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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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RESOLUTION NO. ____

**CONFERRING AUTHORITY TO PROCEED WITH MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANNING AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

WHEREAS, public broadband needs are expected to increase ten-fold over this decade and therefore telecommunications planning is essential for citizen and economic development benefit; and

WHEREAS, to meet local demand it is critical that broadband media infrastructure be deployed and adopted to meet the County's communication needs for the future; and

WHEREAS, significant cost savings can be achieved by government and non-government organizations through local public ownership, collaboration, not-for-profit management, and public benefit negotiations that leverage community resources; and

WHEREAS, currently there are substantial public funding opportunities available for infrastructure deployment and sustainable adoption projects to meet community needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt hereby:

1. Authorizes Supervisors Mark Lovelace and Bonnie Neely and Community Development Services Director Kirk Girard to pursue telecommunications planning by participating in the development of a Broadband Working Group providing input from municipalities, nonprofit organizations, the health care sector and tribal governments.
2. Authorizes the Chair of the Board to sign, upon approval as to form by County Counsel and Risk Management, a modification of Access Humboldt's current contract scope of services to include consultancy for general telecommunications planning, preparation of funding applications, and management of projects for broadband deployment and adoption as the lead agency. The County endorses Access Humboldt's *Digital Redwoods* initiative and directs County representatives on the Broadband Working Group to support related broadband communications applications.
3. Authorizes staff to work with the regional Broadband Working Group to:
 - a. Work with the Humboldt Area Foundation to obtain consultancy and engineering/design services to produce a concise Telecommunications Strategic Vision.
 - b. Pursue cooperation and possible shared proposals with neighboring counties; specifically the Redwood Coast Rural Action consortium counties of Del Norte, Mendocino and Trinity, along with Siskyou County, tribal governments, special districts, and other

jurisdictions.

- c. Pursue a multijurisdictional application for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding and pursue regional cooperation for ARRA Round Two proposals.
- d. Pursue mutually beneficial partnerships with non-government organizations and establish criteria for County support for private and non-profit proposals for public funding to serve the County and surrounding region.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

Chair of the Board, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors--
 NOES: Supervisors--
 ABSENT: Supervisors--
 ABSTAIN: Supervisors--

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Humboldt)

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the original made in the above entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors

 KATHY HAYES
 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
 the County of Humboldt, State of California