



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-5

For the meeting of: January 19, 2016

Date: January 15, 2016
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Ryan Sundberg
Subject: Letter of Support for the Orleans Volunteer Fire Department Funding Request to FEMA to Replace Old and Outdated Equipment, i.e. Rescue Rig with Mini-Pumper/Initial Attack Vehicle that has Rescue Capabilities.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Orleans Volunteer Fire Department is submitting a funding request to FEMA for a firefighters grant to replace old/outdated rescue equipment. The funds will be used to replace a 28-year old vehicle that is currently being used as a rescue rig but does not have firefighting capabilities. The Department needs a combination vehicle with an emphasis on nimble initial attack. The Community of Orleans is located in an extremely rural area of Humboldt County and Fire/Rescue equipment is vital in being able to save lives. The Board of Supervisors has been asked for a letter of support for this very important funding request.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature Ryan Sundberg

REVIEW: Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
XX _____ Consent
_____ Departmental
_____ Public Hearing
_____ Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

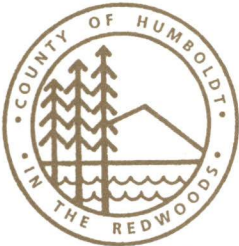
Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Bass Seconded by Supervisor Fennell
Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: Jan 19, 2016
By: [Signature]
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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January 19, 2016

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Dear Mr. Kamoie:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors strongly supports the Orleans Volunteer Fire Department's proposal for funding to FEMA to replace old and outdated equipment, i.e. a rescue rig with mini-pumper/initial attack vehicle that has rescue capabilities. The addition of a mini-pumper/quick attack apparatus with rescue capabilities is greatly needed.

As stated within the application, the majority of roads and access routes are very steep and rugged. Greater access and immediate assistance is critical to be able to save lives within our community. This type of equipment will greatly enhance the services Orleans Volunteer Fire Department is able to provide. The remote and rural community of Orleans is several hours away from a hospital where appropriate care can be provided to save the lives of patients.

The Board wholeheartedly supports the Orleans Volunteer Fire Department, and thanks you in advance for your consideration of this very important funding request.

Sincerely,

Mark Lovelace, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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