



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-3

For the meeting of: September 6, 2016

Date: August 29, 2016

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Rex Bohn

Subject: Letter of Support for the Martin Slough Stream Flow Enhancement Project

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

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: On behalf of the City of Eureka, Greenway Partners is applying for grant funding through the Wildlife Conservation Board for the development of an alternate water supply for their golf course irrigation system. 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 

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. _____

Meeting of: _____

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

Dated: Sept. 6, 2016
By: 
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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August 29, 2016

Wildlife Conservation Board
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To the WCB Program Coordinator:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our support for the City of Eureka's Martin Slough Streamflow Enhancement Project. Martin Slough is part of the Elk River complex, one of the largest rivers flowing into the Humboldt Bay. It has historically provided excellent habitat for Coho and Chinook salmon as well as many other aquatic species.

A lot of effort has been expended over the last few years in planning restoration projects for Martin Slough. Other sediment control and habitat improvement projects are ongoing in the larger Elk River watershed. This streamflow enhancement project is a crucial element of the City's and others' ongoing effort to restore habitat in Martin Slough and Elk River.

The Martin Slough Stream Flow Enhancement Project includes a forbearance program that will eliminate the impacts due to the pumping of irrigation water from the upper reaches of Martin Slough during the low flow period of the year when fish are present. An alternate supply of irrigation water will be provided by the installation of a 300' deep well and 400,000 gallon water storage reservoir. The alternate water supply and forbearance program will leave the water in the slough when it is most needed and will significantly benefit other ongoing restoration efforts.

Thank you for your consideration of the City's proposal.

Sincerely,

Mark Lovelace, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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