



MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ONLINE AGENDA SUMMARY

BOARD AGENDA # 6 (b)

-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 14 complete sets (original, single-sided+13 copies) – Items must be signed-off by appropriate departments and/or County Counsel
-Transmittal of electronic Agenda Summaries and associated records must be emailed to: bosagenda@co.mendocino.ca.us
-Electronic Agenda Transmission Checklist: ☐ Agenda Summary ☐ Records ☐ If applicable, list other online information below
-Executed records will be returned to the department within one week. Arrangements for expedited processing must be made in advance

TO: Board of Supervisors **DATE:** March 7, 2012

FROM: Supervisors Brown and McCowen **MEETING DATE:** March 13, 2012

DEPARTMENT RESOURCE/CONTACT: Pauline Rantala **PHONE:** 463-4441 Present ☐ On Call ☒

Consent Agenda ☐ Regular Agenda ☒ Noticed Public Hearing ☐ Time Allocated for Item: 20 min.

■ AGENDA TITLE: Discussion and Direction to Staff Regarding Waiver of Building Fees for Projects that Meet Defined Job Creation Criteria

■ PREVIOUS BOARD/BOARD COMMITTEE ACTIONS: None

■ SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Supervisors McCowen and Brown are requesting that the Board discuss the concept of reducing or waiving building fees for projects that meet defined job creation criteria and direct staff to research similar programs that may have been implemented in other jurisdictions and return to the Board as soon as possible with recommendations for implementing such a program for Mendocino County. Conceptually, fees could be reduced a certain percentage for each job created. For example, a 25% reduction in fees for each job created would result in a waiver of fees for projects that create four or more jobs.

Mendocino County continues to experience reduced economic activity and a high rate of unemployment. The unemployment rate is slightly better than the statewide average, but still exceeds 11%. According to U.S. Census statistics Mendocino County median household income is only 70% of the statewide average and 20% of Mendocino County residents are at or below the federal poverty level. There may be people with projects ready to move forward who are holding back given the continued uncertainty regarding the economic outlook. A reduction or waiver of fees may encourage some projects to come forward which would help stimulate the local economy at a time when it is needed most.

■ SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:

■ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FILE WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD (CHECKED BY COB IF APPLICABLE): ☐

FISCAL IMPACT: none at this time - direction only			
Source of Funding	Current F/Y Cost	Annual Recurring Cost	Budgeted in Current F/Y
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

■ RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION: Direct staff to research and return with recommendations for full or partial waiver of building fees for projects that meet defined job creation criteria.

■ ALTERNATIVES:

■ CEO REVIEW (NAME): _____ **PHONE:** 463-4441

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

BOARD ACTION (DATE: _____): ☐ Approved ☐ Referred to _____ ☐ Other _____

RECORDS EXECUTED: ☐ Agreement: _____ ☐ Resolution: _____ ☐ Ordinance: _____ ☐ Other _____