



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 9/21/2021

File #: 21-1366

To: Board of Supervisors

From: County Administrative Office

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Resolution Regarding Extension of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. _____ (Attachment 1) and direct the County Administrative Officer to transmit the resolution to the Department of Motor Vehicles;

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Vehicle Registration Fees

DISCUSSION:

The Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program is funded by a \$1 fee (AVAP Fee) collected on vehicles registered within the county (and an additional \$2 collected on certain commercial vehicles). State law requires counties having an abandoned vehicle abatement program (AVAP) to locally reauthorize AVAP Fees every 10 years. The Humboldt County AVAP Fee is currently authorized until April 30, 2022. The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has requested a resolution from the county reauthorizing the AVAP Fee for another 10-year period. Reauthorization requires approval by the Board of Supervisors, by a two-thirds vote, and approval by a majority of the cities having a majority of the incorporated population within the county. Staff recommends the Board adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment A), which would satisfy the request from DMV to authorize extension of the AVAP Fee until April 30, 2032.

The attached resolutions also indicates that reauthorization of the AVAP Fee is subject to approval by the voters of the county. Legal counsel has advised the AVAP Fee is a tax subject to voter approval under Proposition 26, which was approved by California voters in 2010, and meets the criteria of a special tax under the proposition and is subject to approval by two-thirds of county voters. Therefore, the resolution also authorizes the county to place a ballot measure on the June 7, 2022 election ballot to authorize a 10-year extension of the fee to April 30, 2032.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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Revenue for the fee is \$160,000 annually and is distributed amongst participating cities.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by enforcing laws and regulations to protect residents .

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

City of Eureka, Arcata, Rio Dell, Fortuna

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board Discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

A - Resolution

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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