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### A's Name Grady Fuson Special Advisor to Baseball Operations

*Veteran Executive Returns to Oakland, Where He Previously Served 19 Years*

OAKLAND, Calif. –Grady Fuson, former Oakland Athletics' scouting director and one of the game's most respected scouts and baseball executives, is returning to the A's as a special advisor to baseball operations, GM Billy Beane announced today.

Fuson, who began his career as an area scout with Oakland in 1982, spent 19 seasons with the A's organization, including the last seven years as scouting director (1995-2001). Most recently, he served as vice president of scouting and player development with San Diego from 2006-09 after joining the Padres in 2005 as a special assistant to the general manager.

His first stint with the A's ended in 2002, when he joined the Texas Rangers as assistant general manager, spending three seasons in charge of the Rangers' scouting and player personnel.

Formerly the head baseball coach at the University of Puget Sound in Washington, Fuson was hired by the A's in 1982. During his tenure in Oakland, he played a prominent role in drafting such players as Eric Chavez, Tim Hudson, Mark Mulder and Barry Zito, which provided the impetus for the franchise to feature five playoff teams over a six-year period from 2000-06.

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