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Town hires economic development director

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Matthew C. Spriggs, currently senior planner for Riverfront Development for Yuma, Arizona, has been hired as the Community and Economic Development Director for the Town of Taos.

Spriggs accepted the position this week and is expected to start the job in the newly created position in August.

The Town Council has been planning the new department since it was first suggested in September 2006. A report commissioned by the Council on Economic Development in Taos suggested that the Director could coordinate projects with the community to strengthen its economy.

The “*Investing in the Future*” report suggested that the Community and Economic Development Director address such issues as, affordable housing, public health and mental health services and to provide hard research on business trends.

Spriggs holds a master’s degree in urban and regional planning and a master’s in public administration from the University of Colorado, Denver as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Asian studies.

Before he began working in the Planning Department for the city of Yuma, Spriggs was a senior specialist for US West Wireless in Denver.