



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor McCowen and Supervisor Williams

Meeting Date: December 8, 2020

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 30 Min

Agenda Title:

OFF AGENDA ITEM: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2 Discussion and Possible Action Including Adoption of a Resolution Affirming Support for State and Local Health Orders, Encouraging Compliance Therewith and Prioritizing Available County Resources to Assure Effective Enforcement (Sponsors: Supervisors McCowen and Williams)

Recommended Action/Motion:

1) Hear Off Agenda item pursuant to Government Code 54954.2 and move that this item will be added to the agenda as item 8a); 2) Adopt Resolution of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Affirming Support for State and Local Health Orders, Encouraging Compliance Therewith and Prioritizing Available County Resources to Assure Effective Enforcement; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

None.

Summary of Request:

Governor Newsom announced on December 4, subsequent to agenda publication, that Mendocino County would be part of a regional area for consideration of ICU bed availability and if regional availability falls to 15% a renewed Shelter in Place Order would take effect. There is a need to take immediate action to assure that Mendocino County does its part to relieve pressure on our healthcare staff, preserve ICU bed availability and avoid triggering a renewed Shelter in Place Order. The Board is requested to add this item to the agenda as item 8a) making the findings that the need to take action arose after publication of the agenda and there is a need to take action before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. A motion, second, and 4/5ths affirmative vote is required to add the item to the agenda. Assuming the Board makes the appropriate findings and adds this item to the agenda, it may then be considered on its merits.

Gatherings continue to be the primary cause of increased case rates. The County has limited resources available for enforcement. County enforcement personnel are tasked with fulfillment of their normally assigned duties which are to provide critical services to the residents of Mendocino County. In order to reduce COVID case numbers, reduce stress on healthcare workers and our healthcare system, preserve the availability of ICU beds and avoid a renewed shelter in place order, it is necessary to prioritize limited County resources. The attached resolution sets as the first priority achieving compliance related to gatherings, especially large parties. The second priority is to assure that all residents, businesses and other entities, especially those

interacting directly with the public are following proven COVID safety protocols of masking, social distancing and improved air circulation to the extent feasible consistent with the activity involved. All other Health Order enforcement issues would be prioritized after the normally assigned duties of the Special Investigations Unit, Public Health, Planning & Building Services and all other County departments.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Do not adopt Resolution.

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: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: DECEMBER 10, 2020

Final Status: Adopted

Executed Item Type: Resolution **Number:** 20-169

