

TEHAMA COUNTY
and
DANNY NEWTON
EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT
for the position of
Director of Public Works

THIS AGREEMENT, is made and entered into on April 28, 2026 and effective commencing July 1, 2026 by and between the Tehama County Board of Supervisors, hereinafter called “COUNTY” and DANNY NEWTON, hereinafter called “NEWTON” both of whom understand as follows:

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, COUNTY desires to employ the services of NEWTON as Director of Public Works from the effective date hereof until June 30, 2030; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of COUNTY to provide certain benefits, to establish certain conditions of employment and to set working conditions for NEWTON; and

WHEREAS, NEWTON desires employment in the position described above; and

WHEREAS, except as otherwise provided herein, all provisions of the personnel rules and regulations of the COUNTY relating to leave, expense reimbursement, retirement and pension system contributions, and other benefits and working conditions as they now exist or hereafter may be amended, also shall apply to NEWTON as they would to any employees of the County; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY Board shall fix any such terms and conditions of employment, as it may determine from time to time, relating to the performance of NEWTON provided such terms and conditions are not inconsistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement or any other law.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1: Duties

COUNTY hereby agrees to employ NEWTON as the Director of Public Works to perform the functions and duties as specified in the Director of Public Works classification specification heretofore or hereinafter approved by the Tehama County Board of Supervisors and to perform other legally permissible and proper duties and functions of the Public Works Department from time to time as may be assigned.

Except as otherwise provided by COUNTY, a workweek is defined to consist of seven (7) consecutive calendar days, Sunday through Saturday, consisting of forty (40) hours. NEWTON shall report for work at his regular established headquarters and shall return hereto at the conclusion of the day’s work, except for off-site COUNTY business, or as otherwise established.

Section 2: Term

NEWTON agrees to remain in the exclusive employ of COUNTY until June 30, 2030 and further agrees to accept no other employment that may conflict with NEWTON's performance of duties, unless approved by Personnel, until this termination date, unless said termination date is affected as hereinafter provided.

Section 3: Salary

For purposes of this Agreement, NEWTON shall be considered an overtime-exempt County employee. The salary and benefits provided under this Agreement shall constitute the total compensation for all services provided by NEWTON under this Agreement.

In full consideration for services rendered, and the satisfactory job performance of specified duties, COUNTY agrees to pay NEWTON hereto an annual salary, payable in twenty-six (26) installments, on the same biweekly basis as other employees of the COUNTY, and prorated on actual hours worked within the annual period. Annual salaries will be as follows:

July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027	\$232,601.00 Annually
July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028	\$232,601.00 Annually
July 1, 2028 through June 30, 2029	\$232,601.00 Annually
July 1, 2029 through June 30, 2030	\$232,601.00 Annually

Included within each annual salary amount, an additional One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) per month shall be allocated, for accounting purposes, to the duties performed by NEWTON in the capacity of Road Commissioner, with the remainder allocated to the duties performed as Director of Public Works.

Furthermore, in addition to the annual salary set forth herein and in recognition of NEWTON's possession of a valid Professional Engineering License issued by the California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists, NEWTON shall be entitled to an additional stipend of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) per month.

Within the first year of this Agreement and effective immediately upon NEWTON obtaining a Professional Land Surveyor License issued by the California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists NEWTON shall be entitled to a five percent (5%) increase to his base salary. In addition, upon completion of one (1) full year of possessing such license, NEWTON shall receive an additional five percent (5%) increase to his base salary.

In the event NEWTON does not obtain a Professional Land Surveyor License within the first year as described above, NEWTON shall, in lieu of the salary increase associated with obtaining such license, be entitled to a five percent (5%) increase to his base salary for continued possession of a valid Professional Engineering License issued by the California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists, effective the first day of the second year of this Agreement. Should NEWTON obtain a Professional Land Surveyor License issued by the California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists thereafter, NEWTON shall be entitled to a five percent (5%) increase to his base salary upon the completion of one (1) full year of

possessing such license.

In the event that, during the term of this Agreement, COUNTY agrees to adjustments in employment compensation, such as increases or reductions in salary, increased contributions to CalPERS, or changes to other benefits for all classifications represented by the Tehama County Management Employees Association, herein after called “TCMEA”, NEWTON’s base annual salary will be adjusted by an equal percentage. Any such adjustments shall be effective for all calendar months commencing after the effective date of the adjustment as stated in the Memorandum of Understanding between COUNTY and the TCMEA currently in effect (hereinafter the “MOU”).

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, the COUNTY’s Board of Supervisors reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to increase the compensation paid by COUNTY to NEWTON during the term of this Agreement. The compensation stated in this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a fixed amount for the entire term of this Agreement, and may be increased, in the discretion of the Board of Supervisors, consistent with the California Constitution, Article XI, Section 10, subdivision (a).

Except as stated above, COUNTY shall not at any time during the term of this Agreement reduce the salary, compensation or other financial benefits of NEWTON, except with the concurrence of NEWTON and then only to the degree of such a reduction across-the-board for all employees of the Department in which NEWTON is employed (including a reduction resulting from employee furloughs).

Except as provided in the cell phone allowance, partial months will be prorated based on the number of days this Agreement is in force during the month calculated as a percentage of the total number of calendar days in the month.

Section 4: Cellular Telephone Allowance

As NEWTON’s duties require the use of a cellular telephone in the course of County business, COUNTY agrees to provide NEWTON a cellular telephone allowance of \$60 per month to cover all costs of related equipment and service. This cellular telephone allowance is not considered part of salary and is therefore not included in California Public Employees’ Retirement System calculations for NEWTON and shall not be prorated.

Section 5: Automobile

Should it be required that NEWTON use his personal vehicle in the performance of his official County duties, it is agreed that NEWTON will be reimbursed at the approved County reimbursement rate. This mileage reimbursement is not considered part of salary and is therefore not included in California Public Employees’ Retirement System calculations for NEWTON.

Section 6: Personal Time Off (PTO)

In lieu of accruing vacation or sick leave, NEWTON shall accrue and have credited to his personal account, Personal Time Off (PTO) leave. At the commencement of this Agreement, NEWTON shall be credited with 100 hours of PTO which shall be added to his PTO balance. Following the commencement date, NEWTON shall accrue an additional PTO at a rate of 240 hours per year

(9.23 hours per pay period) of full-time service (prorated for any part-time work or unpaid leaves). Accrual of PTO shall continue until such time NEWTON has accrued a total balance of five hundred (500) hours, at which point the accrual of additional time beyond 500 hours shall cease.

NEWTON shall have one (1) personal holiday (8 hours) added to his PTO balance each July 1st, subject to the 500-hour cap.

The Board of Supervisors may, in its discretion and at NEWTON's request, compensate NEWTON for up to sixty (60) hours of accumulated PTO leave, once per calendar year, in lieu of PTO time off with pay, consistent with the method utilized by COUNTY for members of TCMEA.

Section 7: Management Leave

NEWTON shall have five (5) paid management leave days (40 hours) added to his Management Time Off (MTO) bank each July 1st. MTO and the MTO bank are separate and distinct from PTO and PTO bank. MTO does not constitute additional wages, and shall not be considered vested for any purpose. All MTO shall be used within the fiscal year in which it was granted, or NEWTON will lose that MTO.

In the event that, during the term of this Agreement, COUNTY and the TCMEA agree to increase or decrease the number of paid MTO hours for employees represented by TCMEA, or that such adjustment is otherwise lawfully imposed by COUNTY, then the number of MTO hours credited to NEWTON hereunder shall be increased or decreased by an equal amount, commencing the following July 1st.

Section 8: Holidays

NEWTON shall be entitled to COUNTY holidays in accordance with members of TCMEA.

Also consistent with the method utilized by COUNTY for members of TCMEA, if NEWTON is in a non-pay status on both workdays immediately adjacent to the holiday, NEWTON shall not receive pay for the holiday.

Section 9: Health and Life Insurance

COUNTY agrees to provide comprehensive medical, vision, life and dental insurance for NEWTON and his dependents. The method utilized to calculate the portion of the premium, if any, paid by COUNTY shall be consistent with the method utilized by COUNTY to calculate the contribution for employees covered by the MOU. NEWTON may elect to participate in the County's Premium Only Section 125 benefit program, which allows pre-tax benefits for employees' contributions to the group health insurance premium.

COUNTY will make an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) available. The EAP will provide personal counseling on legal services and personal and work-related issues for NEWTON and/or members of his immediate family.

COUNTY will allow NEWTON to establish an employee-funded Flexible Spending Account, which currently provides employees with the options of Dependent Care Assistance and Unreimbursed Medical Expenses. The plan year maximum for Flexible Spending Accounts will

be determined by the contribution limits set by the Internal Revenue Service.

Section 10: Retirement

The parties acknowledge and agree that NEWTON is a local miscellaneous member of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), and a "Classic" employee as defined in the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013.

NEWTON shall participate in the CalPERS 2% at 55 defined benefit program, as set forth in the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013. Retirement is integrated with Social Security.

The parties acknowledge and agree that the required CalPERS member contribution for NEWTON shall be seven percent (7%) of the compensation paid to NEWTON hereunder. COUNTY will not pay any part of the required member contribution on behalf of NEWTON

The CalPERS retirement plan includes "Pre-Retirement Optional Settlement 2 Death Benefit" as described in Government Code 21548.

Section 11: Deferred Compensation

NEWTON may participate in the Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan the COUNTY offers to its other employees on the same terms as the MOU. In the event that, during the term of this Agreement, COUNTY and the TCMEA agree to increase or decrease the matching deposit for employees represented by the TCMEA, or that such adjustment is otherwise lawfully imposed by COUNTY, then the matching deposit provided to NEWTON hereunder shall be increased or decreased by an equal amount, commencing the following month.

Section 12: Professional and Official Travel

COUNTY hereby agrees to pay for travel and subsistence expenses of NEWTON in accordance with adopted COUNTY travel policy for professional and official travel, meetings and occasions adequate to continue the professional development of NEWTON and to adequately pursue necessary official functions for COUNTY, including conferences specific to the Director of Public Works functions and such other related national, regional, state and local governmental groups and committees thereof which NEWTON serves as a member, subject to the COUNTY budget as approved by the COUNTY Board of Supervisors.

COUNTY also agrees to pay for travel and subsistence expenses of NEWTON, in accordance with adopted County travel policy, for short courses, institutes and seminars that are necessary for his professional development and for the good of the COUNTY, subject to the COUNTY budget as approved by the COUNTY Board of Supervisors.

If NEWTON is assigned to temporary work at such distance from his regular headquarters that it is impractical to return thereto each day, or to his regular place of abode, NEWTON will be allowed personal expenses or per diem as established by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 13: Resignation

Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent, limit, or otherwise interfere with the right of NEWTON

to resign from his position with COUNTY. If NEWTON voluntarily resigns his position with COUNTY before expiration of the aforesaid term of his employment, then NEWTON shall give COUNTY two (2) months' notice in advance, unless the parties agree otherwise.

Section 14: Termination and Severance Pay

The Director of Public Works serves at the will of the COUNTY, subject to Tehama County Charter. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent, limit, or otherwise interfere with the right of the COUNTY to terminate the services of NEWTON at any time. If NEWTON is terminated by the COUNTY before expiration of the aforesaid term of employment, and if NEWTON is willing and able to perform his duties under this Agreement, and if termination is for other than "just cause," then the COUNTY will pay NEWTON a lump-sum cash payment. Said lump-sum cash payment shall be equal to three month's aggregate salary and benefits.

If termination is for "just cause" or disability that cannot reasonably be accommodated, then no severance payment shall be made.

NEWTON shall also be compensated for all unused earned PTO leave in the same manner as is provided for unused earned vacation leave in the MOU. MTO is not considered vested, and NEWTON shall receive no compensation for unused MTO.

Section 15: Industrial Injury or Illness

Should NEWTON be absent from work as a result of a work-related disability, and is receiving temporary disability indemnity payments provided for by the Labor Code of the State of California, NEWTON may elect to utilize State Disability Insurance, MTO and/or PTO to supplement his temporary disability indemnity payments, up to a maximum of full salary. During the time NEWTON is receiving temporary disability indemnity payments, which are supplemented by State Disability Insurance and accrued leave, NEWTON shall continue to accumulate additional MTO/PTO, and is entitled to continuation of the employee's insurance benefit program on the normal premium-sharing formula. Following exhaustion of all accumulated MTO/PTO, NEWTON's insurance benefits shall be continued on the normal premium-sharing formula for a maximum of six (6) full calendar months, following the date of exhaustion of other forms of County paid time off.

If NEWTON is absent by reason of industrial disability, NEWTON may be returned to work by COUNTY and given temporary light duties within the employee's ability to perform, with the consent of his physician. The duration of any such period of temporary work shall be determined by COUNTY. NEWTON shall be compensated at the then-current rate of pay while engaged in such temporary duties. COUNTY may require NEWTON when requesting to return to work after an absence caused by disability or illness, to submit to a medical examination by a physician or physicians approved by COUNTY for the purpose of determining that such employee is physically and mentally fit and able to perform the duties of the Director of Public Works position without hazard to self or to his fellow workers, or to his own permanent health.

Nothing herein shall be construed nor applied in a way which is inconsistent with any employee right under the State of California Workers' Compensation Act or related statutes, or be construed to waive any rights contained therein.

Should NEWTON return to work from a workplace industrial injury or illness, NEWTON shall receive up to four (4) hours of paid release time per visit or appointment with a physician or other appropriate healthcare provider providing ongoing medical treatment prescribed by the workers' compensation physician that is in relation to the industrial illness or injury itself. The release time is permitted until NEWTON has been deemed permanent and stationary by the workers' compensation physician or workers' compensation third party administrator.

Section 16: Incapacity and Unpaid Leave

Subject to all applicable provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), California Family Right Act (CFRA), and any other statute or regulation pertaining to leaves or disability, if NEWTON is permanently disabled and cannot be reasonably accommodated, or is otherwise unable to perform his duties because of sickness, accident, injury, mental incapacity or health, COUNTY shall have the option to terminate this Agreement.

In the event that a non-statutory leave is approved by the Board of Supervisors due to NEWTON's incapacity, or for any other reason, NEWTON shall not receive any salary, stipend or other compensation hereunder once NEWTON's accrued leave balances have been exhausted. Time spent on an unpaid leave of absence shall not be treated as COUNTY service for any purpose under this Agreement and NEWTON shall not accrue PTO benefits while on unpaid leave.

If the COUNTY believes NEWTON is abusing leave, they may require satisfactory evidence of sickness or disability before payment of leave will be made.

Should NEWTON fail to return to work within three (3) workdays of the expiration of approved leave, NEWTON shall be deemed to have tendered an automatic resignation. However, when there are extenuating or mitigating circumstances which delay the employee's return, the COUNTY will allow NEWTON an opportunity to provide the circumstances to make a final determination of employment by way of appealing a finding that NEWTON had automatically resigned.

Health insurance will be continued on the normal premium share-of-cost basis for the duration of any statutory leaves of absence. Prior to five (5) years of continuous regular COUNTY service, if NEWTON is on a leave of absence beyond any accrued leaves, NEWTON may maintain the COUNTY's group health insurance coverage for one (1) full calendar month on the normal premium share-of-cost basis. After five (5) or more years of continuous regular COUNTY service, if NEWTON is on a leave of absence beyond any accrued leaves, NEWTON may maintain the COUNTY's group health insurance coverage for a total of three (3) months on the normal premium cost-sharing basis. NEWTON may receive the insurance continuation payment by the employer only once in a twelve (12) month period. The twelve (12) month period begins the date NEWTON returns to work from the leave of absence in which NEWTON completed the use of the one (1) month or three (3) month insurance continuation payment benefit referred to in this section.

Section 17: Performance Evaluation

The Chief Administrator shall review and evaluate the performance of NEWTON at least once during each year. Said review and evaluation shall be conducted in a manner consistent with COUNTY Department Head evaluation policies. Said criteria may be added to or deleted from as

COUNTY may from time to time determine, in consultation with NEWTON. Further, the COUNTY Chief Administrator shall provide NEWTON with a summary written statement of the findings and provide an adequate opportunity for NEWTON to discuss his evaluation with the Chief Administrator, and as appropriate, the Board of Supervisors.

At the time of evaluation, COUNTY and NEWTON shall define such goals and performance objectives that they determine necessary for the proper operation of the Public Works Department and shall further establish a relative priority among those various goals and objectives, said goals and objectives to be reduced to writing. The goals and objectives shall generally be attainable within the time and budgetary resources provided.

In effecting the provisions of this Section, COUNTY and NEWTON mutually agree to abide by the provisions of applicable law.

Section 18: Safety

COUNTY desires to maintain a safe place of employment for COUNTY employees and to that end, COUNTY shall make all reasonable provisions necessary for the safety of employees in the performance of their work.

Section 19: Indemnification

To the extent that NEWTON is acting in his official capacity as the Director of Public Works, NEWTON shall be considered as a COUNTY employee for purposes of indemnity and the COUNTY shall defend, save harmless, and indemnify NEWTON against any tort, professional liability claim or demand or other legal action arising out of an alleged act or omission occurring within the course and scope of NEWTON's duties as Director of Public Works.

Section 20: Bonding

COUNTY shall bear the full cost of any fidelity or other bonds required of NEWTON under any law or ordinance.

Section 21: Notices

Notices pursuant to this Agreement shall be given by deposit in the custody of the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

- A. COUNTY: Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, 727 Oak Street, Red Bluff CA, 96080
- B. NEWTON: DANNY NEWTON at the permanent address on record with the COUNTY Auditor

Alternatively, notices required pursuant to this Agreement may be personally served in the same manner as is applicable to civil judicial practice. Notice shall be given as of the date of personal service or as the date of deposit of such written notice in the course of transmission in the United States Postal Service.

Section 22: General Provisions

- A. The text herein shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties.
- B. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs at law and executors

of NEWTON.

- C. This Agreement shall become effective commencing July 1, 2026.
- D. If any provision, or portion thereof, contained in this Agreement is held unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement or portion thereof shall be deemed severable, shall not be affected, and shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Tehama County Board of Supervisors has caused this Agreement to be signed and executed in its behalf by its Chairperson, and duly attested by the Clerk of Tehama County, and NEWTON has signed and executed this Agreement, both in duplicate, the day and year first above written.

TOM WALKER
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

DANNY NEWTON
Employee

Approved as to form:

MARGARET LONG
County Counsel