



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.  
**C-4**

For the meeting of: **May 9, 2017**

Date: **April 25, 2017**

To: **Board of Supervisors**

From: **County Counsel's Office, Code Enforcement Unit** *Sm*  
**Scott Miles, Senior Deputy County Counsel**

Subject: **Funding Transfer and Supplemental Budget**  
**Abatement of Four (4) Nuisance Recreational Vehicles Located In Humboldt County**

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- (1) Authorize a transfer from the Code Enforcement Trust Fund, account #3440000, in the amount of \$7,000 to the County Counsel's revenue account #1100-121-631-130 to cover the cost of the abatement of four (4) nuisance recreational vehicles located in Humboldt County, and to pay the expenses associated therewith, out of account 1100-121-2-403; and
- (2) Authorize the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller to execute the supplemental budget shown in Attachment A for fiscal year 2016-2017 (4/5 vote required).

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General funds were used to prepare this agenda item. The cost of the abatement will be funded by the Code Enforcement Trust Fund. The current balance is approximately \$41,000. Included in this balance is \$40,000 in Measure Z funds, which were granted by your Board to use for legacy case clean ups.

DISCUSSION:

The Humboldt County Code Enforcement Unit ("CEU") has declared four recreational vehicles in Humboldt County to be nuisance vehicles. All four of the vehicles are parked on public property. The vehicles are described as follows:

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CAO Approval *[Signature]*

REVIEW: Auditor *nm* County Counsel *Sm* Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ITEM:  
 Consent  
 Departmental  
 Public Hearing  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Wilson  
Ayes Fennell, Bass, Bohn, Wilson  
Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent Sundberg

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.  
Dated: May 9, 2017  
By: [Signature]  
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

- (1) In the 700 block of Wolverine Road in Shelter Cove, there is a large motorhome that has been parked there for at least eight (8) years. It has not moved once in that time. It does not have license plates or a visible Vehicle Identification Number.
- (2) The second vehicle is also located in Shelter Cove in the 300 block of Upper Pacific Road. It is an old travel trailer that has had the aluminum siding removed, presumably for salvage value. It is associated with the property at 381 Upper Pacific Road and was towed off that parcel approximately three (3) months ago. A Notice of Nuisance was recorded by the CEU against that property with the listed violations being the presence of junk vehicles and the improper storage and removal of solid waste.
- (3) The third vehicle is a large motorhome parked near the intersection of Spruce Road and Sixth Avenue in Westhaven. These roads are not public highways, but they are public property. This motorhome is currently being used as a residence in addition to being unregistered and inoperable. It has been present for about four (4) months.
- (4) The fourth vehicle is a medium sized travel trailer parked in the 2400 block of Park Road in Fairhaven; this is a public highway. It is currently being used as a residence and has been there for about one (1) month.

There are pictures of all four (4) vehicles included in Attachment B. All four (4) of the vehicles have been marked with yellow, warning tags. Letters advising the owners of the CEU's nuisance determination have been mailed where ownership could be determined.

The CEU has communicated with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office about the possibility of using either Abandoned Vehicle Authority ("AVA") or Measure Z funds to have the vehicles in Shelter Cove removed and disposed of. However, there are not enough monies from those sources to remove the two vehicles. The other two (2) vehicles in Westhaven and Fairhaven do not meet the criteria of "abandoned" and are thus not eligible for AVA funds. Your Board directed that the Measure Z monies set aside for the disposal of junk vehicles were to be used in Southern Humboldt County. Consequently, the CEU is seeking an alternative source of funds to have the four vehicles removed and disposed of as their presence is a detriment to the health and welfare of the public.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The costs associated with the removal and disposal of the four (4) junk recreational vehicles have been estimated to be approximately \$7,000. The costs are further broken down as follows:

Shelter Cove motorhome	\$2,000
Shelter Cove travel trailer	\$1,500
Westhaven motorhome	\$2,000
Fairhaven travel trailer	\$1,000
Contingency	\$500
Total	\$7,000

The balance of the Code Enforcement Trust Fund is currently approximately \$41,000. However, there are several other parcels which have recently been the subject of abatement hearings and could require funds to conduct an abatement if the owners fail to comply with your Board's orders.

The abatement would consist of removing the vehicles and storing them at a contractor's yard for a period of at least fifteen days. The registered owner would have an opportunity to retrieve the vehicle as long as it was registered or was otherwise capable of legally moving on the highway. The cost to remove a vehicle is about \$100 per hour. The disposal fee is based on the vehicle's weight. The cost to remove and dispose of the two (2) motorhomes is estimated to be the same. This is because the vehicle in Westhaven is larger and any savings in travel time are expected to be lost due to the higher weight. The trailer in Shelter Cove has a higher than normal cost as it may require extraordinary measures due to the loss of structural integrity when the siding was removed.

Today's recommended action supports the Board's Strategic Framework by enforcing laws and regulations and creating opportunities for improved health and safety.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

No other agency involvement is anticipated.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Decline to transfer the necessary money from the Code Enforcement Trust Fund. This alternative is not recommended as the vehicles are nuisances which need to be abated and there is not currently an alternative source of funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Supplemental Budget for Abatement

Attachment B – Photographs of the four nuisance vehicles

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Located in Humboldt County

**Attachment "A"**

Supplemental Budget for Abatement

**Supplemental Budget for Abatement (4/5th Vote)**

Revenue:

1100-121-631-130	\$7,000
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Expenditures:

1100-121-2-403	\$7,000
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**Attachment "B"**

Photographs of the Four Nuisance Vehicles



700 Block of Wolverine Road, Shelter Cove





300 Block of Upper Pacific Drive, Shelter Cove







Sixth and Spruce, Westhaven





2400 Block of Park Street, Fairhaven

