



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/9/2026

File #: 26-556

To: Board of Supervisors

From: County Administrative Office

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Accept Resignation of Director of Library Services Chris Cooper and Approve Interim Appointment of Sean Hinman as Director of Library Services

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept the resignation of Chris Cooper as Director of Library Services, effective May 7, 2026; and
2. Approve the interim appointment of Sean Hinman as Director of Library Services, effective May 8, 2026, pending recruitment and appointment of a permanent Director.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Workforce & Operational Excellence

Strategic Plan Category: 3003 - Enhance employee recruitment and retention

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Chris Cooper has verbally informed the County of his resignation from the position of Director of Library Services, effective May 7, 2026. During his tenure, Mr. Cooper provided valuable leadership and support to the Department and played an important role in advancing library operations and services.

Library Services remains a well-established department with experienced staff and strong operational practices in place. In order to maintain consistency in leadership and ensure uninterrupted departmental operations during the recruitment process, staff recommends the appointment of Sean Hinman as Interim Director of Library Services.

Mr. Hinman possesses has demonstrated the leadership and management skills necessary to support the Department during this transition period. His interim appointment will help preserve operational continuity while the County undertakes recruitment efforts for a permanent Director.

Accordingly, staff recommends that the Board accept the resignation of Mr. Cooper and approve the interim appointment of Sean Hinman as Interim Director of Library Services.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Child Support Services Fund 1380

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

There is no additional fiscal impact associated with the recommended action. Salary and benefit costs for the interim appointment will be absorbed within the department's existing budget.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:

Mr. Hinman brings continuity and knowledge of library services, resulting in the most effective transition with minimal impact on staff.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to approve the interim appointment; however, this is not recommended, as it may disrupt continuity of leadership and departmental operations during the recruitment process.

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A