



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO. **C-2**

For the meeting of: June 28, 2016

Date: June 14, 2016
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Ryan Sundberg
Subject: Letter of Support for the City of Trinidad's Storm Water Management Improvement Project

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

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The City of Trinidad is applying for State Water Board funding to eliminate storm water outfall that currently flows into Trinidad Bay. Trinidad Bay is an 'Area of Special Biological Significance' and that status requires that storm water outfall be eliminated as quickly as possible. The City of Trinidad Storm Water Management Improvement Project will construct low impact development and storm water green infrastructure improvements to eliminate storm water discharges into the Trinidad Head Area of Special Biological Significance from the City of Trinidad's storm water system by retaining and infiltrating all storm events up to and including the 50 year event. The Board of Supervisors has been asked for a letter in support of this very important project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: City of Trinidad.

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 _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Sundberg Seconded by Supervisor Bass
Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

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

Meeting of: _____

Dated: June 28, 2016
By: Kathy Hayes
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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June 28, 2016

Mr. Dwight Miller, Mayor
City of Trinidad
P. O. Box 390
Trinidad, CA 95570

Re: City of Trinidad Storm Water Management Improvement Project

Dear Mayor Miller:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing in support of the City of Trinidad's application to the State Water Resources Control Board for the Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program for funding to implement the Trinidad Storm Water Management Improvement Project.

- The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and residents of Humboldt County are concerned with protection and improvement of ocean water quality on the North Coast, and with potable water supply reliability.
- The State of California has designated the Trinidad Bay as an Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) with special water quality protections.
- The City has worked collaboratively with the County, the Humboldt State University Marine Laboratory, the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria (Rancheria) and other stakeholders to study, prepare and implement an Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Plan to improve water quality in the Trinidad Bay and watersheds and to improve water supply reliability.
- The Plan identifies needed projects to address water quality and water supply issues including this proposed Storm Water Management Improvement Project.

The proposed Project will benefit City, County and Rancheria residents as well as visitors to our County through improved water quality in Trinidad Bay and local beaches and through conserving potable water drawn from Luffenholtz Creek to supply the Water System customers and visitors to the Trinidad area.

The Board commends the City of Trinidad for its past work implementing the Watershed Plan priority projects to improve the Trinidad ASBS and watersheds. The Board also acknowledges and supports the need to reduce runoff and improve water quality entering the Trinidad Bay City of Trinidad's and the need for improving water supply reliability and efficiency.

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors offers its strong support of the City of Trinidad's implementation grant application for funding from the Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program (SWGP) for the "Storm Water Management Improvement Project."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lovelace", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Lovelace, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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