



## MENDOCINO COUNTY *MEMORANDUM*

Date: February 4, 2020

To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor McCowen

Subject: **Second District Supervisor's Report**

### Second District Supervisor Report:

- The Mental Health Treatment Act Citizen's Oversight Committee (Measure B) met on January 22. During Public Comment on the Committee's prior request for Board of Supervisor's approval for a County Counsel legal opinion on partnering with an outside entity (Adventist Health) I clarified that the Board of Supervisors had authorized County Counsel to also respond to the questions previously posed by a resolution of the Willits City Council. County Counsel confirmed it was their intent to submit a written opinion in time for the next Measure B Committee meeting. Current balance of funds is \$12,736,284.
- The Mendocino County Fire Safe Council met on January 22 and introduced new Executive Director Scott Cratty. There is a position open to manage the Ukiah Valley Fire Fuels Reduction grant which will do roadside vegetation management, provide community chipper days and other fuels reduction and fire safety projects. The Western Hills Fire Safe Council met that same evening and considered grant and funding options and opportunities.
- The Mendocino County Emergency Medical Care Committee met on January 23. During the Coastal Valleys EMS Update Supervisors Williams and McCowen discussed the intention of holding a Board of Supervisors workshop on Ambulance Service Current Conditions and Options for Enhancement. The outcomes of that discussion are included within the Summary of Request for agenda item 6e) on today's agenda.
- The Countywide Oversight Board to the Successor Agencies to the City Redevelopment Agencies met on January 23. Pete Bushby was seated as the Independent Special District Representative and Steve Barekman was seated as the Board of Supervisors Public Representative. The Board adopted a resolution transferring ownership of vacant land, consisting mostly of wetlands, located east and south of the former Mendocino Brewery, to the City of Ukiah. The Board approved the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedules (ROPS) and Administrative Budgets for the Cities of Ukiah, Willits and Fort Bragg for Fiscal Year 2020-21.
- Senator McGuire was present on January 31 for the ribbon cutting for the Great Redwood Trail, celebrating the latest segment of the bike and pedestrian trail on the railroad right-of-way. The completed trail now extends from Brush St. to Commerce Drive with an additional segment in the planning stages that will extend the trail three miles further south.

- LAFCo met on February 3 and reappointed Carre Brown, Chair; Tony Orth, Vice Chair; Jerry Ward, Treasurer. Carre Brown, Tony Orth and Scott Ignacio were appointed to the Executive Committee. Gerry Gonzales, Jerry Ward and John McCowen were appointed to the Policy and Procedures Committee which was directed to recommend updated policies for Areas of Interest; Special Projects; and applications that have been placed on hold. An amendment was approved to the legal services contract that will allow LAFCo legal counsel to bill at a higher rate (\$250 per hour instead of \$200) when LAFCo has designated a “Special Project” which is anticipated to require legal services in excess of what would routinely be expected. Proponents of Special Projects will be responsible for the cost of legal services for those projects so it will not negatively impact the LAFCo budget. The Board heard an update on the main tasks and assignments related to the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Grant which is one of six in the State. LAFCo received the FY 2018-19 audit, which was in order and reviewed a mid-year budget report. Work plan expenditures are less than 10% of the budgeted amount due to the amount of staff resources devoted to the proposed Weger detachment from the Mendocino Coast Hospital District. In order to keep the work plan moving forward, the Executive Officer has contracted with a consultant to assist with completion of the administrative draft for the Mendocino Community Service District MSR/SOI update and is also in the process of hiring a contractor to assist with the Ukiah Valley Sanitation District MSR/SOI. LAFCo staff is also researching and preparing an administrative draft for Community Service Area 3. The Auditor Controller notified the taxing entities affected by the Weger detachment of the opportunity to request property tax negotiations. The statutory 60 day notice period expired with no requests having been made. The Auditor Controller has also completed the calculations for property tax redistribution. County Counsel is reviewing the procedure for next steps which may include a Board of Supervisors resolution on Feb. 25 regarding the tax sharing process and calculations, which would allow the Weger detachment to be heard on March 2.
- Sheriff Allman’s retirement party, a benefit for Mendocino County Search and Rescue (SAR), was held February 2. Supervisors Haschak, Gjerde and McCowen, CEO Angelo, Sheriff Kendall, Under Sheriff Brewster, District Attorney Eyster, Chief Probation Officer Locatelli, Fort Bragg Police Chief Naulty, numerous County employees, particularly from the Sheriff’s Office, and 750 of Sheriff Allman’s closest friends were in attendance. Congressman Huffman, Senator McGuire, Assemblymember Wood and representatives of the State Sheriff’s Association were on hand to make presentations. Approximately 15-20 current and retired elected Sheriffs were present, including Lake County Sheriff Martin, Humboldt County Sheriff Honsol and retired Mendocino County Sheriff Tusio. Sheriff Allman and Senator McGuire raised over \$35,000 via a live auction to benefit SAR, in addition to the proceeds from the door.
- The 25th Annual Party for Resource Families and Foster Children will be held Thursday, February 6 from 4:00-7:00pm at Carl Purdy Hall. To RSVP please text or call 707-485-4039.