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2ND DIST UPDATE

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MONTHLY SECOND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR REPORT – AUGUST 2023

Hi, I'm Mo Mulheren the Second District Supervisor.

Each month the Board members submit a written report that updates the other Board members and the community on the work that we are doing. I would also like to use this as an opportunity to share with you all events I've attended as well as other updates from our community. Here is a list of pertinent meetings and links so that you can look at websites or videos and read about some of the topics that I work on, as

always reach out if you have additional questions.
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NACO APPOINTMENTS 2023

In August I was appointed to several National Association of Counties Committees. This year I will serve as a member of the Arts and Culture Commission and the Healthy Counties Advisory Board to represent Mendocino County for this national Organization. This year's presidential theme is “Foward Together” to achieve the ultimate benefit of better outcomes through improved trust and engagement.



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I attended a variety of meetings this month one was regarding the transition of the Mendo Recycle website so that we can still keep the platform and the illegal dump site reporting feature but point residents to Redwood Waste Solutions for disposal of Hazardous Materials. I also met with a realtor from Willits wanting to know more about connecting with the local community for volunteer opportunities. I have also been working this month to track down grant funds that were for re-roofing projects for qualified individuals throughout the County. For over a year I have been working with the City of Ukiah, Ukiah Police Department and Mendocino County Sheriff's Office regarding illegal camping in the Orr Creek area. This month I learned of the extremely high call volume to one apartment complex in the Second District and have been meeting with the management from the property as well as residents and County staff to try and come up with a solution. If you have any questions about these issues please let me know with a text at 707-391-3664

AUGUST RECESS

During the first few weeks of August the Board of Supervisors and Clerk of the Board take a "recess" from Board meetings. Even without day long meetings there is plenty of work to be done and our committees and ad hocs continued to meet during the month of August. Priscilla the pup appreciated some extra time for walks on Tuesdays, she turned six months in August. She is a frequent highlight on my @Mo4Mendo posts on Facebook and Instagram if you'd like to follow me.

FROM THE FIRST 5
MENDOCINO MEETING
H.O.P.E PRESENTATION:

PRISCILLA THE PUP



Community resilience looks like...



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In August, the 44th annual Mendocino Wine competition was held. I was invited to attend the welcome dinner at the Thatcher Inn in Hopland. It was great to hear from some of the participants about their industry and how they work with Visit Mendocino to promote tourism in the County. Pennyroyal Farm's winemaker, Sarah Cahn Bennett, scored two best of show awards for Best Sparkling and Best of Show White. The Best of show Red went to Greenwood Ridge Vineyards. To learn more about Mendocino Wines visit MendoWine.com. Pictured below is Makenzie Blaylock the Executive Director

WORK LIFE BALANCE



The job of Supervisor is to make policy decisions that enhance the quality of life for all Mendocino County residents. I am blessed every day to be able to surround myself with people that understand that physical activity is incredibly valueable to your mental health and keeping calm in stressful situations. Over the summer I was able to participate in several community events to teach line dance aerobics to families. I love sharing music and movement as a way of creating a positive lifestyle. In August I celebrate 7 years alcohol free and practice gratitude every day that I have found ways to work through anxiety and stress and that I get to teach other people these skills in my off time with my friends from Young for Life.



MAKENZIE BLAYLOCK, MENDOCINO WINEGROWERS ASSOCIATION



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I have the opportunity to welcome each new employee to the agency during New Employee Orientation, we have many benefits as County employees. This month our employees were offered the opportunity to complete a Biometric Health Screening. This is a free opportunity to get more information about your health to see if there are areas where you could use improvement. When you participate in the Biometric Health Screening and the engagement tools on the Virgin Pulse app you are able to receive money off of your health insurance. I also met this month with Executive Office staff regarding the changes to the health plan. While this will be a small increase for some it will make the plan more equitable especially for our employees that are paid the least.

RADIO INTERVIEW ON KZYX



I was very busy in the month of August. One highlight was getting a chance to catch up with Karen Ottoboni on KZYX. In case you missed it you can listen on the KZYX Jukebox for August 9th, 2023.

I also met with a representative from Planned Parenthood of Northern California to hear about the work they are doing and how the County can partner with the while not being duplicative with the work.

I met with a member of the Friends of the Ukiah Library to talk about the future plans for the library (they need a new location or major renovation) and to hear about the programs they are offering the community including participating in the Ukiah First Friday Art Walk and the very popular Children's Farmers Market that occurs over the summer.

I had a meet and greet with the new members of the Grand Jury. This was an informal opportunity to get to know the members and to bring them up to speed on the things that I am working on.

The Stepping Up Committee met to discuss the Naphcare quarterly report from the jail. This group of stakeholders meets to discuss the mental health needs of community members in the jail including suicide watch, opiate withdrawal assessments, alcohol withdrawal assessments and the amount of medications delivered.

The Re-entry Stakeholders met to revive the group working on discharging inmates from the jail back in to the community. Access to resources and housing raised to the top of the list of needs.

The BOS/MCAFD Fire Steering Committee continued to discuss a potential Fire Warden position, the Measure P funds and the importance of having enough volunteers to continue the Fire District Boards moving forward.

CHILDRENS FARMERS MARKET AT THE UKIAH LIBRARY



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It's time to talk trash. Starting this spring I planned one volunteer clean up day a month in County parks. In the month of August I worked with the Army Corp of Engineers to plan a one hour clean up on the north end of Lake Mendocino. The lake is full which has been great and its being used by boaters, people fishing and lots of picnics. With more use comes more trash because, "Litter happens". I'd like to thank the campsite hosts, the Scott Family, Calfire Chief Luke Kendall and his engine crew that came out along with my youngest daughter Andie and my oldest sister Maggie for coming to spend an hour of their Saturday to leave the planet a little bit better of a place. Always remember that you don't need a specific clean up to do your part and clean up around your neighborhood or our parks.



If you happened to be traveling along North State Street in Ukiah in the month of August you might have noticed a pile of trash and homeless encampment growing in the parking lot of the former Carl's Jr. As I worked with the Sheriff's Office and Code Enforcement to try and find a solution for the property that has recently changed hands I stopped by and asked the individual there to help load my truck with trash. The person that was staying there did move on and the fencing was moved to prevent re-population of the site. This location is an example of someone that is well known to law enforcement and the folks doing homeless services work, because of their criminal charges they are part of this population that remains highly visible to the community and has not been able to benefit from the resources that are being provided for housing.



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Adventist Health held an event called “A day of remembrance and Hope” in honor of International Opioid Awareness Day. There were powerful stories from former addicts and family of those that have lost their lives to opioids.

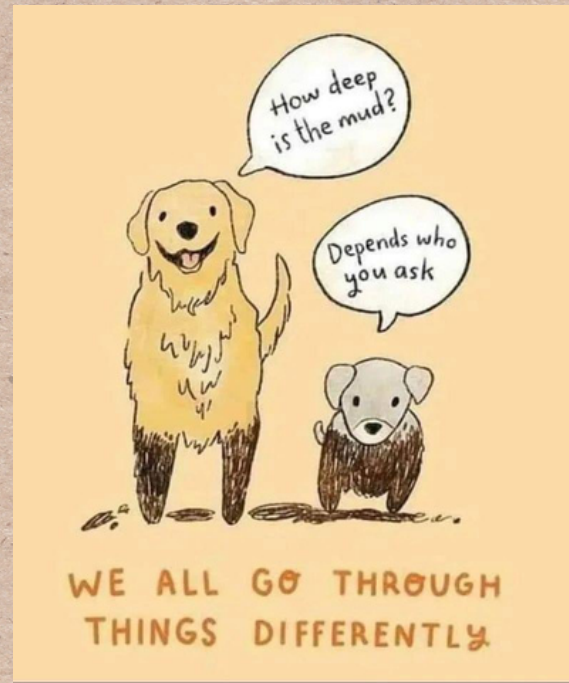
We had a Mendocino Local Agency Formation Commission meeting where we appointed Marsha Burch as legal counsel and appointed a secondary Counsel in case necessary.

I went to the Ukiah Rotary Sunrise club to do a presentation about the reorganization of Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority and the opportunities to add more illegal dump clean ups. I also had a chance to highlight the Overdose Hotline cards for people to report overdoses so we can encourage more people to get in to treatment.

I attended the CPUC Commission meeting in Lake County, listened in on the Rural County Representatives of California Legislative Call In session.

Periodically the Retirement System holds webinars to show employees how to plan for retirement. I took the opportunity to listen in during one of the sessions in August.

At the Economic Development & Financing Corporation we had an update about the California Investment & Innovation Project, a Draft Budget Presentation, and an update of the CDFI Recertification process.



The Inland Water & Power Commission is deep in the process of working with PG&E about the future of the Eel River Water diversion.

I am not a Board representative for Mendocino Council of Governments but watch the meetings. In August they had a presentation about the Mendocino Transit Authority and their plans to improve public transportation in the County. Please visit YouTube @ Mendocino County Video to watch the meeting. There will be more to come about the plans and the transit center they are planning in Ukiah.



Above at the Sunday's In the Park end of season Sponsor Celebration. Ukiah City Councilmember Josefina Duenas, City of Ukiah Parks and Open Spaces Commission member Elora Babbini

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I wear a variety of hats in the community and we have started planning for the Hometown Holidays events in Ukiah which will include the Ukiah Parade of Lights the first Saturday of December.

I had my first meeting as a member of the Budget Ad-hoc as Vice-Chair planning in to the next fiscal year. My goal is to improve the community understanding of the budget to reduce confusion around the process and who knows what when regarding the County Budget.

The Russian River Watershed Association had our regular meeting and we discussed the current work program as well as next years Student Video initiative.

The General Government Committee received a report from the Cannabis Department.

We met to plan the Annual Russian River Clean Up which will be held September 23, 2023 in conjunction with Creeks Week.

The Board had a conversation around reducing Board and Commissions to free up budget dollars and reduce constraints for quorum for Brown Act restricted Boards that have a hard time drawing members in rural areas. We also gave direction for Broadband priorities, provided funding for the Round Valley Indian Health Center to do CalFresh outreach and provided funding to the Ford Street Project for sober living beds for the Public Defenders Office. The Mendocino County Resource Conservation District was awarded a contract to provide services for General Site Clean-up and Blight removal in Round Valley.



The Great Redwood Trail Update for August
In the month of August I went to Eureka for a Great Redwood Trail Agency meeting where we interviewed candidates for the General Manager position (ultimately it was reopened and the new deadline is Sept 29th). I met with City of Ukiah staff and Louisa Morris from the Coastal Commission about the City Phase 4 section and met with various individuals who are interested in learning more about the trail. Attached are two murals on the Ukiah section of the trail and a picture along the Eel River and a view of where the trail will be.

