



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 11/16/2021

File #: 21-1689

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Sheriff

Agenda Section: Time Certain Matter

SUBJECT:

11:00am - Update on Local Conditions Surrounding Drought

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive a verbal and written report from the Humboldt County Drought Task Force regarding the current status and impacts of drought in Humboldt County.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund (1100), Public Health Fund (1175)

DISCUSSION:

The Humboldt County Drought Task Force (DTF) was established on May 25, 2021 by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. The task force has been directed to explore and develop potential short, medium, and long-term actions for a coordinated, county-wide response as well as track local impacts resulting from drought.

Since its creation on May 25, 2021, the Drought Task Force has met to discuss local impacts and response strategies, providing regular updates to the Board of Supervisors and the community via formal reports and social and conventional media. Until directed otherwise, the Drought Task Force plans to provide routine reports to the Board of Supervisors as new information becomes available or as mitigation and/or response actions are identified.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is minimal financial impact to receiving this report, and while staff costs for the Local Drought Taskforce were not included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget, participating departments have so far been able to carry out your Board's direction related to the taskforce without additional funding.

The report states that Governor Newsom on Oct. 19 expanded the drought to all 58 counties, triggering the authorization of the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA), which is a source of funding for counties to use, in this case, for temporary emergency supplies, drinking water, or water for sanitation purposes.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by creating opportunities for improved safety and health enforcing laws and regulations to protect residents.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

1. US Seasonal Drought Outlook - 10/21/21 through 1/31/22
2. Written Drought Report

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

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