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### ***BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MEET IN WILLITS***

On August 5, 2008, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors will meet at the Mendocino County Museum on East Commercial Street in Willits. Third District Supervisor John Pinches, who represents the Willits area and areas of North County said, "Meeting in the districts outside of Ukiah gives folks in North County, or on the coast, a chance to see the Board in action." He went on to say, "It gives the Board a chance to see the outlying communities in the County and to hear what their issues are."

The Board in 2006 adopted a calendar and work plan that called for holding three of its regularly scheduled meetings in outlying areas of the County. The focus has been on the North County, District Three, and the Fourth and Fifth Districts on the coast. Meetings have been held in Willits, Fort Bragg, and Point Arena over the past three years. Board Chair, Jim Wattenburger, said, "We are continuing to bring 'government to the people' with meetings in Willits and on the coast."

Wattenburger acknowledged, "The Board meets in the Second District, the district I represent, almost every week. It's important for all of the supervisors to be familiar with districts other than their own. After all, we make decisions as a Board together, for the entire County, not just for the district that elected us."

The Board meeting on August 5, 2008, is scheduled to begin at 10:30 in a classroom in the Museum and is anticipated to adjourn mid-afternoon. Members of the Willits City Council will be present to welcome the Board to their town and talk about issues of mutual interest to the City and County. The agenda will feature the latest news on the Lightening Complex Fire situation in Mendocino County. A Discount Prescription Card program that the County is entering into with the National Association of Counties will be launched. The Willits Chamber of Commerce will join the Board around lunchtime to share information about its upcoming move to the Train Station. A special tour of Ridgewood Ranch has been arranged for the Board at the end of the meeting.

The public is invited and welcome to attend every Board meeting. Board meeting agendas are posted on line at <http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/bos/cgi-bin/meetings.pl>. For more information, please contact the Mendocino County Clerk of the Board's Office at 463-4221 or the Mendocino County Executive Office at 463-4441.