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***BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPOINT ANTHONY LINEGAR AS
COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES***

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the selection of Anthony (Tony) Linegar as the County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures effective January 26, 2009.

Board Chair John Pinches made the announcement at the conclusion of yesterday's closed session. He stated the Board is pleased that Mr. Linegar has accepted the employment offer and the entire Board is looking forward to his leadership.

As the County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures, Mr. Linegar's duty will be to oversee the Agriculture Department. This department has a budget of \$441,054 and employs five field staff and two support staff; it promotes and protects California's agriculture, as well as protecting the environment, public health and safety.

Mr. Linegar is a California native. Following graduation in 1993 from Chico State University with a B.S. in Biological Science, he worked in a couple of different jobs in the field of biology: Iron Mountain Mine in Redding, an EPA superfund site; collecting and processing water samples for the remediation efforts; and then seasonally at a Federal salmon fish hatchery in Anderson, California. After working for Shasta County Department of Agriculture as an Agricultural Biologist I, and moving up to a III, from 1995 through 2001, Mr. Linegar was hired by Mendocino County in the position of Agricultural and Standards Specialist III. In 2002, he was promoted to Assistant Agricultural Commissioner.

Tony and his family make their home in Willits. His wife, Krista, is employed with the Willits Unified School District, and teaches gardening and nutrition at Sherwood School in Willits, as well as being a teacher's aid. They have two children, Madalyn who is 11 years old, and Evan who is seven.

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