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Subject: Radio/Wireless Infrastructure: the Importance of Communication

Dear Board of Supervisors:

This Tuesday, October 22, 2019, the Board will be considering item 5m on the agenda which is directed to repairing and maintaining the current radio infrastructure for the county.

This infrastructure is critically important to the well-being of Mendocino county residents.

1. This infrastructure allows current communications for emergencies and other traffic in order to address situations arising in the county; and
2. This infrastructure is critical in times of need when catastrophe strikes. Such infrastructure allows information to be gathered and decisions made on that information as to how to allocate resources and how to address emergency situations that will be ***legion*** across the county once an earthquake and/or fire occur.

Without a robust radio/wireless infrastructure in place, the entire county is at the mercy of commercial providers such as cell phones, land lines, and the like. In a catastrophe, these resources cannot be relied upon to function flawlessly. The residents of Mendocino county, your constituency, require robust and reliable communications daily and in times of trouble to ensure that life, limb, and property are not destroyed by neglect or the inability to allocate resources well.

I strongly urge the Board to ensure that radio communications are solidly established across the county in a manner that can suffer catastrophes such as fire and earthquake which are easily foreseeable.

Without such communications, great risk is imposed on Mendocino county that threatens the well-being of its residents.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

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