



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Haschak and Supervisor Mulheren

Meeting Date: September 14, 2021

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item:

Agenda Title:

Adoption of Resolution in Opposition to an Application by "Coal Train" to use Rail Lines Through Mendocino County and Support the Surface Transportation Board to Grant the Request of the North Coast Railroad Authority to Railbank their Rail Line from Willits to Humboldt Bay
(Sponsors: Supervisor Haschak and Supervisor Mulheren)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Adopt resolution in opposition to an application by "Coal Train" to use rail lines through Mendocino County and encourage the Surface Transportation Board to grant the request of the North Coast Railroad Authority to railbank their rail line from Willits to Humboldt Bay; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution in support of the creation of the Great Redwood Trail on 7/9/19.

Summary of Request:

An entity representing coal has submitted an application with the Surface Transportation Board to use the rail line from the Bay Area to the Humboldt Bay to transport coal. The Board of Supervisors should stand in support of our state and federal representatives and strongly denounce this proposal. Transportation of coal would be very dirty and harmful to the environment of Mendocino County, restoration of the rail line through the Eel River Canyon would cost \$2.4 billion and is practically impossible, and the conversion process from a rail line to the Great Redwood Trail would be seriously delayed.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Provide alternative direction.

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

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: N/A

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: September 15, 2021

Final Status: **Adopted**

Executed Item Type: **Resolution** Number: 21
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