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MENDOCINO COUNTY DEDICATES PG&E GRANT TO THE MENDOCINO COUNTY COOPERATIVE FIRE PATROL

During its April 22, 2014 Board meeting, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved sending a \$3,000 grant to the Mendocino County Cooperative Fire Patrol. The grant was made possible by a generous donation from Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E).

1st District Supervisor Carre Brown stated after the April 22 Board meeting, "The Board is happy to dedicate this money received from a PG&E Grant to the Mendocino County Cooperative Fire Patrol." The Fire Patrol has provided services across the County during the summer for decades. The heightened drought this season will only worsen the County's exposure to fire danger. "We very much appreciate having this organization in the air flying every day during the summer to spot fires early on," Supervisor Brown concluded.

In a prepared statement Scott Kelly, the Chair of the Mendocino County Cooperative Fire Patrol, thanked the Board for their donation of \$3,000. The fire patrol is 100% funded by donations from private citizens, ranches, watershed managers, timberland owners, vineyards, subdivisions, and recreational enthusiasts.

Mr. Kelly closed in his letter by stating "As everyone is aware, 2014 is shaping up to be a bad fire season. The co-op fire patrol works closely with CalFIRE. Once a fire is spotted, our pilot may assist by directing CalFIRE ground crews to the exact fire location. This year the co-op is considering extending the fire patrol season. This donation from the County and PG&E will help make that possible."

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