

# Supervisors select Stopper for planning commissioner

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Benjamin Stopper was appointed the District 5 Calaveras County Planning Commissioner at Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Supervisors at Tuesday's regular meeting.

"Ben brings a wealth of experience in the construction industry as well as waste water management with the Calaveras County Water District to the Planning Commission," said District 5 Supervisor Steve Kearney. "In construction he worked in many different positions and areas including the Lake Tahoe Basin."

Stopper attended California State University, Sacramento, studying wastewater and water treatment operations. During his education he volunteered at Mokelumne Hill Sanitary and Valley Springs Public Utility District to obtain operator training time in wastewater. He subsequently went to work for the Calaveras County Water District where he is still at today.

"His experience at CCWD includes working through the state permitting process applying all law and compliance issues as well as conducting bio-analysis with engineering to understand environmental impact," Kearney said.

Stopper has lived in Calaveras County for many years and is raising a family in District 5.

"I believe this experience along with my many years of being involved with our community here in Calaveras County gives me the experience needed to make the decisions to help Calaveras move forward prosperously while protecting individual rights and maintaining the rural healthy environment we all cherish in our community," Stopper said about the appointment.

Stopper replaced David Tunno who resigned last month.