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***AGREEMENT REACHED WITH  
MENDOCINO COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION (DSA)***

On June 17, 2014, the County of Mendocino and the Mendocino County Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA) received approval from the Board of Supervisors for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Negotiations formally began on September 3, 2013, and included a series of nine bargaining sessions. DSA was among the first four bargaining units to take a 10% reduction on July 25, 2010, in response to the economic crisis facing the County.

The current MOU adopted by the Board of Supervisors largely extends the prior agreements, and the 10% reduction with no enhancements to benefit or salary levels in the contract. DSA joins the County's Management, Attorney, and Confidential bargaining units in accepting a contract with no salary or benefit enhancements. The term covers the 1-year period since the expiration of the prior agreement on June 30, 2013.

"Our unit recognizes the County's financial hardship," stated Deputy Craig Walker, DSA's president. "We understand the Board's emphasis on reserves and stabilizing the County's financial position. Now that progress has been made in all these important areas, we look forward to the next round of negotiations."

"Our Deputy Sheriffs work incredibly hard and deserve so much more than the County is able to afford," County CEO Carmel Angelo stated. "I appreciate DSA's professionalism throughout these negotiations. Nobody's happy with the financial situation, but the County cannot return to the past practice of spending money it doesn't have."

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