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Coffman Engineers Hires Brian Dersch and Key Electrical Engineering Staff from Dersch Design & Engineering

Key hires augment Coffman's San Diego electrical engineering department and renewable energy capabilities

SAN DIEGO, California, October 14, 2021 – Multidiscipline engineering consulting firm Coffman Engineers, Inc. (Coffman) announced today they have hired Brian Dersch, PE, LEED AP, and another electrical engineering professional. These two key hires augment Coffman's San Diego electrical engineering department and add depth to the company's renewable energy capabilities.

Before joining Coffman, Brian was the president and CEO of Dersch Design & Engineering (DDE), a San Diego-based electrical engineering firm. DDE focused on designing power, lighting, and renewable energy systems. In October 2021, Brian decided to close his 8-year-old business and join Coffman's San Diego electrical team.

"Founding Dersch Design & Engineering has been an incredible achievement, and I am thankful to have been entrusted by clients with their projects over the past eight years," said Brian Dersch. "It was time for me to hang up my owner's hat and focus on the next chapter in my career. I can't think of a better place to land than at Coffman Engineers."

Brian and Steven Walker will become Coffman employees on October 18, 2021 and move to Coffman's San Diego office. Brian will join the San Diego electrical engineering department as a senior discipline manager and support principal Joe Dews, PE. The department will expand to include 12 team members.

"I have so much respect for the business Brian built in San Diego. We are fortunate to continue the partnership we started many years ago, now as colleagues," said Joe Dews, Principal electrical engineer. "They are a natural fit at Coffman, and our services and market experience are complementary. I'm excited to see what we accomplish together."

In addition to the greater depth of electrical engineering services in power and lighting design, Brian and his staff specialize in renewable energy system design, including energy efficiency upgrades, solar PV systems, battery energy storage systems, and microgrids.

For more information, see the attached fact sheet and visit the announcement page at <https://www.coffman.com/news/san-diego-office-hires-brian-dersch/>.



About Coffman Engineers

Since 1979, Coffman Engineers has added staff and expanded into dozens of service offerings, but the commitment to innovative work and enduring relationships remains unchanged. Coffman offers deep and scalable multidiscipline engineering services including civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, fire protection, and other specialties. Coffman's 600 employees from 19 offices across the US are committed to clients and the team effort it takes to build a better world. For more information, please visit coffman.com or connect on LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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Coffman's Electrical Engineering Department is Growing!

- Brian Dersch, President and CEO of Dersch Design & Engineering (DDE), along with another member of his former DDE team, will be hired by [Coffman Engineers](#) (Coffman) and join the San Diego office on October 18, 2021.
- Brian will join Coffman as a Senior Discipline Manager and will support Principal Joe Dews and his team to deliver comprehensive electrical engineering services throughout Southern California.
- Brian and his team have existing working relationships with San Diego staff and this addition will be a natural fit and complimentary to our services and market experience. Together we will offer clients greater depth in electrical engineering and specialty renewable energy services.
- DDE is closing its doors and will cease to provide professional engineering services.

Milestone Dates

- 09.22.21: DDE began communicating with Key Clients.
- 10.01.21: DDE to send email to Clients about closing doors and being hired at Coffman.
- 10.12.21: Public Announcement welcoming new electrical engineering staff.
- 10.17.21: DDE will cease to provide professional engineering services and begin winding down the company.
- 10.18.21: DDE employees become Coffman employees and move to Coffman's San Diego office.

About Dersch Design & Engineering

Founded in San Diego in August 2013, Dersch Design & Engineering is a team of electrical engineers focused on designing power, lighting, and renewable energy systems for public and private sector construction under the leadership of Brian Dersch. Dersch Design is highly experienced in the design for new construction, building renovations, site modernizations, energy efficiency upgrades, electrical repairs, laboratories, solar PV systems, battery energy storage systems, and microgrids.

- Years in Business: 8
- Total Employees: 4

About Coffman Engineers

Coffman Engineers integrates many disciplines, including civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, fire protection, and other specialty services. We offer clients something unique: the local, high-touch service of a small firm backed by the multidiscipline capabilities typically found at larger engineering consultants.

Coffman began as a seven-person structural firm in 1979 and since then has experienced significant growth in geographic presence, markets, and engineering services. Today, Coffman is proud to be an ENR Top 500 engineering firm while remaining true to founding values and focusing on the success of clients and employees.

Coffman's San Diego office opened in 2016 to support client needs for local fire protection engineering and code consulting services. Since that time, the office has grown to more than 80 multidiscipline engineering professionals servicing every major market throughout Southern California. The office has not only demonstrated excellence through their longstanding client relationships and award-winning projects but have also built a reputation as one of San Diego's Best Places to Work.

- Years in Business: 42
- Employees Companywide: 594
- Office Locations: 19