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CHRISTINE COX-KOVACEVICH SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLING STATE FUNDS

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office is pleased to announce that today, October 4, 2016, Christine Cox-Kovacevich was sentenced for embezzling state funds during her employment as the Deputy District Director for a local division of the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS).

On August 16, 2016, Ms. Cox-Kovacevich plead guilty to two felony counts of Embezzlement by a Public Employee, in violation of Penal Code section 504.

Today, Ms. Cox-Kovacevich was placed on a three (3) year grant of felony probation, and was ordered to complete two hundred (200) hours of community service. Restitution in the amount of \$15,090.55 has already been paid by the defendant.

During her employment, it was discovered that Ms. Cox-Kovacevich submitted fraudulent travel claims and was paid for travel that never occurred from July 2012 through June 2015. Since the allegations came to light, Caltrans has worked to revise their internal controls, which now require more oversight and an audit procedure to prevent similar fraudulent activity in the future.

The case was prosecuted by the District Attorney's Public Integrity Unit.

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