

# Exodus continues of Calaveras department heads

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Two more Calaveras County department heads are departing.

Planning Director Peter Maurer and Health and Human Services Agency Director Kristin Stranger are joining Public Works Director Joshua Pack in an exodus from the Government Center in San Andreas.

Maurer, architect of the recently adopted Calaveras County General Plan update, is retiring in March, while Stranger, who has guided the county through the COVID-19 outbreak, is leaving to accept a job with Los Angeles County. As reported in The News last week, Pack has accepted the public works director's position in Butte County.

"It is with mixed emotions that I am letting you know that I intend to retire at the end of March," Maurer said in his Nov. 30 notice to the county Board of Supervisors. "I am providing this notice at this time so that the County has sufficient time to recruit for my replacement and not leave too much of a gap between my leaving and my successor's arrival."

Maurer has been the county's planning director the past seven years.

"There have been a number of unanticipated twists and turns along the way that have made it interesting to say the least," Maurer said in his notice to supervisors. "The County management team has been superb to work with, and we have weathered many challenges these past few years. I have enjoyed working with each of you as Board members, and I hope that I have executed my duties in accordance with your directions."

He anticipates his last day working in the office will be Feb.26 and he will use accrued vacation during March with his last official day of employment being March 26.

"I am proud of the Planning Department staff," Maurer said in his notice. "They are hard-working professionals, committed to making Calaveras County a better place to live, and to providing the best public service possible. I believe that my tenure here has improved the perception as well as the actual conduct of the department, that we are a solution-oriented organization, working within the constraints of local and state laws and regulations to improve the economic, social, and environmental health of the community."

In her resignation letter, Stranger said she is looking forward to living closer to family in Los Angeles County.

"Thank you for the opportunity to serve this wonderful community under your committed leadership. I have enjoyed every minute working side-by-side with the talented and professional HHS team," her letter reads. "Every day they made the mission of this agency of being dedicated to engaging and strengthening the community. They do this in collaboration with fantastic fellow county departments and community partners. I have nothing but positive feedback to share about my career here in Calaveras County and the utmost faith that the HHS team will continue to deliver high-quality services, as they always do."

Stranger has been at her job for the past four year and she is leaving later this month.

"I will cherish the many memories I have from serving the residents of Calaveras County and am grateful for all I have learned," she wrote.