December 4, 2012

Board of Supervisors
County of Marin Board
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Appointment of Steven Woodside to position of Interim County Counsel

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the following:

1. Appoint Steven Woodside as Interim County Counsel with a bi-weekly salary of $7,987 (top step);
2. In lieu of participation in the County's pension system and health benefits system, provide a bi-weekly benefits allowance of $1,000.

I am recommending the appointment of Steven Woodside as Interim County Counsel. As you know, Mr. Woodside is a very experienced County Counsel, having served as County Counsel for Santa Clara County (1989-1998) and Sonoma County (1999-2010). Since graduation from UC Berkeley School of Law, his law practice has focused on advising and representing local government entities.

My expectation is that Mr. Woodside would serve on an interim basis through the end of the fiscal year. During this time, we will initiate a new recruitment process for the permanent County Counsel appointment.

We are fortunate to have someone with Mr. Woodside’s skills and ability to help us through this transitional period and to assist the Board of Supervisors in the selection of our permanent appointment in 2013.

FISCAL IMPACT: Since Mr. Woodside will not be participating in our pension or health benefit system, this appointment would result in net savings to the County.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew H. Hymel
County Administrator

cc: Joanne Peterson, Director of Human Resources