



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

From: Museum and Executive Office

Meeting Date: February 6, 2024

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 30 Minutes

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Acceptance of Presentation and Possible Direction to Staff Regarding the Feasibility of Implementing a New Model of Operation for the Mendocino County Museum (Sponsors: Museum and Executive Office)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Accept presentation and provide direction to staff to proceed with exploring the feasibility of implementing a new model of operation for the Mendocino County Museum.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

N/A

Summary of Request:

The Mendocino County Museum is seeking direction from the board to explore the feasibility of implementing a new model of operation for the Museum. An alternative model in which a non-profit foundation oversees the administration of the Museum under an operating agreement with the county could provide cost savings to the general fund and strengthen community partnerships. After researching how other Museums operate statewide, there is evidence that numerous county museums utilize unique operational models that include the utilization of non-profit partnerships to manage daily operations and expenses. The Kern County Museum Model was identified as having a clearly outlined model that could be emulated here in Mendocino County. The Museum would like to research and bring back a detailed proposal and prepared plan for approval and possible implementation. By re-envisioning the operation of the Museum and collaborating with community partners, the County can save General Fund dollars and create a sustainable operations plan for the Museum, supporting the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Plan priority of "An Effective County Government."

Alternative Action/Motion:

If not accepted provide direction to staff.

Strategic Plan Priority Designation: An Effective County Government

Supervisory District: All

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A

current f/y cost: N/A

budget clarification: Potentially reduce General Fund contribution by \$300,000

annual recurring cost: N/A

budgeted in current f/y (if no, please describe): N/A

revenue agreement: N/A

AGREEMENT/RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVED BY COUNTY COUNSEL: N/A

CEO Liaison: Darcie Antle, CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Date: February 6, 2024

Final Status: **Direction Given to Staff**

