



MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ONLINE AGENDA SUMMARY

BOARD AGENDA # 4 (f)

- 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.
Note: If individual supporting document(s) exceed 25 pages each, or are not easily duplicated, please provide 7 hard-copy sets)
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- 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: April 12, 2012

FROM: Executive Office MEETING DATE: April 24, 2012

DEPARTMENT RESOURCE/CONTACT: Kristi Furman PHONE: 463-4441 Present ☒ On Call ☐

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

■ **AGENDA TITLE: Ratification of Letter of Opposition of SB 1161 (Padilla) - Communications: Voice Over Internet Protocol and Internet Protocol Enabled Communications Service**

■ **PREVIOUS BOARD/BOARD COMMITTEE ACTIONS:** None related to this specific bill.

■ **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:** On February 22, 2012, SB 1161 was introduced by Senator Alex Padilla, and subsequently assigned to the Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Communications. SB 1611, as written, would prohibit regulatory oversight of most broadband technology by the California Public Utilities Commission, thereby jeopardizing meaningful regulation of a service that millions of Californians rely on every day. The Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County (BAMC) was formed specifically to bring broadband to the unserved and underserved areas of Mendocino County because the large telecommunications vendors refuse to do so. The Alliance depends upon the regulatory power of the CPUC to solve this problem. If regulatory power is stripped from the CPUC, most of the unserved and underserved areas of Mendocino County will likely remain so. The unintended consequences of this bill could cripple years of work by the Alliance and countless hours of volunteerism in working to bring affordable broadband access to all constituents throughout rural Mendocino County.

Consistent with the County's adopted Legislative Platform and legislative advocacy policy, and due to the Committee's timing to address the bill, a letter of opposition of SB 1161 was transmitted in advance of the April 17, meeting of the Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Communications. Pursuant to County Policy No. 19, *Legislative Advocacy*, the letter is now before the Board for ratification.

■ **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:** <http://www.loginfo.ca.gov/index.html>

■ **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		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

■ **RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:** That the Board ratify the letter of opposition of SB 1161 as executed by the Chair.

■ **ALTERNATIVES:** None recommended.

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

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

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