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Mendocino County Board of Retirement Appoints Administrator

At its meeting on April 18, 2012, the Board for the Mendocino County Employees' Retirement Association (MCERA) appointed Richard White as their new Retirement Administrator. Mr. White will succeed retiring administrator, Jim Andersen.

Mr. White has spent nearly forty years in public service, most recently as a sheriff's sergeant for the County of Orange where he provides administrative oversight of the County's contract to provide law enforcement services for cities within the county. For the past nine years he has also served as the elected safety member on the Board of Retirement for the Orange County Employees' Retirement System (OCERS). In that role he has served as both chair and vice chair of OCERS, as well as the chair and vice chair of the Investment Committee which provides direction and oversight for an investment fund in excess of \$9 billion.

In addition, Mr. White has been elected by his peers to serve four terms as president of the board of the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS); a showing of support for his leadership which is without precedent. In his role as SACRS president, he has participated in presentations and discussions on a broad range of pension issues including asset management, actuarial practices, pending regulatory issues, and pension legislation. The MCERA board believes that the unique combination of his experiences has prepared Mr. White for the administrative duties of the retirement office and broader discussion and education regarding public retirement systems. He will bring access to a significant network of professionals and experts in the field of pension management.

The appointment by the Board of Retirement is pending final approval and acceptance of a contract for services which will be placed on the Board's agenda for its May meeting.

Released by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Andersen".

Jim Andersen, Interim Retirement Administrator
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