



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

M-1

For the meeting of: September 15, 2015

Date: September 10, 2015
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Phillip Smith-Hanes, County Administrative Officer *BSH*
Subject: County Administrative Officer Report: State Medical Marijuana Legislation, Pension Funding Policy, and Various Other Topics

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors receives an oral report from the County Administrative Officer providing an update on state legislation relating to regulation of medical marijuana, a potential policy to set funding guidelines for a pension trust, and various other topics, and takes action as may be required.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION:

The County Administrative Officer will provide a brief oral report to the Board on various topics. Anticipated topics for September 15 are:

1. Medical Marijuana Legislation

The county has a long-standing legislative platform of advocating for a statewide regulatory framework on medical marijuana. Three bills have been introduced in the current session of the state legislature to deal with various aspects of medical marijuana regulation. All three bills were

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CAO Approval

Amy Olsen

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Human Resources _____ 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 _____ Seconded by Supervisor _____

Ayes _____
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____

Per Order of the Chair

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

Dated: *Sept. 15, 2015*

By: *Kathy Hayes*

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

stripped of their original language with a view towards compromise language that would be acceptable to both houses and the Governor. The County Administrative Officer will provide the Board with an update on what, if any, legislation passes as of the legislature's scheduled adjournment on September 11.

2. Pension Funding Policy

On July 21, your Board directed staff to "begin the process of establishing a Section 115 trust [for addressing unfunded pension liability] and to bring it back as a part of the first quarter budget review for an initial contribution." The first step in that process is brought to your Board today in a separate item – a resolution authorizing the county to participate in a Section 115 trust program with Public Agency Retirement Services. The next step will occur at the time of the first quarter budget review when, as directed, staff will recommend a contribution to the trust. In order to inform staff's recommendation to your Board at the time of the first quarter budget review, it may be helpful to have a pension funding policy similar to those adopted by other local jurisdictions. The County Administrative Officer will discuss with the Board the potential for such a policy, including input and resources needed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to hearing the oral report. Some topics discussed may have positive or negative financial impact on the County.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: None.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board's discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: None.