



## News Release

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### **Stanislaus County appoints new Director of Planning & Community Development**

*Stanislaus County, CA* – Stanislaus County has just appointed a new Director of Planning and Community Development.

Kirk Ford has been announced as the new Director of Planning and Community Development for Stanislaus County. Ford had been serving as the Interim Planning Director since March 2008. He was appointed to the position of Director on December 13, 2008, following a nationwide recruitment. He is also the Executive Director of the Stanislaus County Redevelopment Agency, and Director of the Stanislaus County Airport Land Use Commission.

“We are excited to appoint such a talented member of the County team to this position,” stated County Chief Executive Officer Rick Robinson. “It is always a great benefit when we have strong individuals inside our organization who are ready to lead.”

Ford has been a Stanislaus County employee since June 1995. He was previously the Assistant Planning Director for the County.

He holds an A.A. Degree in Zoology from El Camino College, a B.S. Degree in Wildlife Management from Humboldt State University, and a Masters Degree in Environmental Studies from the University of Montana. Prior to his employment with Stanislaus County, he spent about 15 years working for various environmental consulting and engineering firms throughout northern California and seasonally for the US Forest Service. Kirk is married, the father of two adult children and helps run the family ranch in his spare time.

This position has been vacant since the retirement of veteran County employee Ron Freitas in February, 2008.

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