



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
E-1

For the meeting of: December 2, 2014

Date: November 12, 2014
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Rex Bohn
Subject: Presentation & Request for Letter of Support to CalTrans Requesting Alternate Route Around "Last Chance Grade" in Del Norte County

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

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Roger Gitlin, 1st District Supervisor, Del Norte County, former Del Norte County Supervisor Chuck Blackburn and Kurt Stremberg will be addressing the Board of Supervisor and requesting a letter of support to CalTrans and the Del Norte County Local Transportation Commission offering recommendations for construction of an alternate route around the dangerous and precarious "Last Chance Grade", 10 miles south of Crescent City, California. CalTrans is currently conducting an Economic Impact Report on "Last Chance Grade" in anticipation for when the roadway eventually collapse into the Pacific Ocean.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support.

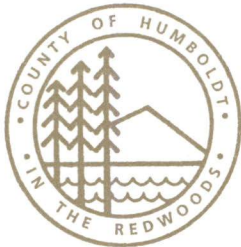
Prepared by Kathy Hayes Signature Rex Bohn
REVIEW: Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
 Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other Time-Set - 10:00 a.m. (20 minutes)
PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

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

Board Order No. _____
Meeting of: _____

and carried by those members present the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.
1 Dated: Dec. 2, 2014
By: [Signature]
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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December 2, 2014

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Del Norte County Local Transportation Commission
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Dear Director Fielder and Transportation Commissioners:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing in full support of CalTrans finding an alternate route around "Last Chance Grade" in Del Norte County. Our Board is all too aware of the dangerous and precarious conditions that exist along this treacherous stretch of highway south of Crescent City, California.

Too often, the ongoing collapse of the roadway and landslides in this area result in long-term road closures, delays in the passage of trucks hauling much needed goods and services, and sadly the loss of life due to unforeseen accidents. It is only a matter of time before the entire mountain, and the roadway with it, collapses into the Pacific Ocean.

It is our understanding that CalTrans is currently conducting an Economic Impact Study related to the "Last Chance Grade" and we would strongly encourage CalTrans to consider any and all feasible recommendations for constructing an alternate route around this very hazardous and perilous stretch of highway in southern Del Norte County.

Sincerely,

Rex Bohn, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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