



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 4/26/2022

File #: 22-510

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Sheriff

Agenda Section: Departmental

SUBJECT:

Update on Local Conditions Surrounding Drought

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive a verbal report from the Humboldt County Drought Task Force regarding the current status and impacts of drought in Humboldt County.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund (1100), Public Health Fund (1175)

DISCUSSION:

The Humboldt County Drought Task Force was established on May 25, 2021, by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. The task force has been directed to explore and develop potential short, medium, and long-term actions for a coordinated, county-wide response as well as track local impacts resulting from drought.

Since its creation on May 25, 2021, the Drought Task Force has met to discuss local impacts and response strategies, providing regular updates to the Board of Supervisors and the community via formal reports and social and conventional media. Until directed otherwise, the Drought Task Force plans to provide routine reports to the Board of Supervisors as new information becomes available or as mitigation and/or response actions are identified.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is minimal financial impact to receiving this report, and while staff costs for the Local Drought Task Force were not included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget, participating departments have so far been able to carry out your Board's direction related to the task force without additional funding.

On Oct. 19, 2021, Governor Newsom expanded the drought to all 58 counties, triggering the authorization of the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA), which is a potential source of

financial assistance for counties, in this case, for temporary emergency supplies, drinking water, or water for sanitation purposes.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by creating opportunities for improved safety and health and enforcing laws and regulations to protect residents.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook
2. U.S. Drought Monitor

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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