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APPOINTMENT OF NEW MENDOCINO COUNTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has appointed Mr. Tom Mitchell the new Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer effective October 1, 2007.

Board Chair Kendall Smith announced the unanimous selection of Mr. Mitchell by the Supervisors after their Tuesday, August 28, Executive Session.

Mr. Mitchell has served as the County Administrative Officer for Calaveras County since October 2002. During that time he has been very active in developing the plans and means for a new criminal justice facility, including a new courthouse.

Supervisor Smith said that one of the key reasons for Mr. Mitchell's appointment was "...his history of leadership and decision making in Calaveras and San Luis Obispo Counties. In San Luis Obispo County, Tom also served twelve years as General Services Administrator. These qualifications are an excellent match for the current needs of Mendocino County."

Al Beltrami, who has served as Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer since July 2006, said, "Tom Mitchell brings direct county experience in both Calaveras and San Luis

Obispo Counties. San Luis Obispo is a similar coastal county with many of the attributes of Mendocino County. Tom will be a real asset to our area.”

Mr. Mitchell is preparing to relocate his family to Mendocino County during September. “I am truly looking forward to the challenges facing Mendocino County government in the years ahead. I am grateful to the Mendocino County Supervisors for their confidence in me. I also look forward to working with Al Beltrami and his county experience as I become totally familiar with Mendocino County.”

Mr. Mitchell began his professional county career in San Luis Obispo County as an Accountant in 1979 and has progressed through a number of positions in San Luis Obispo and Calaveras Counties. He is an active member of the County Administrative Officers Association of California.

The new CEO received his Bachelor of Science degree from San Jose State University.

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