### SUPERVISOR MAUREEN "MO" MULHEREN

# 2ND DIST UPDATE

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#### MONTHLY SECOND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR REPORT - DECEMBER 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.





2024 GRAND CHAMPION OF THE UKIAH PARADE OF LIGHTS

LEFT: SANTA ARRIVING ON THE LADDER TRUCK WITH UKIAH VALLEY FIRE

The Ukiah Parade of Lights is one of my favorite events of the year. I partner with the City of Ukiah and Ukiah Valley Networking Agency to do the advertising, permitting and staging for the parade. This year we had over 65 entries and thousands of spectators braved the rain to celebrate the holiday spirit. The Youth leadership Initative volunteered their time along with UHS Basketball to close the streets to ensure a safe experience for everyone.

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December was a great month for events. The work (and the fun) never slows down. Supervisor Williams and I meet monthly with the Mendocino County Association of Fire Districts representative Ben MacMillan, the Mendocino Fire Safe Council Executive team and a few Chiefs to discuss how the County can work with the Fire and Public Safety sector more effectively, in December we spoke about the Evergreen contracts related to taxes, a potential Fire Representative Position and the need to put a Citizens Initiative on an upcoming ballot to secure the voters intent of Measure P.

I visited the Community Transitions program Holiday Open House to purchase some gifts from the students and adults that attend. They've been working on the items for sale for quite some time and did a lovely tour of the house as well. Santa visited the First Friday Art Walk! You know its a great event when Santa shows up.



#### THE MAYOR CEREMONY FOR JOSEFINA DUENAS

At the Mendocino LAFCO meeting we had an update from Janet Pauli about the Potter Valley Project and also approved a policy for accepting Requests for Proposals and requests for qualifications.

The County Board of Supervisors had a public hearing regarding fees in December. It is never fun to have to raise fees however there were many that hadn't been updated in years. If we want to get to a place where we can pay our employees an appropriate wage we need to review fees and charge the time necessary. This can be re-evaluated if the work load is reduced.

I attended the New Life Clinic Open House. I loved seeing all the familiar faces learning more about what New Life Clinic has to offer for our community.



TAYLOR SWIFT NIGHT AT
UKTAH ON ICE

Each month I meet with the City of Ukiah City Manager team and the Mayor to discuss overlapping issues. We have several pending items that we need to work through including the tax sharing and annexation agreement and several other agreements that are currently with each agencies counselors. The Board met in Closed Session.

Pictured above is the changing of the Mayor ceremony for new Mayor Josefina Duenas, I look forward to her serving the City of Ukiah and offering representation for more people in our community.

I went to Public Health and did a tour and met with some of the management to hear more about their plans for the upcoming months and projects that they are working on with the new Health Services Agency.

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Other meetings that I attended in December; Emergency Medical Care Committee, Ukiah Women in Business, New Hire Orientation, Bella Vista Community Facilities District, Vineyards Crossings future water conversations, Visit California Regional Strategic Plan, City of Ukiah Corp Yard Holiday BBQ, Cleaner California Coast Working Group, Bi-Monthly Ukiah Courthouse update, a meeting regarding cannabis expansion as well as a tour of a cannabis facility, receive Cannabis Update at the General Government Committee meeting, First 5 Mendocino, Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

The Board heard from the Probation department about the Pre-Trial Release program were told we can expect to see improvements now that we have more staff and have the starting data. We also approved an updated contract for the Deputy Sheriffs Association. I am hoping this helps us improve our ability to attract and retain Sheriffs Deputies.



ADVENTIST HEALTH INCUBATE WORKSHOP

I WAS INVITED TO A CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW WE CAN ATTRACT AND RETAIN MORE QUALIFIED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS IN OUR COMMUNITY

DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE
THAT I HOSTED BROUGHT
IN THREE BINS OF FOOD
FOR THE UKIAH FOOD BANK



I was able to attend my first Juvenile Justice Restoration Hearing, this is a meeting in which youth are tasked with determining the punishment for a justice involved youth, sometimes known as Teen Peer Court. This meeting along with other conversations I've been having about youth violence in particular led me to reach out to Sheriff Kendall and Chief of Ukiah Police Cedric Crook to discuss youth violence. I think there might be an opportunity for the community.



To the left: I attended the Native Youth Voices meeting hosted by William Feather at Mendocino College. Tribal Youth and their advocates were invited to share thier stories and to hear from Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy. It was wonderful to hear from these brave youth about the challenges involved in the Juvenile Justice system and how everything that is happening around them hinders their school life and relationships. One youth said "I'm so hungry I can't event think about school." We need to continue to find ways to make sure that our youth have the resources they need to be successful.

UKIAH WOMEN
IN BUSINESS



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#### GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL

In December Supervisor Haschak and I attended the Hopland Municipal Advisory Council meeting to hear their thoughts about how a trail head for the future Great Redwood Trail could be created in Hopland with the possibility for restrooms, charging stations and other amenities that tourists visiting the trail might like to see. I also attend a planning meeting regarding updating the "Sound Garden" in a piece of the trail in Ukiah. We have found that murals and activities have kept the trail active and busy in Ukiah that's also why I host events like the one pictured below.

PICTURED BELOW; MY OLDEST DAUGHTER AND GRANDDAUGHTERS VOLUNTEERING WITH ME FOR THE UKIAH VALLEY CHRISTMAS EFFORT



BELOW A PICTURE OF THE CREW FROM THE 2023 SANTA STOMP.
IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE MORE USE OF THE GREAT REDWOOD
TRAIL AND TO REDUCE MYTHS I HOST SEVERAL COMMUNITY WALKS
PER YEAR. THIS IS THE 7TH YEAR OF THE SANTA STOMP



2023 SANTA STOMP ON THE GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL



Support the Ukiah Farmers Market Year Round in Downtown in Ukiah
McFarm.Org has info about all Mendocino
County Farmers Markets