



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: **Board of Supervisors**

From: Supervisor Haschak and Supervisor McGourty

Meeting Date: October 19, 2021

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 30 Minutes

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Acceptance of Update from the Drought Task Force Ad Hoc Committee

(Sponsors: Drought Ad Hoc Committee of Supervisors McGourty and Haschak)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Accept update from the Drought Task Force Ad Hoc Committee; and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

On August 31, 2021 the Board of Supervisors Directed Staff to return with an analysis regarding the amount of Transient Occupancy Tax funds received annually, where the funds came from, and how the funds were used in the last 10 years; and on August 24, 2021 the Board of Supervisors took action and adopted Resolution 21-123, authorizing the grant application, acceptance and execution of Agreement by the Department of Transportation Water Agency Division for the Mendocino County Community Water Supply Replacement Project and to advertise for bids and award contract to implement said project at an initial estimated cost of \$3,840,000 (countywide) and grant matching funds to be allocated from PG&E Settlement Funds to Disaster Recovery budget unit 2910.

Summary of Request:

Update Community Water Supply Replacement in Response to Drought: Pursuant to direction from the Board of Supervisors (BOS) at their special meeting for Drought Response on August 24, 2021, - the County Recovery Division has applied for grant funding and authorized staff to advertise and award contracts to accomplish Community Water Supply Replacement. On September 21, 2021, the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Small Community Drought Relief Program Grant was approved for the Mendocino County Community Water Supply Replacement Project. The approved funding is not to exceed the amount of \$2,000,000 thru the end of the 2022, but is only allowed to be used for residential domestic users. Presently, under cooler weather demands approximately 13,000 gallons per day of potable water is transferred between the City of Ukiah and the City of Fort Bragg to meet residential needs for replacement water in the unincorporated areas of the Central Coast.

In addition, at the special meeting on August 24, 2021, the BOS authorized up to \$1.5 million in "County General Funds" to use for the transfer of potable water between the City of Ukiah and the City of Fort Bragg to

meet the needs of the unincorporated areas of the Central Coast (including for commercial domestic water).

Presently, we have sufficient emergency trucking contracts to meet maximum summer peak usage demands for hauling needs of up to 45,000 to 49,000 gallons of water per business day to Fort Bragg, using six-to-ten trucks, if the demand returns to summertime demand levels.

Because the DWR grant funding has competitive bidding and procurement requirements for Mendocino County as the funding recipient for contracts with other entities in the acquisition of goods and services, the County is securing competitive bids after formal advertisement and undertaking competitive negotiations. If the County does not receive responsive/responsible bids the County can continue the sole source agreements we are presently using to transport water.

Tankers must be properly licensed Potable Water Haulers Pursuant to California Department of Public Health, Food and Drug Branch for this program or be granted a standard waiver.

The County has also established support for any of the 37 independent water purveyors within the county who were notified of potential project eligibility that the county would provide a virtual seminar "Drought Funding Workshop" on Friday October 15, 2021 and that within the limits of available funding the county could offer some follow up individual assistance in the form of guidance or response to questions.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Do not discuss issue or give direction to staff.

How Does This Item Support the General Plan? N/A

Supervisorial District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

current f/y cost: N/A

if no, please describe:

annual recurring cost: N/A

revenue agreement: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Final Status:**No Action Taken**

Date: October 20, 2021



