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**STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPOINTS ROSA DE LEÓN PARK
NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Modesto, CA—August 20, 2015— Deputy Executive Director Rosa De León Park was appointed as the Executive Director of the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) Wednesday night following a closed session meeting of the Policy Board. Park will replace the retiring Carlos P. Yamzon. Park will be responsible for guiding regional transportation planning, program administration, budget and finances, and overall management of the agency.

“We are very pleased to have Rosa as our new Executive Director,” said Chairman Vito Chiesa. “She has the experience and the abilities vital to running StanCOG, and will be a great asset to the agency.”

Park has been with StanCOG for six years and has been instrumental in the development and adoption of the agency’s Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy. She has also served as project manager for the South County Corridor Feasibility Study and the State Route 132 West project. Previously, Park worked for the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) and was also a transportation planning consultant to municipal and Metropolitan Planning Agencies through Interwest Consulting Group. She is involved at the state and federal level in a variety of transportation planning organizations.

“I am looking forward to building on the great work Carlos did for our communities and helping our region achieve its long term vision for transportation improvements,” said Park. “We have a lot of work to do!”

A native of Stockton, Park received her Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University, Sacramento.

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About the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)

StanCOG is the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the Stanislaus region that is responsible for developing and updating a variety of transportation plans, and for allocating the federal and state funds to implement them. StanCOG was established in 1971 through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the 10 local jurisdictions* in the Stanislaus region to address regional transportation issues, and is governed by a 16-member Policy Board comprised of elected officials (County Supervisors, Mayors and Council Members) from each of the jurisdictions.*

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