OFFICIAL OPTS OUT OF LODE PLANNING POSITION

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SAN ANDREAS - Nick Salemme of Valley Springs will not serve as a Calaveras County planning commissioner, Salemme announced this week via a message sent on Facebook.

Salemme was appointed in January to represent District 5, which includes Copperopolis and the Rancho Calaveras portion of Valley Springs.

Darren Spellman, who in January began his first term representing District 5 on the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors, selected Salemme for the post.

In his message, Salemme said he initially accepted the appointment because he thought it would be possible to schedule his business trips around the Planning Commission's schedule.

"Spellman and I were under the impression that the board meeting took place once a month and was in the evening hours," Salemme said.

The Planning Commission currently meets as often as twice a month, usually starting at 9 a.m.

"In the end, due to the requirements for this position I'm resigning my appointment, as my work schedule would conflict with the Planning Board schedule," Salemme wrote.

Salemme is employed by ARMtech Insurance Services, a firm that specializes in crop insurance.

Spellman said Tuesday that Salemme's duties with the firm have recently been temporarily expanded, further restricting his ability to serve on the Planning Commission.

Spellman said he has another candidate for planning commissioner in mind but will not reveal that person's name until it appears on a Board of Supervisors agenda.