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

Following 15 months of negotiations, the County of Mendocino and the employees represented by the County's largest bargaining unit, Service Employees' International Union, Local 1021 received approval from the Board of Supervisors for a Memorandum of Understanding.

On August 26, 2014, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution reaching an agreement. The term of the agreement is from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015. It includes a one-time payment of \$1,200, one additional personal leave day, and no increase in the employee portion of the healthcare premiums during the 2015 health plan year.

The County had been in negotiations with SEIU, since June, 2013, in an effort to reach an agreement with the bargaining unit. *"The County is still in a serious financial position due to increasing retirement costs and limited discretionary revenue, however, the Board determined it was appropriate to provide a one-time benefit to the SEIU employees,"* stated Board Chair Pinches.

SEIU voted on August 14th and 15th and approved the Tentative Settlement Agreement with 92% of the ballots reflecting a "yes" vote in favor of the agreement.

In taking yesterday's action, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors recognizes the dedicated service provided by County employees.

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Carmel J. Angelo, Chief Executive Officer