



AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-4

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: May 31, 2016

Date: May 23, 2016
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Ryan Sundberg
Subject: Support Letter for the Willow Creek Service District Wastewater Project

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Board of Supervisors is being asked to submit a letter of support to the State Water Resources Board asking for funding for a Willow Creek Community Services District Wastewater Project. This project is for a downtown wastewater system and was initiated in 2011. The Environmental Impact Report for this project has been completed and the additional funding would be for the construction phase. This letter of support will ask for consideration these funds.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: Willow Creek Service District

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support to the State Water Resources Control Board

Prepared by Tracy Damico

Signature

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 Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Bass
Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass
Nays
Abstain
Absent

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

Dated: May 31, 2016

By: Bob Ebersoff
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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State Water Resources Control Board
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Sacramento, CA 95814
www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/contact_us/

Regards to: Willow Creek Community Services District Wastewater Project

Dear Board;

The Willow Creek Community Services "District" is in the process of applying for funding to start construction, for a much needed wastewater project in the downtown corridor of Willow Creek.

Willow Creek started this project in July of 2011 with the formation of a wastewater committee with key members of the community (Tyler Holmes, Lonnie Danel, Marc Rowley, Josh McKnight and Guy Conversano). The District hired GHD Engineering with the leadership of Pat Kaspari and Susan O'Gorman to take charge of all necessary applications to deal with governmental agencies.

The next process was applying for funding to start the Environmental Impact Report and preliminary costs for the project. GHD did an outstanding job of achieving this goal. GHD was also able to secure \$ 495,000 dollars to complete the EIR study. As part of receiving the grant funding, we are required to apply for design and construction funding. Our goal now is to complete the construction phase.

Willow Creek is in much need for a downtown wastewater system. Many septic systems are failing and causing potential hazards to our groundwater and to the Trinity River, with one of the main tributaries the Willow Creek also in danger. All of our waters flow north to the Hoopa Valley Reservation, than on to the Klamath River. The Willow Creek Community Services District needs your help to protect our water's in Humboldt County for both ground and surface.

Willow Creek is a disadvantaged community with many low income families and small businesses having a hard time making ends meet. Willow Creek is striving to be a healthy community. We feel that this project is very viable and will be very beneficial to Willow Creek and to Humboldt County.

Willow Creek is looking for you help in achieving our goal of a completing this much needed project.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Mark Lovelace, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors