



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 1 hour

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Adoption of the Mendocino County Digital Infrastructure Plan 2019-2025, As Presented by the Economic Development and Financing Corporation
(Sponsor: Executive Office)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Adopt the Mendocino County Digital Infrastructure Plan 2019-2025 as presented by the Economic Development and Financing Corporation.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

None.

Summary of Request:

Economic Development and Financing Corporation (EDFC) was contracted to act as Mendocino County's Broadband Coordinator in July of 2018. The project is funded through a grant from the California Public Utilities Commission with a match from the county. As part of the county's involvement in the North Bay North Coast Broadband Consortium the county was able to access funding and one of the deliverables for the CPUC grant was to create a strategic plan for the county to reach its' broadband goals.

Mendocino County's goal is to develop the digital infrastructure needed to have available and affordable high-speed internet access for 98% of households by 2025. High-speed internet, for the purposes of this plan is defined as 100 megabits per second (mbps) download speed and 20 mbps upload speed. Affordable is defined as approximately \$70/month. This is an extremely ambitious goal, but critical for the economic future of Mendocino County and through advancements in technology we hope it will be possible.

The plan details the current state of the county's digital infrastructure which includes access to wireline service (copper and fiber optic), wireless service (microwave), and cellular service.

The executive summary of the plan covers the key objectives and strategies.

As this is a broad plan with general goals, it is a primary step in improving access. EDFC will continue efforts to plan for the development of high speed internet access on behalf of the county, and this plan will serve as an

overarching document.

Broadband is critical for public safety, education, and especially the economy. This plan is part of a long term effort to build a better future for Mendocino County. It is intended to be forward thinking and ambitious.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Do not adopt the plan and return to staff for alternative handling.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At:

<http://www.edfc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Final-Digital-Infrastructure-Plan-for-Mendocino-County-12.31.18.pdf>

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A

current f/y cost: N/A

annual recurring cost: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

budget clarification: There is no fiscal impact for adopting this plan; however, it does lay the groundwork for the county to access government funding to support implementing the plan which could create a positive fiscal impact

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

CEO Liaison: Janelle Rau, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:



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Executed By: Meribeth Dermond, Deputy Clerk II

Final Status: **Adopted**

Date: February 27, 2019