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# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPOINTS BIMLA RHINEHART AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SACRAMENTO – April 1, 2009 – Chairman Robert Alvarado announced the appointment of Bimla Rhinehart as Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission. Ms. Rhinehart will attend her first meeting of the Commission as the Executive Director at its April 15-16, 2009 meeting.

Ms. Rhinehart comes to the position of the Commission's Executive Director with nearly twenty three years of experience with the California Department of Transportation. She served for four years as the Division Chief of Right of Way and Land Surveys, and previously served as the Acting Division Chief of Budgets, and Deputy Director of External Affairs and Special Projects Manager.

Ms. Rhinehart received a B.S. in Finance and Accounting from the California State University, Chico.

The Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission reports to the eleven-member Commission and is responsible for overseeing the Commission's staff of 19 and its annual budget of \$3.6 million. The Commission is responsible for programming and funding several billion dollars annually for transportation projects throughout California in partnership with regional transportation agencies and the California Department of Transportation. The Commission is also responsible for advising the California Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing and the California Legislature on key transportation policy matters.