



AGENDA ITEM NO.  
**C3**

# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: November 7, 2017

Date: October 20, 2017  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Supervisor Virginia Bass  
Subject: Appreciation Letter to Ron McLaughlin for Service on the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council

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

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Ron McLaughlin has served on the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council. Ron has transitioned into a new role as a relief Battalion Chief within the Humboldt Del Norte Unit and his new duties will intervene with service on the Council. The Board is sending him a letter of appreciation thanking him for his service and for his commitment to the citizens of Humboldt County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Resignation and Letter of Appreciation.

Prepared by Tracy Damico Signature Virginia Bass  
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 Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Wilson  
Ayes Fennell, Bass, Bohn, Wilson  
Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent Sundberg

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: 11/7/17  
By: [Signature]  
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

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November 7, 2017

**Ron McLaughlin**  
**118 S. Fortuna Blvd**  
**Fortuna, Ca. 95540**

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors has recently received notification of your resignation from the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council

On behalf of the Board, thank you for the time you have served on the Council and for the excellent job you have done in serving the citizens of Humboldt County. Your dedication and energy are greatly appreciated.

We wish you success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bass, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

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October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Virginia Bass  
Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors  
825 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

RE: Humboldt County Fire Safe Council member transition

Dear Supervisor Bass,

Recently, Ron McLaughlin has transitioned into a new role as a relief Battalion Chief within the Humboldt Del Norte Unit. His new duties will intervene with participation on the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council. Please join me in thanking Chief McLaughlin for his participation on the FSC up to this point. He worked closely with County staff on the development of the latest "Living with Wildfire in Northwester California" magazine and we are all proud of the outcome. It is an important resource, especially during these times of high wildfire activity.

I propose that Fire Planning Battalion Chief, Chris Ramey be the CAL FIRE member of the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council. Chief Ramey has been participating with the Council and its members in his previous role as a Pre-Fire Planning Captain and is a good fit for this role.

I also propose that Jennifer Renner, CAL FIRE Pre-Fire Planning Captain, be an additional alternate member of the FSC with the ability to vote in the absence of the primary voting member. Currently, CAL FIRE Forester Jason Butcher is an alternate member of the FSC. The Humboldt Del-Norte Unit would like to maintain his status as an alternate member and add Captain Renner as an alternate for a total of 2 CAL FIRE alternate members. This addition will greatly increase CAL FIRE chances of having a voting member at every FSC meeting.

Sincerely,

Hugh Scanlon, Unit Chief  
CAL FIRE Humboldt Del Norte Unit