



AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-5

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: April 26, 2016

Date: April 20, 2016
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Ryan Sundberg
Subject: Letter of Support for the Blue Lake Rancheria Resilience Training Center Funding Request to FEMA Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program

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

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Blue Lake Rancheria is applying for funding through the FEMA Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program to plan and develop a regional resiliency training center, targeting preparedness and allowing the tribe and regional partners to train and exercise together for unity, collaboration and resource sharing. The Board of Supervisors has been asked for a letter of support for this very important project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature Ryan Sundberg

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 Sundberg
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: April 26, 2016
By: Kathy Hayes

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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April 20, 2016

Anita Huff
Office of Emergency Services Director
Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe
P.O. Box 428
Blue Lake, CA 95525-0428

RE: Blue Lake Rancheria Resilience Training Center

Dear Ms. Huff:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing in full support of the Blue Lake Rancheria's effort in applying for funding through the FEMA Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program to plan and develop a regional Resiliency Training Center.

The Center will provide preparedness and resiliency training to over 8,500 square miles of service area that is rural and geographically isolated where any number of hazards could cause large portions of the population to be isolated for significant periods of time.

Currently, it is necessary to spend a significant amount of travel time and expense to attend required trainings. A resiliency training center would provide much needed affordable, enhanced capacity to prepare for and recover from disaster to everyone in the region, while also building relationships and collaboration allowing the region to respond to any event by using needed and shared resources wisely to lessen the impact of disaster.

We fully support the concept of a Resiliency Training Center that can bring partners together to train and coordinate planning efforts to protect local residents and look forward to partnering with the Tribe in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bass, Vice Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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