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***Mendocino County Reaches Tentative Agreement with Mendocino County
Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA)***

Mendocino County and the Mendocino County Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA) announced today that they have reached a tentative agreement for a three year labor contract. Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Chair, Carre Brown, stated "the Board is extremely happy that we have reached an agreement with DSA. We value public safety and believe this is another big step toward our commitment to investing in our most valued asset, the dedicated employees of the County of Mendocino."

Craig Walker, DSA President, stated, "a component of the contract involves a retirement swap agreed upon by the County and DSA. The association feels it is important to help get ahead of any future retirement shortfalls the County and DSA may encounter." DSA employees agreed to pay their full share of retirement costs. This amounts to around nine percent of each member's gross base pay. In return, the County has agreed to increase all base pay to the members by six percent.

"It's a step in the right direction," Walker said Tuesday. "Our hope is the County will continue to make significant efforts to restore lost wages to the men and women who daily risk their lives for County residents." Walker stated competitive wages would bring stability to the Sheriff's Office, referring to higher wages paid by other agencies, some within Mendocino County.

The details of the tentative agreement will be posted online and made available with the publication of the May 5, 2015 Board of Supervisors agenda.

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