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Supervisors Name Acting County Administrator

SANTA ROSA, Calif. – The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors today named an acting County Administrator to fill the position that has been vacant since June 17th. The Board selected Chris Thomas to serve as acting County Administrator while a search is conducted for a permanent replacement. Thomas is the county’s most senior Deputy County Administrator.

“We’re very fortunate to be able to call upon someone with Chris’ breadth of knowledge and experience to help guide the county through these difficult times,” said Board Chairman Paul Kelley. “The Board has complete confidence in Chris and the staff of the County Administrator’s Office to meet the challenges the county is facing.”

The Board also directed county staff to begin the recruitment process to identify and hire a permanent County Administrator. That process is expected to begin within two weeks, and may take several months to complete.

Thomas has worked in government service for over 23 years. Thomas began his career with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. He came to Sonoma County in 1992 and served as an Administrative Services Officer with the Permit and Resource Management Department. Thomas moved to the County Administrator’s Office in 1996, advancing to his current position of Deputy County Administrator. He currently works with the county departments in the functional areas of Administration and Developmental Services. He has coordinated the preparation of the county’s annual budget for the last six years.

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Mr. Thomas is 49 years old. He possesses a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Communications and Fine Arts at Bradley University. He is married and has two children. He and his family reside in Santa Rosa.

The County of Sonoma is comprised of 26 departments and agencies that provide a full range of services to the community. It encompasses over 1600 square miles and is home to almost 500,000 residents. Sonoma County government has a history of providing excellent and responsive public service while operating under sound fiscal principles.

Located less than one hour north of San Francisco, Sonoma County combines in one location the beautiful Pacific coastline, award-winning wineries, majestic redwoods, historic towns, fine dining, and a wide variety of entertainment and cultural activities.

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