



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 4/6/2021

File #: 21-365

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Public Works

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Memorandum of Agreement with the Yurok Tribe Regarding Assistance with Planning, Designing and Implementing Improvements to Bald Hills Road (F4R300) and Lower Cappell Road (7Q302)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached memorandum of agreement with the Yurok Tribe regarding assistance with planning, designing and implementing certain improvements to Bald Hills Road (F4R300) and Lower Cappell Road (7Q302);
2. Authorize the Public Works Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached memorandum of agreement with the Yurok Tribe, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one fully executed copy of the attached memorandum of agreement with the Yurok Tribe to the Department of Public Works - Roads Division for further processing.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Yurok Tribe, County Road Fund (1200)

DISCUSSION:

Bald Hills Road (F4R300) connects the upper and lower portions of the Yurok Reservation and serves as an access road to Redwood National and State Parks and Six Rivers National Forest. Bald Hills Road (F4R300) also serves as an alternate route to the eastern portion of Humboldt County when State Highway 299 between Arcata and Willow Creek is closed. Lower Cappell Road (7Q302) is an access point to the Yurok Reservation and connects Cappell Road to State Highway 169.

The Yurok Tribe and the Humboldt County Public Works Department (Public Works) have a history of collaborating in order to improve roads which serve to access the Yurok Reservation or are within its boundaries. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the attached memorandum of agreement, the Yurok Tribe will provide funding, in an amount up to \$906,058, to assist Public Works in planning, designing and implementing certain improvements to Bald Hills Road (F4R300) and Lower Cappell Road

(7Q302).

Accordingly, Public Works recommends that the Board authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached memorandum of agreement with the Yurok Tribe regarding assistance with planning, designing and implementing certain improvements to Bald Hills Road (F4R300) and Lower Cappell Road (7Q302). Staff also recommends that the Board authorize the Public Works Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached memorandum of agreement with the Yurok Tribe, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office, in order to avoid any unnecessary delays in planning, designing and implementing improvements to Bald Hills Road (F4R300) and Lower Cappell Road (7Q302).

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

As noted above, the Yurok Tribe will provide the County of Humboldt with funding, in an amount up to \$906,058, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the attached memorandum of agreement. Such funding has been included in the approved fiscal year 2020-2021 budget for the Humboldt County Road Fund (1200-325). Approval of the attached memorandum of agreement will not impact the Humboldt County General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

The recommended actions support the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Framework by providing for and maintaining infrastructure and building interjurisdictional and regional cooperation.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to approve the attached memorandum of agreement with the Yurok Tribe regarding assistance with planning, designing and implementing certain improvements to Bald Hills Road (F4R300) and Lower Cappell Road (7Q302). However, this alternative is not recommended because the proposed project will allow for improvements to Bald Hills Road (F4R300) and Lower Cappell Road (7Q302) using funds that would not otherwise be available to the County of Humboldt.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Memorandum of Agreement with the Yurok Tribe Regarding Assistance with Planning, Designing and Implementing Improvements to Bald Hills Road (F4R300) and Lower Cappell Road (7Q302)

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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