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NEW DEPUTY CAO TO OVERSEE PUBLIC WORKS

County Administrative Officer Carlos J. Palacios is pleased to announce Matt Machado as Deputy County Administrative Officer, overseeing the Department of Public Works.

For the past 11 years, Machado has served as Director of Public Works for Stanislaus County, where he worked to collaborate with the public and public officials at all levels of government to improve roads and facilities, implement a local sales tax and a multi-agency stormwater management plan, and provide statewide leadership on issues important to counties across California.

"Matt is a passionate advocate for his community, capable of navigating change and adapting to new challenges," Palacios said. "He is a communicator who understands the value of working with residents and county partners to build the trust and relationships necessary to move forward on key initiatives."

"I am very excited to join the Santa Cruz County team and to be a part of the community," Machado said. "I look forward to engaging and working on important county issues. County government works best when we all work together to help the community flourish."

Machado is a licensed engineer and land surveyor, and over his 24-year career has developed expertise in multiple areas and subjects of local government. He is a past president of the County Engineers Association of California.

In addition to serving as the Director of the Department of Public Works, Machado will be tasked with various special projects as Deputy CAO, including studying the potential of a community development entity that consolidates responsibilities now shared by several offices.

He is expected to start June 4.