

**MENDOCINO  
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

**LAFCo Resolution No. 12-13-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF  
MENDOCINO COUNTY  
REAFFIRMING THE COMMISSION'S COMMITMENT TO OPEN GOVERNMENT  
AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT**

WHEREAS, the State of California has suspended certain mandated programs by approving as an urgency measure Assembly Bill 1464 in order to cut millions of dollars from the State budget; and

WHEREAS, a number of these suspensions relieve local governments of the strict legal requirement to carry out previously-mandated programs, including certain public noticing provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (the Brown Act), the State open meeting law; and

WHEREAS, The Brown Act, codified in California Government Code Section 54950, et seq., requires open and publicized meetings of government and advisory bodies in local government, and allows members of the public to be present and to address the body on issues relevant to the body's authority; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino LAFCo affirms that the provisions of the Brown Act apply to Commission meetings, with business conducted in full view of the public with limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, the Local Agency Formation Commission of Mendocino County has long recognized the critical importance of providing open and transparent government by timely noticing public meeting and adhering to open government laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Commission reaffirms its compliance with the Brown Act in order to ensure that actions of the Commission are open and transparent.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012, by the following vote:


AYES: Commissioners Dan Hamburg, Doug Hammerstrom, Michael Kisslinger, John McCowen, Mari Rodin, and Richard Shoemaker  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Commissioner Guinness McFadden

  
RICHARD SHOEMAKER, Chair

ATTEST:

  
BRUCE C. BARACCO, Executive Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
THOMAS R. PARKER, LAFCo Counsel