



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To: Board of Supervisors**

**From: Supervisor Brown**

**Meeting Date:** November 7, 2017

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** N/A

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of Final Report, "An Agricultural Lands Conservation Strategy for Mendocino County, 2017-2020" For Grant Agreement 3015-903 Between the Mendocino County Department of Agriculture and the California Department of Conservation  
(Sponsor: Supervisor Brown)

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve final report, "An Agricultural Lands Conservation Strategy for Mendocino County, 2017 -2020," for Grant Agreement 3015-903 between the Mendocino County Department of Agriculture and the California Department of Conservation.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

The Mendocino County Department of Agriculture entered into a grant agreement on November 16, 2016 with the California Department of Conservation (Grant Number 3015-903) to conduct a Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Strategy planning process. The grant award was \$93,400. On October 20, 2015, the Mendocino County Department of Agriculture entered into a Standard Services Agreement with the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) to conduct a two-year sustainable agricultural lands planning assessment. The term of the agreement was November 15, 2015 through November 15, 2017. Compensation payable to the MCRCD was not to exceed \$88,400.

**Summary of Request:**

Over the course of the grant agreement, the MCRCD worked with the University of California Cooperative Extension, the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Mendocino Land Trust, Anderson Valley Land Trust, Inland Mendocino County Land Trust, and the Mendocino County Farm Bureau to identify strategies to improve and expand agricultural land conservation efforts in the county. Additionally, Supervisor Tom Woodhouse and Supervisor Carre Brown attended meetings.

Grant funds were allocated to assist in the inventory and mapping of County agricultural lands, with a particular focus on agricultural lands most at risk of conversion; a survey of potential demand for agricultural conservation easements, and a capacity assessment of land trusts operating in Mendocino County; lastly, funding was allocated to support the MCRCD's participation in a regional RCD conservation planning initiative to assist farmers and ranchers in adopting climate beneficial land management practices, as well as the

development of a carbon sequestration quantification method for measuring and monetizing Green House Gas (GHG) reductions in the agricultural sector.

A core planning team was established for the two-year project with representatives from each of the agricultural support organizations and agencies in the County.

The final report for the grant agreement, "An Agricultural Lands Conservation Strategy for Mendocino County, 2017 to 2020" is included as supplemental material.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Do not approve.

**Supplemental Information Available Online at:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Source of Funding:** N/A

**Budgeted in Current F/Y:** N/A

**Current F/Y Cost:** N/A

**Annual Recurring Cost:** N/A

**Supervisory District:** District 5

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

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

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**CEO Liaison:** Janelle Rau, Deputy CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**



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Executed By: Nadia Tipton

Final Status: **Approved**

Date: November 8, 2017

Executed Item No.: **N/A**

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