



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

File #: 20-0199, **Version:** 1

To: Board of Supervisors

From: County Counsel

Meeting Date: March 10, 2020

Department Contact: Christian Curtis

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 15 min.

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Acceptance of Update from County Counsel Regarding Legal Framework for Potential Uses of County Service Area 3
(Sponsor: County Counsel)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Accept update from County Counsel regarding the legal framework for potential uses of County Service Area 3.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

On March 12, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved a transfer of \$15,000 into County Service Area 3.

Summary of Request:

Under County Service Area Law, the County of Mendocino has the ability to create separate service areas within its territory in order to provide specific services and distribute costs within limited geographical areas. Currently, County Service Area 3 ("CSA 3") consists of the entirety of the unincorporated area of Mendocino County, but it does not provide any service or take in any revenue. Because it was dormant, CSA 3 was flagged for dissolution in 2019. The Board of Supervisors, however, chose to keep CSA 3 active until it can more fully evaluate possible future uses.

Based on the history, structure, and territory of CSA 3, County Counsel believes that it was likely created for the purposes of more easily establishing internal zones of benefit. Zones of benefit allow a mechanism for subdividing a county service area to further distribute costs and services. In order to better understand the possible uses of CSA 3 and these zones of benefit, the Board directed County Counsel to perform legal research on this issue and report back to the Board.

County Counsel has researched the issue and is prepared to provide an oral report to the Board.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Provide alternate direction.

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

annual recurring cost: n/a

budget clarification: n/a

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Choose an item.

CEO Comments: The Executive Office has no information to review

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Date: March 16, 2020

Final Status: **No Action Taken**

