



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/15/2021

File #: 21-676

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Steve Madrone

Agenda Section: Initiated by Board Member

SUBJECT:

Consider Joining the California Forest Wildland Restoration for Social Economic and Environmental Sustainability (CalForest WRX) Alliance (Supervisor Steve Madrone)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Join the CalForest WRX Alliance;
2. Appoint a Board Member to the CalForest WRX Alliance representing Humboldt County;
3. Partner with the CalForest WRX Alliance in exploring the viability of pursuing a US Forest Service Innovative Finance for National Forest grant for a feasibility study; and
4. Extend an invitation to existing Forest Product Industries to provide comments for CalForest WRX Alliance strategies.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

DISCUSSION:

CalForest WRX is an alliance that brings together partners with a shared interest in increasing active forest management on all lands for the purpose of delivering social, economic, and environmental sustainability outcomes by stimulating forest product manufacturing. Further, CalForest WRX aims to address the myriad of risks to communities in northwestern California that arise from overstocking of small diameter trees and biomass on forest lands.

In an era of ever-growing catastrophic wildfires and changing climate conditions, it is more imperative than ever that the county join with other partners from government, the private sector, tribes and non-profits to support an all-lands approach to promote forest health and community well-being.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

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This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by providing community-appropriate levels of service.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. CalForest WRX Fact Sheet
- B. U.S. Forest Service Support Letter for CalForest WRX Alliance
- C. Cal Fire Support Letter
- D. Humboldt DA Support Letter

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

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