Calaveras County's top administrator resigns

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Calaveras County is searching for a new administrative officer for the third time in less than four years with last week's abrupt resignation of Christa Von Latta.

According to a press release issued Thursday by the county, Von Latta on July 6 announced her resignation effective Jan. 1, 2023.

She had been on the \$193,000-a-year job for the past 13 months and had nearly three years remaining on her contract with the county.

"While on administrative leave, she will work with the Board of Supervisors and county staff to enable a smooth transition over the next several months," according to the posting from the county.

Before being hired as the county's top administrator June 8, 2021, on a unanimous vote of the county Board of Supervisors, Von Latta served as the interim county administrator for four months and deputy CAO since July 22, 2017.

"I am very thankful to the county of Calaveras and its impressive, hard-working staff for providing me such a great opportunity," Von Latta said in the release. "It is difficult to step away, but I feel strongly at this point in my life it is a necessary step in my career. It is not a decision I make lightly."

"We are very appreciative of the time and sacrifice Christa has made for the county of Calaveras," said Amanda Falendorf, chair of the Board of Supervisors. "Her investment in staff and countywide initiatives provides for our future and will make lasting change we are thankful for."

The Board of Supervisors over the next several weeks will consider options in filling the position on an interim and ongoing basis.

Von Latta replaced Albert Alt who resigned in March of 2021 after nearly two years on the job.

"This is an incredible privilege and I look forward to working incredibly hard with you, getting a lot done, and having fun in the process," Von Latta said at the time of her appointment last June.