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**AGREEMENT REACHED WITH
SERVICE EMPLOYEES' INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU), LOCAL 1021**

Following a three day negotiation process, the County of Mendocino and the employees represented by the County's largest bargaining unit, Service Employees' International Union (SEIU) Local 1021, reached a tentative two-year labor agreement.

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. It includes a 5% salary increase over two years along with other benefit increases.

Board of Supervisors Chair Carre Brown, stated "It is very important to recognize our employees for their work providing County services to our citizens. As the County continues to slowly recover financially from the economic downturn, so must our employees. The County values their dedication and contributions at all levels of the organization."

Helen Michael, Mendocino County Chapter President of SEIU Local 1021 stated, "Although it's not everything we wanted for our members, this contract is the step in the right direction. It shows that when both parties are willing to compromise we can reach an agreement that can work. There's been a positive shift in the tone of communications with each other as well, that has enabled us to work on the important issues in a more productive manner and we hope that can continue going forward."

Chief Executive Officer, Carmel Angelo stated, "I am grateful for the productive nature of our communication with the SEIU team, as well as their dedication to reaching an agreement. Ultimately this resulted in an agreement which provides well deserved benefits to employees in a manner that is sustainable for the County organization."

The details of the tentative agreement will be posted online and made available with the publication of the July 17, 2015 amendment to the Board of Supervisors Agenda.

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Carmel J. Angelo, Chief Executive Officer