



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-5

For the meeting of: March 14, 2017

Date: March 9, 2017

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Rex Bohn

Subject: Letter of Support for Tenure Track Faculty Position for the Range and Soils Program at Humboldt State University

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

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Forestry & Wildland Resources Department at HSU has submitted a request for a tenure track faculty position in Rangeland Ecology & Management and is requesting a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors. Pressing needs exist for outreach and applied research in collaboration with local ranchers, UC Cooperative Extension and Natural Resources Conservation. This position is critical for the teaching mission of rangeland resource science.

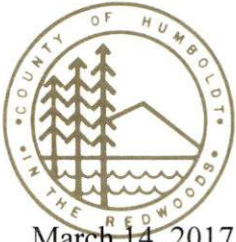
FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

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:			
XX	Consent		
	Departmental		
	Public Hearing		
	Other		
PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:			
Board Order No.			
Meeting of:			
		BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT	
		Upon motion of Supervisor <u>Wilson</u> Seconded by Supervisor <u>Sundberg</u>	
		Ayes <u>Sundberg, Fennell, Bass, Bohn, Wilson</u>	
		Nays	
		Abstain	
		Absent	
and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.			
Dated:		<u>Mar 14, 2017</u>	
By:			
		Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board	



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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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Dr. Richard Boone, Dean
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Dear Dean Boone:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to convey our support for the highest ranking possible of a tenure-track faculty position in *Rangeland Ecology & Management* within the Forestry & Wildland Resources Department. This position is critical for the teaching mission of rangeland resource science, and also for the outreach and research expectations of a tenure-track faculty position.

Pressing needs exist for outreach and applied research in collaboration with local ranchers, UC Cooperative Extension, and Natural Resources Conservation Service personnel. Professor Fulgham supervised many graduate students working on their master's thesis projects and many undergraduates working on their senior projects in our regional rural communities.

We understand from Drs. Fulgham and Marshall that the RRS Program has been removed from Academic Probation and has submitted a request for a tenure-track faculty position. We also understand that in the ranking process within your college the range position was placed at #5. We encourage you to prioritize the range position more highly before the ranking process progresses to higher levels.

HSU's developing Strategic Plan emphasizes environmental responsibility in a diverse and globalized world and meaningful relationships with local communities. As representatives of landowners in the most enduring and economically productive agricultural sector in Northern California, we feel that this position is vital for the teaching, outreach, and research mission of HSU and will greatly benefit landowners in the Northcoast Region.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bass, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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