



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.  
D-1

For the meeting of: July 21, 2015

Date: July 15, 2015  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Supervisor Estelle Fennell  
Subject: Eel River Recovery Project for Monitoring Eel River Algae Presentation

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors hear the presentation and adopt a resolution commending the University of California Angelo Reserve Critical Zone Observatory and the Eel River Recovery Project for Monitoring Eel River Algae to Help Protect Public Health.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Patrick Higgins, Volunteer Coordinator for the Eel River Recovery Project will provide the Board of Supervisors with an update on the Eel River Recovery Project for Monitoring Eel River Algae and partnering efforts with the UC Angelo Reserve Critical Zone Observatory to increase community awareness and support County efforts to inform and promote public health and safety.

Further, the Board is being asked to consider adopting a resolution commending the University of California Angelo Reserve Critical Zone Observatory and the Eel River Recovery Project for their work to better understand, and attempts to remedy toxic cyanobacteria conditions in the Eel River.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature

REVIEW: Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ITEM:  
\_\_\_\_ Consent  
\_\_\_\_ Departmental  
\_\_\_\_ Public Hearing  
 Other Board Initiated (20 minutes)

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

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

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: July 21, 2015  
By: Kathy Hayes  
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

**Resolution Commending the University of California Angelo Reserve  
Critical Zone Observatory and the  
Eel River Recovery Project for Monitoring Eel River Algae to Help  
Protect Public Health**

**WHEREAS**, the Eel River since 2001 has become subject to toxic cyanobacteria, also known as blue-green algae; and

**WHEREAS**, this poses a substantial risk to pets and humans recreating in or near the river; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Humboldt does not have resources to scientifically explore this problem or to monitor extensively in the portions of the Eel River that flow within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of California Angelo Reserve Critical Zone Observatory (CZO) and the Eel River Recovery Project have engaged citizens throughout the basin in monitoring Eel River algae and cyanotoxin occurrence; and

**WHEREAS**, these organizations are collecting valuable scientific data, analyzing the data, and reporting to the public and the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eel River Recovery Project communicates with the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services on conditions of the Eel River and coordinates with them closely; and

**WHEREAS**, UC Angelo CZO and the Eel River Recovery Project increase community awareness and support County efforts to inform and promote public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, these groups are a credible community voice and complement and enhance the County's public education efforts on toxic algae risks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eel River Recovery Project is working with citizens to remediate conditions that foster toxic algae in the river.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby commends the University of California Angelo Reserve Critical Zone Observatory and the Eel River Recovery Project for their work to better understand, and attempts to remedy toxic cyanobacteria conditions in the Eel River.

Date: July 21, 2015



  
ESTELLE FENNELL, Chair