



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Williams

Meeting Date: March 23, 2021

Department Contact: Supervisor Williams

Phone: 4441

Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Direction to Auditor to Distribute 96.5% of Transient Occupancy Tax Collected from Visitors Staying in Private Campgrounds and Recreational Vehicle Parks Equally to the 19 Recognized Local Fire Agencies and 3.5% to Whale Gulch

(Sponsor: Supervisor Williams)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Direct auditor to distribute 96.5% of Transient Occupancy Tax collected from visitors staying in private campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks equally to the 19 recognized local fire agencies and 3.5% to Whale Gulch.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

On March 9, 2021 the board directed Auditor to distribute 100% of the collected funds equally to 19 recognized local fire agencies. (Albion-Little River, Anderson Valley, Brooktrails, Comptche, Covelo, Elk, Fort Bragg, Hopland, Leggett, Little Lake, Laytonville, Mendocino, Piercy, Potter Valley, Redwood Coast, Redwood Valley, South Coast, Ukiah Valley, Westport)

Summary of Request:

In March, 2020, Mendocino County voters passed Measure D to impose a 10% transient occupancy tax on visitors staying in private campgrounds or recreational vehicle parks located in unincorporated areas of the county. Measure E also passed, advising the county to allocate revenue raised from extending the occupancy tax by dedicating 75% to the county and 25% to the fire chiefs' recommended fire agencies. The fire chiefs met and decided on an equal distribution of all collected funds. On March 9, 2021 the board directed Auditor to distribute 100% of the collected funds equally to 19 recognized local fire agencies. (Albion-Little River, Anderson Valley, Brooktrails, Comptche, Covelo, Elk, Fort Bragg, Hopland, Leggett, Little Lake, Laytonville, Mendocino, Piercy, Potter Valley, Redwood Coast, Redwood Valley, South Coast, Ukiah Valley, Westport) On March 10, 2021, the allocation plan was further discussed at a regular Mendocino County Fire Chiefs Association meeting. Supervisors Williams and Gjerde were present. Equity in addressing costs associated with emergency response by Whale Gulch Fire was raised. A chiefs only special meeting was scheduled for March 12, 2021. Minutes of special meeting provided to Supervisor Williams by Mendocino County Fire Chiefs Association President Latoof, include: **3. Whale Gulch TOT: After much round table discussion a motion was made (Hutchinson) and seconded (Carberry) for the following: "20 shares of the TOT revenue. Whale Gulch to receive 70% of one share. The remaining 30% to be divided back**

to the 19 “original departments” Participation with MCFCA this coming year to be key.” Voted unanimously. Chief Leskar (Whale Gulch) was happy.

Alternative Action/Motion:

No action.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

current f/y cost: N/A

if no, please describe: N/A

annual recurring cost: N/A

revenue agreement: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

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

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Final Status: Approved

Date: March 24, 2021

