



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-4

For the meeting of: March 14, 2017

Date: March 8, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Rex Bohn
Subject: Letter of Support for AB 211 (Bigelow) Fire Fee Expenditures

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

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: AB 211 would require the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to provide an annual report including itemized accounting of all expenditures of the fire prevention fee to the Legislature indefinitely. It is essential the Legislature require reporting of public funds to ensure accountability on how the fire prevention fee moneys are spent.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

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 _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____


BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Wilson Seconded by Supervisor Sundberg

Ayes Sundberg, Fernelli, 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: Mar 14, 2017

By: 
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



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March 14, 2017

Assemblymember Frank Bigelow
Capitol Office, Room # 4158
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 211: Fire Fee Expenditures

Dear Assemblymember Bigelow:

I am writing on behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in full support of AB 211: Fire Fee Expenditures:

As you know, State Responsibility Areas (SRA) Fire Prevention Fees are paid annually by rural residents throughout the State of California to cover costs of fire prevention services including fuel reduction activities, fire prevention engineering and emergency evacuation planning, amongst many others.

AB 211 would require the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to provide an annual report including itemized accounting of all expenditures of the fire prevention fee to the Legislature indefinitely.

It is the Legislature's duty to ensure that tax payer dollars are being spent efficiently and that the reporting of those expenditures provides transparency. AB 211 will ensure accountability for how the fire prevention fees are being spent going forward.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bass

Virginia Bass, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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*Frank - thanks for all your great work!
We miss you at CSAC but so happy to
have you at the Capitol - VB*