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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT  
PROPOSED CHANGE IN LOCATION OF ADVOCACY OFFICE

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Disability Rights California, through its Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA), provides advocacy services for consumers of RCRC services. Because of the retirement of one of the Clients' Rights Advocates, Doug Harris, effective August 31, 2010, OCRA has determined that it would be appropriate at this time to return to the original advocacy model used in the RCRC catchment area.

OCRA congratulates Doug Harris on his retirement and thanks him profusely for his 12 years of excellent service to consumers of RCRC services.

PROPOSAL

OCRA is proposing to hire a new full-time staff person to be located in the Eureka RCRC office and continue the CRA as a full-time position in the Ukiah office. This would be Jim Stoepler, currently a full-time Clients' Rights Advocate who works part-time out of both the Ukiah and Eureka Offices. The new position would be an Assistant Clients' Rights Advocate and would be required to have appropriate advocacy skills to obtain the position. Either of the OCRA employees would be available for telephone consultation and would attend meetings and hearings as agreed in Lake and Del Norte Counties. The Clearlake Office would be closed. The CRA position or the Assistant CRA may ultimately be located in either office, but at this time the positions would be as described above.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

OCRA wants to ensure that RCRC consumers and their families and service providers agree that the new model would provide increased access to advocacy services throughout the catchment area and that the change is appropriate.

Public comments may be made in person or writing at the RCDSC Board Meeting to be held Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Best Western Bayshore Inn, in Eureka.

WRITTEN COMMENTS may be sent to:

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