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***AGREEMENT REACHED WITH
MENDOCINO COUNTY PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S ASSOCIATION (MCPAA)***

On June 17, 2014, the County of Mendocino and the Mendocino County Public Attorney's Association (MCPAA) received approval from the Board of Supervisors for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that extends through December 31, 2014. Negotiations formally began in December of last year and included a series of seven meetings.

The last MOU between the County and the MCPAA came into effect on August 28, 2012. Both sides are interested in an improved partnership after the last round of contract negotiations where the relationship soured - MCPAA eventually received a 10% reduction in compensation two years after the first bargaining units received similar reductions.

The current MOU adopted by the Board of Supervisors largely extends the prior agreement, and the 10% reduction, through December of 2014. MCPAA joins the County's Management, Deputy Sheriff's and Confidential bargaining units in accepting a contract with no salary restoration.

"I want to commend MCPAA for the respectful dialog we have had." said Kyle Knopp, Assistant CEO for the County of Mendocino. "It is important to all parties involved that the relationship improves. We want to recognize the years of training and specialized education and the ongoing hard work required to hold these important positions."

Mendocino County's revenue recovery from the last recession continues to be slow, and discretionary revenue is only now beginning to match pre-recession levels. Meanwhile, the organization is saddled with long-term increases in retirement costs that are alone over 36% higher than before the recession.

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