Board Scheduled to Vote on Contract for Next County Administrative Officer

A vote by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday would formally appoint Stephanie J. Larsen Sutter County’s next County Administrative Officer.

Ms. Larsen was named Acting County Administrative Officer on Nov. 26, 2009 after the resignation of former County Administrator Larry T. Combs. Ms. Larsen was offered the permanent position after an executive search and interviews by the Board of Supervisors determined she was the most qualified candidate, according to Board Chairman Stan Cleveland.

“We believe Ms. Larsen has the skills and experience to help Sutter County through the next three financially challenging years,” Chairman Cleveland stated. “Her abilities in budgeting are the best we could have hoped to find.”

“It is an honor to have the opportunity to work with a Board of Supervisors that takes its fiscal responsibilities seriously, and with such talented department heads and staff,” Ms. Larsen said. “Sutter County is a professional, efficient organization. It will remain so, even as we deal with the financial uncertainties of the future.”

A U.S. Army veteran and former Fiscal Analyst for the State of Arizona’s Joint Legislative Budget Committee, Ms. Larsen’s career in County government spans two decades, beginning in Stanislaus County in 1990, where she worked as a Senior Analyst in the County Administrator’s Office, and as Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation. She worked as a Management and Budget Analyst in the County of Lassen, as a Senior Deputy County Administrator at the County of San Joaquin, and as Assistant County Administrative Officer in the County of Humboldt.

Ms. Larsen joined Sutter County as its Assistant County Administrator in January 2008.

Ms. Larsen holds a Master’s Degree in Public Policy from Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government, a Bachelor’s Degree in American Studies from the University of Texas at San Antonio, and attended the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia’s Darden Graduate School of Business Administration.

The Board of Supervisors on Tuesday night will vote on whether to approve an employment agreement that makes her appointment effective May 26, and establishes a starting annual salary of $178,000.