



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 8/8/2023

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File #: 23-1069

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Clerk of the Board

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**SUBJECT:**

Appointment to the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the recommended appointment to the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

North Coast Resource Partnership (1720)

**DISCUSSION:**

The Humboldt County Fire Council (HCFSC) is seeking to update the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department member. Per the Board of Supervisors updated Protocol for Board of Supervisors Appointments dated February 7, 2023, the Fire Safe Council is listed on Attachment B so therefore is exempt from the At Large appointment protocol.

The HCFSC was formed by the Board of Supervisors as a County committee in 2002. The committee is currently enabled through Oct. 5, 2026 by Resolution No. 21-101.

Humboldt County Planning and Building department would like to appoint Cade McNamara to replace his predecessor Michael Richardson as the representative. Mr. Richardson has retired from the county and the HCFSC wished to extend their appreciation for his service on this committee and looks forward to working with the new appointee.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Coordination of the HCFSC committee is currently provided by Public Works Natural Resource Planning Staff and a team of consultants; funded by a grant awarded by the California Fire Safe Council with funding from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Budget Unit 1720-289).

Maintaining the HCFSC gives the County of Humboldt and partner agencies and organizations a competitive advantage when seeking grant funds related to implementing the Humboldt County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The HCFSC has proven to be an invaluable resource for the county as strategies are developed and funding is sought to carry out the recommendations of the CWPP. The current CWPP, last updated in 2019 with guidance from the HCFSC, has been praised for its comprehensiveness and has been a powerful tool for leveraging funding and catalyzing support. Since its re-certification in 2019, the CWPP has been cited in multiple county and collaborator grant applications, playing a part in bringing millions of dollars of implementation funds into the county. Public Works alone has secured over \$3 million in grant funding to support CWPP implementation projects.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Framework.

Core Roles: Create opportunities for improved safety and health

New Initiatives: Provide community-appropriate levels of service

Strategic Plan: 4.1 - Identify synergies between all county departments and cities to increase efficiency and effectiveness

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

Letter of nomination from Director Ford

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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