

## County of El Dorado

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## **Legislation Text**

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Chief Administrative Office recommending the Board appoint Recorder-Clerk Bill Schultz as the Interim Director over Veteran Affairs effective November 12, 2009. Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: No Fiscal Impact or Change to Net County Cost

Background: Veteran Affairs Director Rod Barton has accepted an early retirement incentive and will be leaving county service on November 11, 2009. Appointment of a qualified interim department head will allow the department to continue normal functions. Currently the department head and Veterans Service Officer position are synonymous. The position of Veterans Service Officer is described in the California Military and Veterans Code, and is required if the county is to receive state subvention funds for veteran services. In addition, the County Veteran Services Officer currently carries a casework load.

With the appointment of Bill Schultz as Interim Director, the Chief Administrative Office also proposes to separate the department head and Veterans Service Officer responsibilities by reclassifying the Veterans Service Officer position as a supervisory position without department level responsibility. This ensures that the county continues to maintain a Veterans Service Officer position as described by the Military and Veterans Code, while allowing Bill Schultz to exercise department head authority and general oversight over the department. These actions will be accomplished through a separate agenda item.

Reason for Recommendation: Bill Schultz is a respected member of the veterans community and has served in numerous acting and interim director positions. The appointment of an interim director will allow more opportunity to further explore cost saving measures for the department without compromising existing levels of service. In addition, Bill will be working with the Chief Administrative Office to develop future plans for the department.

Action to be taken following Board approval: No action required.

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