



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-9

For the meeting of: August 9, 2016

Date: August 1, 2016
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Ryan Sundberg
Subject: Lower Prairie Creek Restoration and Enhancement Planning Project Letter of Support

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

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Save the Redwoods League is applying for funding to the Wildlife Conservation Board to support a Lower Prairie Creek Restoration and Enhancement Planning Project, and has requested a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors for this very important project.

The project is essential because it provides some of the highest quality salmon habitat on the North Coast, while generating income for Humboldt County and ensuring that our diverse natural resources are protected.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: Save the Redwood League

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
PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

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

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

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

1 Dated: Aug. 9, 2016
By: *Kathy Hayes*
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



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August 9, 2016

Wildlife Conservation Board
ATTN: Proposition 1 CSFEP Proposal
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1266
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: California Stream Flow Enhancement Program

Dear Program Administrator,

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I wish to convey our enthusiastic support for Save the Redwoods League's application for the Lower Prairie Creek Restoration and Enhancement Planning Project (the Project). The restoration of habitat complexity provided by this Project is essential for federally listed anadromous species recovery at a larger scale. In coordination with California Trout, Inc. (CalTrout), the Project will restore habitat benefitting Chinook salmon, Coho salmon, and steelhead, building on Save the Redwoods League's (the League) conservation efforts in the Prairie Creek corridor since 1923.

Prairie Creek provides some of the highest quality salmon habitat on the North Coast. However, the Project site is located within the most downstream section of Prairie Creek, which is in poor condition. Despite this, all three listed anadromous species utilize the Project reach, making restoration in this location critical to improving recovery rates for these species. The Project will reconnect nearly one mile (4275 feet) of Prairie Creek to its historic floodplain and surrounding wetland habitat—an important effort that will create highly productive off-channel rearing habitat as recommended in National Marine Fisheries Service recovery plans. In addition, the proposed Project is an integral piece of a much larger effort—the Gateway Project. In partnership with Redwood National and State Parks, the League and partners are working to develop a new, high-quality visitor center; trails and increased public access to stunning recreational opportunities; and habitat restoration and enhancement opportunities for numerous species, catalyzed by the proposed Project. Located at the southern entrance to Redwood National and State Parks—home to 45 percent of California's remaining old-growth redwoods—the multi-faceted Gateway Project will enhance and restore the lower Prairie Creek corridor, creating a world-class visitor experience.

Projects such as this promote an important income generator for Humboldt County, while also ensuring that our diverse and beautiful natural resources are protected and stewarded appropriately. We hope you will give this application your careful consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mark Lovelace, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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