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Athletics' Manager Bob Geren Relieved of His Duties

Former Major League Manager Bob Melvin to Serve as Interim Replacement

OAKLAND, Calif.—Oakland Athletics' Vice President & General Manager Billy Beane announced today that Bob Geren has been relieved of his duties as manager and former Major League manager Bob Melvin has been named interim manager for the remainder of the 2011 season.

Geren, 49, was named the A's manager on Nov. 17, 2006. He registered a 334-376 (.470) record in four-plus seasons with Oakland, including a 27-36 mark and last-place standing in the American League West this year.

The Arizona Diamondbacks' all-time winningest manager, Melvin arrives in Chicago today and will assume his managerial duties tonight when the A's open a four-game series against the White Sox at U.S. Cellular Field. The 49-year-old Palo Alto, Calif. native has compiled an overall record of 493-508 in seven previous seasons as a Major League manager from 2003-09 with the Seattle Mariners (156-168, 2003-04) and Diamondbacks (337-340, 2005-09).

In his rookie managerial season, he directed the Mariners to a 93-69 record in 2003. Four years later, he won National League Manager of the Year honors after piloting Arizona to a league-best 90-72 mark and the NL West Division title in 2007. Melvin also served as the Diamondbacks' bench coach on Bob Brenly's coaching staff from 2001-02, when Arizona won the World Series in 2001 and the NL West Division championship in 2002. In addition, he held positions as Phil Garner's bench coach for Milwaukee in 1999 and Detroit in 2000. Prior to those bench coach roles, he spent three seasons with Milwaukee in various capacities, serving as a scout in 1996, roving instructor in 1997 and as assistant to General Manager Sal Bando in 1998.

Most recently, Melvin had rejoined the Diamondbacks as a special baseball advisor to President & CEO Derrick Hall last month, assisting the baseball operations department and other business divisions of the organization.

Melvin graduated from Menlo-Atherton High School in Menlo Park, Calif. in 1979 and later attended and played baseball at the University of California in Berkeley. Detroit selected him as its first choice in the secondary phase of the 1981 January draft and the former catcher posted a .233 batting average with 35 home runs and 212 RBI while playing in 692 games during his 10-year Major League career with the Tigers (1985), San Francisco Giants (1986-88), Baltimore Orioles (1989-91), Kansas City Royals (1992), Boston Red Sox (1993), New York Yankees (1994) and Chicago White Sox (1994).

Geren first joined the A's organization as a minor league manager in 1999, serving one season at Single-A Modesto before being promoted to Triple-A Sacramento in 2000. After three years with the River Cats, he was named to the major league coaching staff, where he was bullpen coach from 2003-05 and bench coach in 2006. His best season as Oakland's manager came last year, when he guided the A's to an 81-81 record and

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second-place finish in the AL West. He led the team to finishes of 76-86 in 2007, 75-86 in 2008 and 75-87 in 2009.

Melvin becomes the 29th manager in franchise history and 18th in Oakland annals. His career managerial record follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>WINS</u>	<u>LOSSES</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>FINISH</u>
2003	Seattle	93	69	.574	Second (AL West)
2004	Seattle	63	99	.388	Fourth (AL West)
2005	Arizona	77	85	.475	Second (NL West)
2006	Arizona	76	86	.469	Fourth (NL West)
2007	Arizona	90	72	.556	First (NL West)
2008	Arizona	82	80	.506	Second (NL West)
<u>2009</u>	<u>Arizona</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>.414</u>	<u>Fourth (NL West)</u>

American League Totals 156 168 .481

National League Totals 337 340 .498

MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS 493 508 .493

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NOTE TO BAY AREA & NATIONAL MEDIA: There will be two media availabilities later today:

- MEDIA CONFERENCE CALL, 1 p.m. CT (11 a.m. PT)—Billy Beane will be available via conference call to discuss the managerial change. To join the call, call 1-888-808-6929. When prompted, punch in Access Code 9858720 and hit the # sign. When on the call, please do not place your phone on hold as it may pipe in unwanted music or other audio on the call.
- PRESS CONFERENCE AT U.S. CELLULAR FIELD, 3:30 p.m. CT—Beane will introduce Interim Manager Bob Melvin in the Conference and Learning Center, located directly across the tunnel from the visiting clubhouse at the ballpark. Both men will take questions after opening statements.

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