

November 1, 2016

Bruce Wilson,
Executive Director
Workforce Alliance of the North Bay
120 N. Redwood Drive
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Dear Mr. Wilson,

The proposal of consolidating the Mendocino County Local Workforce Development Area with the Workforce Alliance of the North Bay (NAWB) has been discussed at both the Local Workforce Development Board and Board of Supervisors levels. It is the consensus of both boards that this consolidation would allow for economies of scale and improve services being provided to the local area.

The Employment Development Department (EDD) has assigned Mendocino County to the North Bay Regional Workforce Development area, which includes the Workforce Alliance of the North Bay (Counties of Lake, Napa & Marin) counties as well as the Workforce Board of Sonoma and Solano. Staff have worked closely with Napa, Lake and Marin Counties prior to the State's assigned region and believe that including Mendocino County NAWB's Joint Powers Agency would be a natural pairing.

Please consider this letter as the official request of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors to be included in the Joint Powers Agency recently created between Lake, Marin and Napa Counties.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Dan Gjerde,
Chair, Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

CC: Napa County Board of Supervisors
Lake County Board of Supervisors
Marin County Board of Supervisors