



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-6

For the meeting of: August 9, 2016

Date: July 25, 2016
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Mark Lovelace
Subject: Humboldt Bay Trail North Project Letter of Support

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors ratify authorization for the Chair to sign the letter of support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The City of Arcata is applying to the California Coastal Conservancy for a grant for the Humboldt Bay Trail North project, and has requested a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: City of Arcata

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes Signature 

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

TYPE OF ITEM:
 Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

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

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

Dated: Aug. 9, 2016
By: 
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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July 25, 2016

Doug Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing on behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to express our enthusiastic support for the City of Arcata's California State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) grant application for construction of the Humboldt Bay Trail North (HBTN). This Class I non-motorized multi-use trail is a long-awaited asset in the community. It has been developed with extensive community input, and the trail system has been identified as the highest priority transportation enhancement project.

The HBTN will provide safe, enjoyable non-motorized commuter and recreational coastal access for bicyclists, walkers and hikers, runners, skaters, wildlife viewers, nature educators, and other non-motorized outdoor users. It will be a portion of the larger trail network that creates a safe commuter route between the County's two largest cities, Arcata and Eureka where currently non-motorized travel must be done on a four-lane State highway. It will also provide access to a portion of the Humboldt Bay and Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge that is currently inaccessible, and will serve as a major link for the California Coastal Trail, a 1,200 mile long state trail project created by the California State Legislature that is nearly half completed, at present.

The City of Arcata has completed the design of the HBTN and has secured \$4.4 million for trail construction. Because the project is "construction-ready" and nearly fully funded, this State Coastal Conservancy grant will play a critical role in the realization of this community goal.

Thank you for your consideration of this most worthwhile project, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Mark Lovelace, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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