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

On November 1, 2011, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 11-153 imposing a 12.5% ongoing salary reduction for employees represented by Service Employees' International Union, Local 1021. The County had been in negotiations with SEIU, since August, 2010 in an effort to reach an agreement with the bargaining unit.

On Wednesday, December 21, 2011, representatives from Mendocino County and SEIU attended a settlement conference at the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) in Sacramento. After an all day meeting the County and SEIU signed a tentative agreement contingent upon a ratified vote of the SEIU membership, and approval of the Board of Supervisors. Some of the terms of the agreement include a 10% permanent general wage reduction and approval of the County's new tier retirement for new hires (when it is implemented).

It is expected that SEIU will take the agreement to their membership to be ratified in preparation for the item being placed on the January 10, 2012, Board of Supervisors agenda. The agreement will be effective the first full pay period after formal approval by both parties.

The current 12.5% wage reduction remains in effect until the Board of Supervisors approves the December 21, 2011 tentative agreement.

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Carmel J. Angelo, Chief Executive Officer