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Colleen Bulgarelli retires from AltaOne Federal Credit Union, after 40 years of service

RIDGECREST, CA—After 40 years of distinguished service to AltaOne Federal Credit Union, Colleen Bulgarelli, Branch Manager of the Lake Isabella and Kernville branches has retired.

Bulgarelli started her career as a teller at the China Lake Base Branch in 1982. After progressing through the ranks and moving to Lake Isabella, she ends her career managing the two Kern River Valley branch locations.

“Colleen has shown exceptional leadership and leaves a legacy of service to her team and community. She will definitely be missed.”, said Stephanie Sievers, AltaOne CEO.

Bulgarelli stated, “I met my husband David while working at the credit union and the credit union played a part in the raising of my kids! Back then work/life balance wasn’t something considered, but the credit union allowed me to work part time for many years so I could spend more time with my children. I feel this enabled us to give them a great foundation, which shows in their lives now.” Bulgarelli’s children have grown up to be medical professionals—daughter Jamy is an OBGYN and son Cody is a Physician Assistant.

Looking back Bulgarelli said some of her mentors included Donna Hollingsworth and Marie Riggs. “Donna showed me how to build a high performing team and to lead with compassion and empathy. Marie offered life advice. She told me when I was hired to start preparing for retirement now, which I did by adjusting my 401k deductions regularly and investing for the future, ensuring we were set to enjoy retirement.”

Among the things Bulgarelli will miss about the credit union are the members, team, and serving the community. “I plan to continue serving the community, but in a different capacity.” Bulgarelli said.

“I have always believed in the credit union’s culture, it’s what’s kept me here. We truly care about our members and communities and work to make them better.” added Bulgarelli.

Looking ahead Bulgarelli plans to travel, spend time with family, and see where things take her. “I am excited to get out and use my e-bike, travel trailer, and spoil my grandson.”

“We are in the process of recruiting a new manager for Lake Isabella and Kernville. It’s important for us to find the perfect person to continue our legacy of community service.”, Sievers said about the search for Bulgarelli’s replacement. Interested individuals may review the job description at AltaOne.org/Careers.

About AltaOne Federal Credit Union

AltaOne Federal Credit Union is a federally chartered, full-service financial cooperative with \$794 million in assets, serving over 54,000 members. Headquartered in Ridgecrest, California, AltaOne was organized as the NOTS Employees Federal Credit Union in 1947 at China Lake. Membership is open to those who live, work, worship, volunteer or go to school in Kern, Inyo, and Mono counties, as well as select communities in northern San Bernardino County. Branches are located in Bakersfield, Bishop, Boron, California City, China Lake, Kernville, Lake Isabella, Lone Pine, Ridgecrest, and Tehachapi. Certified as a Community Development Financial Institution by the US Department of the Treasury, AltaOne serves many areas that have limited or no availability to financial services. For more information on AltaOne, visit AltaOne.org.

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Pictured L-R: former AltaOne CEO Bob Boland, Colleen Bulgarelli, current AltaOne CEO Stephanie Sievers and AltaOne Board Chair Norman Alexander



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