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TO: Olin Woods, Chair, and Members of the
Yolo County Local Agency Formation Commission

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DATE: February 23, 2008

SUBJECT: Appoint Robyn Truitt Drivon Commission Counsel

Recommended Action

Appoint Robyn Truitt Drivon Commission Counsel

Fiscal Impact

The Yolo LAFCO budget has adequate appropriations for Commission Counsel. The 2008-09 LAFCO budget has \$14,000 allocated for legal services.

Reason for Recommended Action

The Commission appointed Ms. Drivon interim Commission Counsel on September 22, 2008. The Commission has since selected three legal firms for services for special situations that the Yolo LAFCO may encounter or conflict of interest support to the County Counsel. Ms. Drivon has demonstrated that her expertise, availability, and fees make her ideal for general LAFCO counsel.

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Background

Commission Counsel Steve B. Nocita took extended leave and retired from his position with the Yolo County Counsel Office in 2008. On September 22, 2008, the Commission appointed Robyn Truitt Drivon interim Commission Counsel, subject to a report from staff and research options for Commission Counsel services. On October 27, 2008, the Commission reviewed a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) to contract for legal services for special situations that the Yolo LAFCO may encounter or conflict of interest support to the County Counsel office and directed staff to circulate the RFP to appropriate legal firms. On January 26, 2009, the Commission interviewed and selected candidates from three firms to contract with for legal services. The selected firms are expected to provide the same high level of professionalism and service that LAFCO currently receives from Ms. Drivon. The Yolo County Counsel Office staff has provided expert general counsel advice since Mr. Nocita's retirement.