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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 27, 2019
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Steve Rose, Director of Human Resources**
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATHARINE ELIOTT
AS COUNTY COUNSEL

RECOMMENDATION: Appoint Katharine Elliott as County Counsel and Authorize Execution of Employment Agreement.

FUNDING: Funding is included in the FY 19/20 County Counsel Office budget.

BACKGROUND: A competitive recruitment process to fill the position of County Counsel was initiated under Board direction immediately following the announcement made by the current County Counsel of her intent to retire. A pool of 10 candidates applied for the position. The Board of Supervisors interviewed the 2 top candidates and a selection was made in favor of Ms. Katharine Elliott. Ms. Elliott comes to the position of County Counsel from Mendocino County where she served as County Counsel since March of 2016.

Ms. Elliott has an extensive background in both transactional law and general civil litigation, especially in land use and CEQA, public works, labor and employment law, public safety and tort litigation. Ms. Elliott's public sector experience includes working for the County of Mendocino and County of Tulare for a total of 17 years. She has defended both Counties in state and federal courts, mediations and arbitrations.

Her extensive experience also includes serving as primary legal advisor in a wide variety of practice areas such as labor and employment, public finance, public safety, parks and recreation and code enforcement. Ms. Elliott's experience also includes all aspects of municipal law including the Brown Act, conflicts of interest, public records, elections, redevelopment, and public

finance. She received her law degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and has been a member of the California Bar since 1988.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Steve Rose, Director of Human Resources

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