



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Williams

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 30 Minutes

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Presentations from the North Bay North Coast Broadband Consortium (NBNCBC) and Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County (BAMC) and Adoption of Plan Goals (Sponsor: Supervisor Williams)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Accept presentations from North Bay North Coast Broadband Consortium (NBNCBC) and the Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County (BAMC) relative to the three Implementation Project Plans of the Mendocino County Digital Infrastructure Plan: 2019 - 2025, along with an overview of the ongoing work of the Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County, adopt the Implementation Project Plan goals, and provide direction to staff.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

February 9, 2010 the Board adopted Resolution 10-022 to actively support efforts to develop and implement broadband connectivity throughout the County; May 24, 2011 adopted Resolution 11-077 supporting the Community Foundation, Economic Development and Finance Corporation, and the Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County (BAMC) in their initiative to ensure universal broadband access for county residents; August 28, 2012 adopted Resolution 12-121 designating BAMC as County's endorsement agent for grant requests and further stating its support; December 17, 2013 adopted resolution No. 13-127 endorsing Mendocino County's membership in the North Bay/North Coast Broadband Consortium (NBNCBC). September 9th, 2014 adopted Agreement No. 14-069 approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Marin, Mendocino, Napa, and Sonoma Counties regarding participation in the NBNCBC. October 5th, 2015, the Board of Supervisors accepted a progress report regarding the activities of the NBNCBC. The MOU was updated on Dec. 18, 2015 to reflect continuing participation in the consortium. On Nov. 2014 the Board approved \$40,000 for the support of Broadband Coordinator to act as liaison to the NBNCBC; January 2016 resolution accepting the Telecommunications Outage Report and October 6, 2015 accepted the Annual Progress report submitted in the consent agenda. July 11, 2017 approved endorsement of the County Broadband Goals and Strategies document. February 26th 2019 the Board adopted the Mendocino County Digital Infrastructure Plan: 2019 - 2025.

Summary of Request:

Presentation will cover 3 Implementation Project Plans of the Mendocino County Digital Infrastructure Plan: 2019 - 2025, an overview of broadband data mapping by school district, the FCC's Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, GEO Partners Crowd Sourced internet speed-tests, broadband element of economic

resilience planning and the intersection of connectivity to pandemic and emergency response. Mendocino County joined the 4-county broadband planning consortium North Bay-North Coast Broadband Consortium in 2014. Each year, individual counties within the consortium develop county-specific work-plans which are approved by the CPUC staff.

In 2020 the North Bay North Coast Broadband Consortium (NBNCBC) and the Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County (BAMC), as county liaison, completed three (3) Implementation Project Plans of Mendocino County Digital Infrastructure Plan: 2019 - 2025.

Project #1 is awaiting a California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) decision on the \$158 million grant application through the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF), along with our partner Hunter Communications.

Project #2 for \$263 million and Project #3 for \$110 million are ready to submit for CASF grants in the next round.

The Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County continues to convene quarterly public outreach meetings to facilitate planning and discussion of broadband services and policy, among the public; County Department Directors; local, State and Federal elected representatives; and Alliance board-members.

Internet speed-test surveying, Tribal outreach, and engagement with each school district are part of near-term planning.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Do not receive and accept presentation/ or provide direction to staff.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At:

[<https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit>](https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit)

WWW.MENDOCINOBROADBAND.ORG/MENDOCINO-COUNTY-DIGITAL-INFRASTRUCTURE-PROJECTS/

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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: N/A

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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