



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/9/2026

File #: 26-595

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Steve Madrone

Agenda Section: Initiated by Board Member

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Letter of Support for the Middle Mad River Forest Enhancement Project

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to send the executed letter to Nick Robinson at Timberland Resource Consultants.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Sustainable Natural Resources & Infrastructure Stewardship

Strategic Plan Category: 5001 - Enhance climate adaptation landscapes and communities

DISCUSSION:

The Board of Supervisors has been asked to send a letter of support for the Middle Mad River Forest Enhancement Project.

The Middle Mad River Forest Enhancement Project is a landscape-scale forest restoration and wildfire resilience effort spanning approximately 2,729 acres of private forestland in eastern Humboldt County. The project will reduce wildfire risk, improve forest health, restore native oak woodlands, protect drinking water resources and enhance wildlife habitat through fuels reduction, forest stand improvement, reforestation and prescribed fire. A key focus is improving community safety along the Maple Creek-McIntosh Road corridor by creating shaded fuel breaks that strengthen emergency access, evacuation routes and firefighting capabilities.

By addressing the impacts of historic forest management and fire exclusion, the project will promote long-term watershed resilience, carbon sequestration and ecological health while supporting local jobs and ensuring these forestlands continue to provide environmental, economic and public safety benefits for future generations.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with sending a letter of support.

STAFFING IMPACT:

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There is no staffing impact associated with sending a letter of support.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

CalFire

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could ask for modification to the letter or not approve a support letter, but that is not recommended.

ATTACHMENTS:

Letter of Support

Middle Mad River Forest Enhancement Project Information

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A