



MENDOCINO COUNTY *MEMORANDUM*

Date: June 5, 2019

To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisors McCowen and Williams

Subject: Funding Recommendation for Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Council

Background: On March 19, 2019 the Board of Supervisors received a presentation from the Climate Action Start-up Group on *Mendocino County's Commitment and Mission to Fight Climate Change*; adopted in principle the proposal presented; directed staff to schedule a workshop on the formation and structure of the proposed Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee (MCCAAC) and directed staff to begin negotiations with the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) regarding a contract for services to staff the committee. On April 16, 2019 the Board heard a presentation from the Climate Action Start-up Group concerning a *Proposal for a Citizen Driven Structure for the Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee* and directed staff to return with a resolution to implement the proposal. Also on April 16, 2019 the Board discussed a proposed scope of services and draft contract between Mendocino County and the MCRCD on the implementation of a *Sustainability and Climate Action Program* including providing staffing for the MCCAAC. Supervisors McCowen and Williams were appointed as an ad hoc committee to work with stakeholders regarding concerns raised during the meeting. On May 7, 2019 the Board considered a *Resolution Creating the Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee*; directed that County Counsel revise the resolution to address concerns raised at the meeting and appointed Supervisors McCowen and Williams to work with County Counsel on the revised resolution.

Current Status: County Counsel, in consultation with the ad hoc committee, has prepared a revised resolution creating the MCCAAC that incorporates changes recommended by County Counsel and the Board. The MCRCD, as stated to the Board on June 4, 2019 is prepared to discuss a revised scope of services to staff the MCCAAC once the committee has been created and funded. The ad hoc committee believes that the issues identified earlier regarding advocacy and the scope of work for the proposed program manager have been clarified and is prepared to recommend approval of contracting with the MCRCD.

Recommendation: The ad hoc committee recommends that the Board allocate \$90,000 for Fiscal Year 2019-20 to fund the *Sustainability and Climate Action Program* to be housed with the Mendocino County RCD. As stated on June 4, 2019, funding the program/committee and forming the committee is a pre-requisite for the MCRCD to continue discussions on the proposed scope of services. The requested amount is less than the \$110,512 proposed on an annual basis but it is unlikely that the committee could be formed and a program manager hired prior to September 1, 2019, therefore the requested amount is believed to be sufficient for FY 2019-20.