts of timber production on soil health, and as an environmental consultant, documenting erosion and sedimentation, before joining state service.