

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting of October 11, 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 16-119

**RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIXTY (60) MONTHS**

WHEREAS, this resolution affirms the intent of the County of Humboldt to extend the term of a collaborative, countywide Fire Safe Council that will oversee the maintenance and implementation of the Humboldt County Community Wildfire Protection Plan ("CWPP"); and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of maintaining and implementing the countywide CWPP for the development and implementation of community fire safe programs and activities between public agencies and private sector landowners/participants within Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, this resolution recognizes that the development of community-based CWPPs is a concept born out of the statewide Fire Safe Council whose mission is to mobilize all "Californians to protect their homes, communities and environments from wildfire;" and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes that the formation and maintenance of a County fire safe council furthers the goals of the National Fire Protection Association's Firewise Communities program which encourages local solutions for wildfire safety by involving homeowners, community leaders, planners, developers, firefighters and others in the effort to protect people and property from the risk of wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors supports the continuation of the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council to serve as a forum for the implementation of the measures outlined in the CWPP, share fire-safety related information, assess fire risk, promote community fire-safe planning and coordination, link fire-prevention programs and support the fire service and local fire safe councils; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, through the creation of the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council, shall encourage the development of local fire safe councils dedicated to reducing the vulnerability of communities to damaging wildfires. Activities shall take place in accordance with management principles which protect and enhance the forest, range, and watershed values of our coastal, interior valleys, and mountain ecosystems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of Supervisors hereby extends the term of the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council for an additional sixty (60) months from the date of adoption of this resolution, subject to the following provisions:

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRE SAFE COUNCIL:

A committee for the County of Humboldt, to be known as the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council, established pursuant to Section 26152 of the Government Code is hereby extended.

B. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council is to oversee the maintenance and implementation of the CWPP, of concern to the County of Humboldt and, when appropriate, to inform and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

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C. APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF MEMBERS:

The committee shall consist of sixteen (16) members; thirteen (13) shall be voting members and three (3) non-voting members:

1. Three (3) non-voting members shall be appointed as follows: The Public Works Director or designee shall act as liaison for communication between the committee and the Board of Supervisors and one (1) member from each the Six Rivers National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management shall act as federal liaisons.
2. Five (5) of the voting members shall be appointed as follows: each member of the Board of Supervisors shall appoint one (1) member. Such members need not reside in the supervisorial district of the appointing Supervisor. If possible, the Board shall appoint two (2) representatives from local fire protection organizations, two (2) representatives from local fire safe councils and one (1) representative from the insurance industry.
3. Four (4) of the voting members shall be appointed at-large by a majority of the Board of Supervisors. If possible, the Board shall appoint three (3) representatives from local fire safe councils and one (1) representative from a local fire protection organization.
4. Four (4) of the voting members appointed shall include one (1) representative nominated by each of the following agencies and organizations: Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Hoopa Valley Tribe and the Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services.
5. All voting members shall serve terms that shall commence on the date of their appointment and shall expire sixty (60) months from the date this resolution is adopted by the Board of Supervisors. The committee voting members shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors. The voting members shall designate a Chair and Vice-Chair from the voting members.
6. A designated alternate shall be appointed for each voting member and serve terms that commence on the date of their appointment and expire sixty (60) months from the date this resolution is adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Alternates shall vote only in the absence of their associated FSC member.

D. FUNCTIONS:

The Humboldt County Fire Safe Council shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. The committee shall oversee the maintenance and implementation of the CWPP and consider related Fire Safe Council matters within the authority of the Board of Supervisors.

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2. The committee shall encourage development of local volunteer fire safe councils and broad voluntary participation on the part of the local fire safe councils, private landowners and public agency partnerships.
3. The committee shall maintain and update criteria for the evaluation of projects that are eligible for funding under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, Title III, as such funding becomes available.

E. MEETINGS:

1. The committee shall hold quarterly meetings at the call of the Chair at such place as is designated by the Chair. More frequent meetings may be held, or subcommittees may be formed and hold meetings, as necessary to ensure a consistent effort to implement the measures outlined in the CWPP.
2. A special committee meeting may be called at any time by the Chair. Such special meeting shall be effective for the transaction of business only if a quorum is present. Only subject(s) mentioned in the call of such special meeting shall be considered at the meeting.
3. Seven (7) voting members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. No official action may be taken by said committee without a quorum.
4. All meetings of said committee shall be open to the public. Subject to reasonable restrictions by the Chair as to order of presentation, length of time and subject matter, any person may be allowed to express himself at a committee meeting regarding business of the committee.

F. REMOVAL OF MEMBERS FOR FAILURE TO ATTEND MEETINGS:

A committee member absent from three (3) consecutive scheduled committee meetings without appropriate and reasonable excuse may be removed from the committee for such absence and a new member may be appointed pursuant to the appointment provisions of this resolution.

Dated: October 11, 2016



MARK LOVELACE, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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

AYES:	Supervisors	Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass
NAYS:	Supervisors	--
ABSENT:	Supervisors	--
ABSTAIN:	Supervisors	--

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be an original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California.

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



By ANA HARTWELL
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Humboldt, State of California