

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. 25- 134

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A PUBLIC FACILITIES
EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 22035
ASSOCIATED WITH THE LEACH FIELD AT THE TABLE BLUFF LANDFILL**

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 22035, in cases of emergency, the governing body of a public agency may proceed at once to replace or repair any public facility without adopting plans, specifications, strain sheets or working details, or giving notice for bids to let contracts, and such work may be done by day labor under the direction of the governing body, by contractor or by a combination thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 22050(a)(1), in cases of emergency, a public agency, pursuant to a four-fifths vote of its governing body, may repair or replace a public facility, take any directly related and immediate action required by that emergency and procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for those purposes, without giving notice for bids to let contracts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 22050(a)(2), the governing body of a public agency must make a finding, based on substantial evidence set forth in the minutes of its meeting, that the emergency will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids, and that the action is necessary to respond to the emergency, before it can take any action under California Public Contract Code Section 22050(a)(1); and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt operated the Table Bluff Landfill from 1974 to 1979, when the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board issued Order No. 79-101 which prohibited further placement of solid waste at the site, required establishment and maintenance of a landfill cap over the buried waste, and mandated that the discharge of leachate to Humboldt Bay or its tributaries be limited to the maximum practicable extent; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt is responsible for operating and maintaining the Table Bluff Landfill in compliance with Order No. 79-101; and

WHEREAS, the leach field at the Table Bluff Landfill no longer has the capacity to absorb the volume of inflowing leachate due to the accumulation of sediment and iron deposits; and

WHEREAS, immediate repair efforts to remove blockages were not successful due to the extent of the sedimentation and clogging; and

WHEREAS, a design report prepared by a Certified Engineering Geologist recommended new subsurface disposal trenches along with new storage tanks and piping; and

WHEREAS, based on the current impaired condition of the leach field, Public Works has determined that retaining a construction contractor to implement the leach field repair work before the winter wet season is urgent to prevent discharges of leachate, avoid environmental impacts, and

maintain compliance with the Regional Water Board's Order No. 79-101; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery ("CalRecycle") plans to implement repairs to the landfill cap concurrent with the Department of Public Works' repairs to the leach field; and

WHEREAS, the combined project to repair the leach field and landfill cap is statutorily exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to the emergency project exemption of Section 15269(b) of the CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2025, the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department approved an Emergency Coastal Development Permit for the combined project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The current condition of the leach field at the Table Bluff Landfill constitutes a public facilities emergency, which will not permit the significant delay that will result from the competitive solicitation of bids, due to the urgency of restoring the treatment capacity of the leach field and avoiding the environmental impacts associated with discharge of leachate.
2. Based on the current condition and diminished capacity of the leach field at the Table Bluff Landfill, significant repairs are necessary to mitigate the environmental risks associated with operational failure during the upcoming winter wet season.
3. The Humboldt County Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary to repair the leach field at the Table Bluff Landfill pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 22050.

Dated: August 26, 2025


MICHELLE BUSHNELL, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor Arroyo, seconded by Supervisor Wilson, and the following vote:

AYES:	Supervisors	Bohn, Bushnell, Wilson, and Arroyo
NAYS:	Supervisors	None
ABSENT:	Supervisors	Madrone
ABSTAIN:	Supervisors	None

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Humboldt)

I, TRACY DAMICO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be an original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.



By KALEIGH MAFFEI
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Humboldt, State of California