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MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MEET IN FORT BRAGG ON APRIL 8, 2008

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The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors will meet in Fort Bragg Town Hall on Main Street in Fort Bragg, on April 8, 2008, beginning at 10:00 AM.

"For the third year, the Board of Supervisors is bringing its decision-making process to the Coast," said Fourth District Supervisor Kendall Smith. "I really encourage the public to participate in this Board meeting scheduled for April 8th. We will be talking about several very important topics, from the continuing discussion on wave energy development to recognition of Coastal volunteers."

Board Chair Jim Wattenburger, Second District Supervisor, added, "Kendall and I started these road show meetings in an effort to bring government to people throughout the county and the whole Board continues to be committed to this outreach."

This is a regular meeting of the Board in a coastal venue, and will include standard Board business items on the agenda, as well as topics of coastal interest.

Two Coast residents will receive proclamations from the Board for exemplary public service: Eugene Lewis, a staunch friend of the Fort Bragg Library, and Betty Smith, a long-time commissioner for First 5 Mendocino.

The week of April 6-12 is Public Health Week, which will be celebrated with recognition of key contributors to Public Health in 2007 and release of the 2008 Community Health Status Report.

This same week is National County Government Week, for which the 2008 theme is Protecting Our Children, a major public responsibility of county governments throughout the United States.

The entire month of April is Children and Nature Awareness Month, for which the Board will issue a proclamation, and Child Abuse Prevention Month, which will be the subject of a presentation to the Board later in April.

At the April 8th meeting in Fort Bragg, the subject of wave energy will be reviewed and updated. The Board in March provided direction to the Executive Office on follow-up efforts to stay informed and involved on developments in this arena. This will be an opportunity for Coastal residents to speak with the Board about this issue.

In addition, the Board will receive a report on potential activities in the future to update the Local Coastal Plan (LCP). Updating the LCP would be a long-term process that would begin only after the update of the County General Plan is completed in 2008-09.

"The Board of Supervisors has made local governance a priority. We have continued to bring relevant issues to the Coast so local residents can have easier access to the process. With plans for future enhancements to the Board's website, we are becoming more responsive and more transparent," Supervisor Smith said.

Chair Wattenburger referred to the Board's work on public access, "We are striving to develop the resources and the systems to provide live broadcasts of Board meetings county-wide. Counties are one of the forms of government nearest to the people and local access is important."

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