



**MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**ONLINE AGENDA SUMMARY**

**BOARD AGENDA # 4(a)**

- Arrangements for public hearings and timed presentations must be made with the Clerk of the Board in advance of public/media noticing
- Agenda Summaries must be submitted no later than *noon* Monday, 15 days prior to the meeting date (along with electronic submittals)
- Send 1 complete original single-sided set and 1 photocopy set – Items must be signed-off by appropriate departments and/or Co. Co.  
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**TO:** Board of Supervisors **DATE:** January 27, 2016

**FROM:** Supervisor Brown & Supervisor Woodhouse **MEETING DATE:** February 9, 2016

**DEPARTMENT RESOURCE/CONTACT:** Sarah Dukett **PHONE:** 463-4441 Present  On Call

Consent Agenda  Regular Agenda  Noticed Public Hearing  Time Allocated for Item: N/A

**■ AGENDA TITLE: Approval of Letter of Support for AB 1642 (Obernolte) Seeking Amendment to State Responsibility Area (SRA) Fire Prevention Fee Due Dates**

**■ PREVIOUS BOARD/BOARD COMMITTEE ACTIONS:** On September 13, 2011, the Board of Supervisors submitted a letter of opposition to ABX1 29, creating State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fees; on February 7, 2012, the Board submitted a letter of support of AB 1506 to repeal SRA fees; on March 27, 2012, the Board submitted a letter of support of AB 2474 for fair and equitable implementation of fire prevention fees within a SRA. On April 7, 2015, the Board submitted a letter of support for AB 203 (Obernolte), which would give property owners 60 days to pay or dispute the fire prevention fee, rather than the 30 days allowed under existing law.

**■ SUMMARY OF REQUEST:** In 2011, Assembly Bill X1 29 enacted the State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fee (“SRA fee”). This fee, currently \$152.33 per parcel, is charged to owners of habitable structures in certain rural areas. AB X1 29 found that structures in the SRA increased the risk of fire damage to the state’s wildlands and watersheds, and instituted a fee on the owners of those properties to mitigate that additional risk. The Board has transmitted numerous letters on this subject, in opposition to the proposed fees, as well as support of efforts to repeal the SRA fees as established. About 700,000 rural Californians receive a yearly Fire Prevention Fee bill. In Mendocino County, 17,385 parcels of land were billed for the Fire Prevention Fee in 2015.

On January 11, 2016, Assemblymember Obernolte introduced AB 1642 (previously AB 203 in 2015, which was supported by the Board on April 7, 2015). This bill would give property owners 60 days to pay or dispute the fire prevention fee, rather than the 30 days allowed under existing law. AB 1642 would allow sufficient time for those residents to review their assessments and account for any delays. Mendocino County’s state legislative representatives, Assemblymember Wood and Senator McGuire, are coauthors on AB 1642. This letter of support is consistent with the Board’s position on this issue, the legislative platform, and seeks to reduce the disproportionate negative financial impact on rural California property owners.

- SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:** [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov)
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FILE WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD (CHECKED BY COB IF APPLICABLE):**

FISCAL IMPACT:			
Source of Funding	Current F/Y Cost	Annual Recurring Cost	Budgeted in Current F/Y
N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**■ SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:** 1  2  3  4  5  All  **■ VOTE REQUIREMENT:** Majority  4/5ths

**BOARD ACTION (DATE: \_\_\_\_\_):**  Approved  Referred to \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**RECORDS EXECUTED:**  Agreement: \_\_\_\_\_  Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_  Ordinance: \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_



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■ **RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:** Approve letter of support for AB 1642 (Oberholte); authorize Chair to sign same; and further, direct staff to transmit the letters.

■ **ALTERNATIVES:** Amend the draft letters or take no action.

■ **CEO REVIEW (NAME):** Alan D. Flora, Assistant CEO **PHONE:** 463-4441

**RECOMMENDATION:** Agree  Disagree  No Opinion  Alternate  Staff Report Attached

**BOARD ACTION**  
 Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
 Records Executed \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Meeting** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Referred to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_