



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Brown

Meeting Date: August 18, 2020

Department Contact: Supervisor Brown

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Transmission of Letter of Support for a Grant Proposal to be submitted by the California Land Stewardship Institute (CLSI) to the California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection, to fund a Watershed Coordinator for the Ukiah Valley Groundwater Basin
(Sponsor: Supervisor Brown)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve transmission of letter of support; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has supported grant proposals submitted by the California Land Stewardship Institute (CLSI) in past years for the Russian River watershed.

Summary of Request:

The nonprofit organization California Land Stewardship Institute (CLSI) is requesting a support letter from the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors for a funding proposal for a Ukiah Valley Groundwater Basin Watershed Coordinator. The funding is from the Ca. Dept of Conservation and allows for coordinators for groundwater basins in the high and medium categories under SGMA. The CLSI coordinator would support local watershed activities such as development of groundwater recharge projects, well and stream flow monitoring, stream restoration, water conservation projects for farmers, coordination with private land owners, agencies and community groups and other tasks.

CLSI has worked with agricultural landowners in the Ukiah Valley for over 20 years through the Fish Friendly Farming and Fish Friendly Ranching Certification programs and the Russian River Frost program and has long term working relationships with numerous farmers and ranchers in the Ukiah Valley. CLSI has also worked with the County, Russian River Flood Control District and City of Ukiah to implement programs and projects.

Recognizing the lack of groundwater data in the Ukiah Valley CLSI initiated continuous groundwater monitoring in 2015 in the Ukiah groundwater basin in collaboration with landowners. These datasets have become an essential part of calibrating the SGMA model while still protecting owner privacy. CLSI is a science based organization and understands the need for data to produce workable management plans.

CLSI will have their hydrologist, Barry Hill, serve as the coordinator providing a very experienced professional to assist in SGMA and watershed efforts. This grant will aid the community in implementing and coordinating SGMA and other watershed actions.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Do not approve transmission of letter.

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: N/A

revenue agreement: N/A

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

CEO Liaison: Janelle Rau, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: August 19, 2020

Final Status: **Approved**

