



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-5

For the meeting of: April 18, 2017

Date: April 13, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Ryan Sundberg
Subject: Letter of Support for the McKinleyville Community Services District's funding request for the McKinleyville Community Forest Project

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the Letter of Support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) is requesting funding from the California Natural Resources Agency for the McKinleyville Community Forest Project and has requested a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors.

The MCSD is working in partnership with the Trust for Public Land to acquire, and open for public use the McKinleyville Community Forest, a 556 plus acre public community forest adjacent to the community of McKinleyville, CA.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support

Ryan Sundberg
Signature

Prepared by Kathy Hayes _____
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 *Sundberg* Seconded by Supervisor *Fennell*
Ayes *Sundberg, Fennell, Bass, Bohn*
Nays
Abstain
Absent *Wilson*

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

Dated: Apr. 18, 2017
By: *Kathy Hayes*
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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April 18, 2017

California Natural Resources Agency
Attn: Urban Greening Coordinator
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: McKinleyville Community Forest Project

Dear Urban Greening Coordinator:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for the McKinleyville Community Services District's (MCSD) proposal for funding from the Resources Agency's Urban Greening Program for the McKinleyville Community Forest Project (The Project).

MCSD is working in partnership with The Trust for Public Land to acquire, and open for public use and enjoyment, the McKinleyville Community Forest, a 556+/- -acre public community forest adjacent to the urbanized community of McKinleyville in Humboldt County, California. The project will create connectivity between McKinleyville and the city of Arcata by opening a well-maintained, approximately 5 ¾ miles long fire road to the public for the first time. The project reduces greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) by reducing commuter vehicle miles traveled by providing non-motorized access between rapidly growing, underserved areas of Humboldt County. The Project will provide vital open space to a community with only 1.52 park acres per 1000 residents. Residents currently need to drive 15 miles to the nearest significant area of open space. MCSD will also plant significant trees to sequester and store carbon over 20 acres of the Project area.

The Board strongly supports MCSD's proposal for Urban Greening Program funding to support the McKinleyville Community Forest Project. Please give this project your highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bass, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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