



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-6

For the meeting of: February 7, 2017

Date: February 2, 2017

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Rex Bohn

Subject: Letter of Support for California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Resolution T-1758 with Amendments which would fund the Digital 299 Project in the Highway 299 Corridor of Humboldt and Trinity Counties.

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

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors has been working for nearly 10 years with the Trinity County Board of Supervisors on bringing quality digital broadband services to the Highway 299 corridor. Closing the digital divide is vital to the economic prosperity and quality of life for residents in Humboldt and throughout California. CPUC Resolution T-1758 will provide the needed funding for this vital project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution T-1758.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature 

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

☒ Consent
☐ Departmental
☐ Public Hearing
☐ Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Sundberg Seconded by Supervisor Fennell

Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Bass, Bohn, Wilson
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____

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

Dated: Feb. 7, 2017

By: 

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



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Commissioners Picker, Peterman, Randolph, Aceves and Rechtschaffen
California Public Utilities Commission
Attn: CASF Consortia Grant Account
505 Van Ness Ave., Third Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Support for the CPUC Draft Resolution T-17548 with Amendments

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our strong support for **CPUC Draft Resolution T-17548** which would fund the Digital 299 project. However, we respectfully request the Commission consider amending the resolution on the following topics:

- (1) Set the CASF matching funds at 70% for the middle mile portion of the project, while maintaining a 60% match for the last mile component in Lewiston.
- (2) Implement an alternative approach to the bonding requirement.
- (3) Modify permitting guidelines for an encompassing joint CEQA and NEPA approach.
- (4) Support the request to build cell towers as part of this project

Our Board has been working for nearly a decade with the Trinity County Board of Supervisor on bringing quality service to the Highway 299 corridor. Humboldt County shares the regions' goal to have reliable, affordable broadband access for all residents, businesses, local and tribal governments and public entities. Closing the Digital Divide is vital to the economic prosperity and quality of life for residents in Humboldt County and throughout California.

We hope the Commission will look upon this important project favorably.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bass, Chair

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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