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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS PARKER AS MENDOCINO COUNTY'S NEW COUNTY COUNSEL

On Monday, September 10, 2012, in a unanimous vote of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, Mr. Thomas Parker was appointed as Mendocino County's new County Counsel. The appointment is effective October 1, 2012, and is a four year term from the date of appointment.

Mr. Parker began county practice with El Dorado County Counsel from 1991-2005 and moved to Sacramento County Counsel (2005-10) to be their taxation attorney. He then became the Colusa County Counsel in July 2010.

He currently serves on the County Counsels' Association Board of Directors as well as on several committees of the Association. He has won six awards from the Association for litigation related work and use of the Association website between 2000 and 2008. He is a member of the following Bars: United States Supreme Court, 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, Eastern District of California, Central District of California, Northern District of California, Northern District of Ohio, California Bar, Ohio Bar (inactive). In addition he has also been active in state property taxation matters with the State Board of Equalization since 1998.

Parker was born in Akron, Ohio and earned by B.A. (History) at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio in 1980. He earned by J.D. at Capital University School of Law (Columbus, Ohio) in 1984 and a Masters of Law degree (International Tax/Business) from McGeorge School of Law in 1985 (Sacramento, California). He served as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate in the USAF from 1986-90 (at Travis AFB in Fairfield, California) and as the office Chief of Civil Law from 1989-90.

"Following two days of interviews and an extensive evaluation process, Tom Parker rose to the top of a strong field of candidates," said Board Chair John McCowen. "Mr. Parker brings broad legal experience to Mendocino County, including a solid background on land use and expertise in financial matters," added McCowen. "Speaking on behalf of the full Board, we welcome Mr. Parker to Mendocino County, and look forward to working with him as our next County Counsel," concluded McCowen.

"I am a firm believer in public service, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Board and the citizens of Mendocino County," stated Parker.

Mr. Parker's family includes his wife of 24 years (Grace) and two sons (Jason, age 21, UC Berkeley Junior in Engineering; Andrew, age 19, Freshman at Folsom Community College, Folsom, CA). He has lived in California since 1986.

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