COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: September 20, 2016

Date: September 14, 2016

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Rex Bohn

Subject: AT&T Presentation on Connect American Funds and North Coast Resiliency Plan

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors hear the presentation and take appropriate action, if required.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

DISCUSSION:

Like telephone service in the 20th Century, broadband has become essential to life in the 21st Century. But, according to a 2015 Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Broadband Progress Report, nearly one in three rural Americans lack access to broadband service, compared to only one in 100 urban Americans. The Connect America Fund (CAF) is designed to close that rural-urban digital divide. AT&T has chosen to accept CAF Phase II funding, and representatives from the company will make a presentation regarding its consideration to utilize these funds in Humboldt County to deploy and offer internet access and voice services in areas identified by the FCC as "high-cost" areas. There will also be a presentation on the AT&T North Coast Network Resiliency Plan, regarding local fiber optic resiliency.

Prepared by	Kathy Hayes		Approval	

REVIEW:

Auditor	County Counsel	Human Resources	Other

TYPE OF ITEM:

_____ Consent
_____ Departmental
_____ Public Hearing
X _____ Other ____ Special Presentation

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. ____ D-1 ____

Meeting of: _____ 2/2/16 _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor   Seconded by Supervisor

Ayes
Nays   **Per Order of the Chair**
Abstain
Absent

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

Dated: Sept. 20, 2016

By: _____
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Federal Communications Commission

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Board Discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

None