

**EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

**Meeting of
February 27, 2007**

AGENDA TITLE: District Attorney Personnel Allocation for Deputy District Attorney

DEPARTMENT: D.A.

DEPT SIGNOFF:

CAO USE ONLY: *D*

CONTACT: John Mitchell

DATE: 2/1/2007

PHONE: 6421

V. [Signature]

Keely Webb 2/5/07

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY AND REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Approve attached Resolution that increases district attorney personnel allocation for deputy district attorney I/IV from 17 to 18.

CAO RECOMMENDATIONS:

*Recommend approval. Laura A. Gill
2/19/07*

Financial impact? Yes () No

Funding Source: Gen Fund () Other

BUDGET SUMMARY:

Total Est. Cost	\$46,750.00
Funding	
Budgeted	\$46,750.00
New Funding	_____
Savings*	_____
Other	_____
Total Funding	\$46,750.00
Change in Net County Cost	\$0.00

Other:

CAO Office Use Only:

4/5's Vote Required () Yes No
 Change in Policy () Yes No
 New Personnel Yes () No

CONCURRENCES:

Risk Management
 County Counsel
 Other *Human Resources*

*Explain budget savings

BOARD ACTIONS:

Vote: Unanimous _____ Or

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent:

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered into the minutes of the Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

Attest: Cindy Keck, Board of Supervisors Clerk

By: _____



OFFICE OF THE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
EL DORADO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
VERN PIERSON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

February 2, 2007

Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Subject: District Attorney Personnel Allocation for Deputy District Attorney

Dear Board Members:

Recommendation:

Approve attached Resolution that increases District Attorney personnel allocation for deputy district attorney I/IV from 17 to 18.

Reason for Recommendation:

Typically, District Attorney's offices are staffed with attorneys of varying experience. Attorneys begin their careers with two to three years handling misdemeanor cases and, depending on ability, are transitioned to more serious cases over several years.

The Placerville office has a very heavy caseload, including a significant number of serious or violent felonies. For example, the Placerville office currently has 15 murder or attempted murder cases being prosecuted.

Unfortunately, years of extraordinarily high turnover, and hiring practices of only hiring completely inexperienced prosecutors, have left this office with a dangerously low level of mid-level prosecutors. In fact, fully one half of the non-managerial prosecutors have approximately a year or less experience. The result is the direct compromising of public safety when inexperienced and overloaded prosecutors are handling cases for which they lack the proper experience and training.

This need is now more urgent due to the notification we have received that one deputy district attorney will be called to active military duty in a few months.

Because of the imbalance of experienced and inexperienced prosecutors in this office, it is imperative that this new position to be filled by a mid-level, experienced prosecutor, with approximately three to five years experience.

PAUL S. SUTHERLAND
Assistant District Attorney
Placerville

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Assistant District Attorney
South Lake Tahoe

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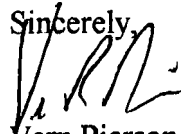
VERN PIERSON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

I have discussed this request with the El Dorado County Chief Administrative Officer and she concurs with the recommendation to add one deputy district attorney.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no change in budgeted net county cost. We will have salary savings of at least \$46,750 to fund this position for the balance of FY 2006/2007.

Sincerely,



Vern Pierson
District Attorney





RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO
AMENDING THE AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ALLOCATION RESOLUTION
WITHIN EL DORADO COUNTY**

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director of Human Resources to make any technical corrections if needed;

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County does hereby amend, modify and/or alter its Authorized Personnel Allocation Resolution of Positions of El Dorado County as set forth below:

Department	Class No.	Class Title	Departmental Total Positions			
			Allocated	Filled	Proposed	Grand Total
District Attorney	5201-5204	Deputy District Attorney I/IV	17	17	+1	18

Director of Human Resources

Date

Department Head confirms that the above represents the department's current and proposed allocation of positions.



Department Head

1.12.07

Date

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the _____ day of _____, 2006, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes:

Attest:

Cindy Keck

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Noes:

Absent:

By: _____

Deputy Clerk

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

I CERTIFY THAT:

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

DATE: _____

Attest: CINDY KECK, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of El Dorado, State of California.

By: _____

Deputy Clerk

