

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 3/16/2021

File #: 21-314

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Mike Wilson & Supervisor Steve Madrone

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Letter in Support of Increased State Funding to Protect Drinking Water Supplies in and Around the Eureka Area (Supervisor Mike Wilson and Supervisor Steve Madrone)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

DISCUSSION:

Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD) provides water to the City of Eureka and its nearly 35,000 residents as well as commercial water customers. Growing concerns over a contaminated plume of groundwater moving toward the Mad River upstream of the District's intake wells has prompted the HBMWD, the City of Eureka and the City of Arcata to request the state allocate additional funding in the current year budget to the Department of Toxic Substance Control to make immediate remediation a priority and advance cleanup efforts to protect our drinking water sources in the Mad River.

Humboldt County strongly supports this effort and is sending a similar letter requesting additional state funding to ensure the protection of our residents and the environment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by seeking outside funding sources to benefit Humboldt County needs.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

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N/A

<u>ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS</u>:

Board discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Letter of Support

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A File No.: N/A