



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Board of Supervisors

**Meeting Date:** August 3, 2021

**Department Contact:** Supervisor Mulheren

**Phone:** 463-4441

**Department Contact:** Supervisor Williams

**Phone:** 463-4441

**Item Type:** Regular Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** 30 min.

**Agenda Title:**

Discussion and Possible Action Including an Update Regarding Emergency Early Warning Alerts and Options Associated with the Provision of Emergency Services Operations in Mendocino County, Including Potential Collaborations with Other Affiliated Agencies  
(Sponsors: Supervisor Mulheren and Supervisor Williams)

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Receive update from the Ad Hoc Committee, comments from various stakeholders, and direct the Chief Executive Officer to explore options associated with the provision of emergency services, including Early Warning Alerts, and present findings to the Board of Supervisors at a future meeting.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

The Board of Supervisors has appointed ad hoc committees for the past several years to discuss issues associated with emergency services in the County.

**Summary of Request:**

Mendocino County Code, Title 7.04 - Emergency Organizations and Functions provides for the preparation and carrying out of plans for the protection of persons and property within this County in the event of an emergency; establish the Mendocino County Operational Area; define the emergency organization; and coordinate the emergency functions of this County with all other public agencies, corporations, organizations, and affected private persons.

As briefly discussed under public expression during the July 13, 2021, Board of Supervisors meeting, community members have expressed concern regarding recent emergency alert and warning events. Based on these concerns and threats posed by increased fire behavior, preliminary discussions were held with several stakeholders to determine options for collaboration to bolster emergency services in the County. Outreach was made to Coastal Valley EMS, the County's Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA) and CalFIRE to obtain input on options to consider, including potential services to be provided via contract, cost estimates for the areas of alert and early warning and Office of Emergency Services (OES) service augmentation. Our County would benefit from understanding options that might enhance our current systems and structures. Neighboring counties have several emergency services operational models in place, including stand-alone emergency services departments that collaborate with public safety and EMS stakeholder to provide to alert

and warning services.

Supervisors Mulheren and Williams are requesting the Board of Supervisors to direct the Chief Executive Officer/OES Director, to explore options associated with the provision of emergency services and present findings to the Board of Supervisors at a future Board meeting. These findings should be included, but not limited to: alert and warning services, collaborations with affiliated agencies for enhanced OES management and operations, and cost comparisons with the County's current structure versus other collaborative options.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Provide alternative direction to staff.

**How Does This Item Support the General Plan? N/A**

**Supervisory District:** All

**vote requirement:** Majority

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:**

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**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** n/a

**current f/y cost:** Unknown

**annual recurring cost:** Unknown

**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

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**CEO Liaison:** Executive Office

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: August 4, 2021

Final Status: **Continued**

