



The CEO Report

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Human Resources Update

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Supervisors Academy

The Human Resources Department's next Supervisor Skills Academy classes, Building Trust in Teams and Leading with Effective Communication, will take place on March 13 and 14, 2019. The Supervisor Skills Academy is a five month program which includes eight (8) classes designed to help our supervisors develop and enhance their skills and gain the knowledge needed to be successful in their positions.

After completion of all classes within a two-year period, attendees will receive a certificate presented by Human Resources and the Board of Supervisors recognizing their accomplishment.

Visit Human Resources training page for more information:

<https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/human-resources/countywide-employee-trainings>.

Emergency Projects

In the early morning of February 25, 2019, a tree fell across a County owned power transmission line that is fed from PG&E. This power line supplies power to the repeater site, atop of San Hedrin Mountain, and is an integral part of the public safety microwave system communications for the County of Mendocino. The Sheriff's Office, CALFIRE, Fire districts and other first responders rely on this tower to be in operation at all times. Currently, this site is on emergency generator back up power. This emergency generator is powered by two (2), 1000 gallon tanks of propane that supplies it. At full load, it has been calculated to last for 24 days. Due to elevation of the site, snow has impacted access and is currently impassable by normal vehicles, and propane service trucks. Propane services trucks are currently unable to reach the two (2) tanks to fill.

Based on these damages and the impacts to this integral part of the public safety communications system, an emergency declaration was issued and a contractor was scheduled for repairs. The contractor began work on Wednesday March 7, 2019, and the project is expected to be completed the week of March 11, 2019.

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County Counsel Update

Mendocino County v. PG&E

On February 26, 2018, Mendocino County filed a lawsuit against PG&E Corporation. On January 29, 2019, PG&E filed a voluntary petition for relief in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court under Chapter 11, and the lawsuit was stayed. On March 5, 2019, the State Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications conducted an Informational Hearing to learn about the implications of PG&E filing for bankruptcy. County Counsel Katharine Elliott testified about the potential affects the bankruptcy filing will have on counties, particularly counties that were affected by wildfires, on behalf of California State Association of Counties (CSAC). The comments made at the hearing are attached to this report and will give an idea of the possible impacts. Baron & Budd, P.C., who represent the County of Mendocino in the lawsuit against PG&E, are also representing the County in the bankruptcy proceeding.

Code Enforcement

On March 8, 2019, Mendocino County obtained a court ordered judgment on a code enforcement action against a property owner violating the County's building regulations. The judgment included an award of \$223,600 to the County for unpaid administrative penalties; three injunctions restraining the property owner from continued maintenance of the property in violation of the law; and ordered the owner to take all actions necessary to abate the conditions causing the violations.



Business License Ordinance – Request for Input

Stay plugged in and up-to-date with the latest Mendocino County News by visiting www.mendocinocounty.org.

County Counsel is seeking department input regarding needed or desired changes to the Business License Ordinance codified in Mendocino County Code Ch. 6.04. This ordinance was presented to the Board of Supervisors and amended in September 2018, the most notable change was adding an exemption for county contractors who do not have a physical place of business in unincorporated Mendocino County, (see sec. 6.04.090(k)). At that time the Board gave direction to bring a future agenda item back to address short-term events on fairgrounds and other potential changes to Ch. 6.04. If any department would like to see specific modification to Ch. 6.04, or has general thoughts about the ordinance, please contact the County Counsel office **by Friday, March 29, 2019**. Staff can be reached by phone (707-234-6885) or by email CoCosupport@mendocinocounty.org.

Mendocino County Facilities and Fleet division issued a Request for Bids on March 6, 2019, for the Yokayo Center Exterior Repairs and Accessibility Compliance Project. The due date for bids is April 3, 2019, at 2:00 pm. For more information please visit the County of Mendocino's Request for Proposal, Bids, Quotes and Qualifications webpage at: <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/executive-office/open-rfp-quotes-bids>.



Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) Request for Proposals (RFP) Update

On February 19, 2019, Coastal Valleys Emergency Medical Services Agency (CVEMSA) and the County released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the first ever Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) for ambulance services within Mendocino County.

As part of this process, the County and CVEMSA are working with the City of Ukiah to follow the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) adopted by the City and County in May 2018. In accordance with the MOU, the City submitted written comments and concerns addressing specific provisions of the RFP within the fourteen-day required period. The City and County agreed to meet and confer on March 11, 2019, per the timelines outlined in the MOU.

The Ukiah City Council entertained an agenda item during their March 6, 2019, meeting titled, *Report and Update on Mendocino County's Ambulance Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) Request for Proposals (RFP) and provide additional direction if necessary*. This item was written and presented from the City's perspective, and the City did not ask for County or CVEMSA participation for this report.

However, CVEMSA did attend the meeting as the County's Local EMS Agency, and provided public comment to address any concerns City staff and City Council members might have about response times and penalty structures described in the RFP. As part of the City Council's discussion, the City Manager requested and received formal authority to seek the County's withdrawal of the RFP if the City's concerns were not adequately addressed at the March 11, 2019, meet and confer meeting.

At the March 11, 2019, meeting, the County and CVEMSA agreed to address the City's concerns (as described in the attached letter) through the Proposers Conference on March 15, 2019, and via subsequent addenda as described in the RFP. One of the purposes of the Proposers Conference is to provide an overview of key elements of the RFP as well as a venue for questions and input from all stakeholders. Attorneys are revising the May 2018 MOU to add another meet and confer after the Proposers Conference. This information along with any final questions provided in writing by the March 22, 2019 deadline will be used to inform proposed updates to the RFP.

A copy of the RFP to identify an EOA provider for ambulance services in Mendocino County can be found on CVEMSA's web page and the Mendocino County Executive Office webpage under "Open RFP, Quotes & Bids" at <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/executive-office/open-rfp-quotes-bids>.

The RFP was posted simultaneously on both websites in direct coordination between the County and CVEMSA under the approval and direction of California's EMS Authority.



Cultural Services Agency Update

KZYX Radio has announced that it will be changing the name of The Library Hour show, which runs on the third Thursday of every month, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., to "The Library and Community Hour." This will allow the show to incorporate promotions about the museum and parks in addition to those about the library.

Library

The Ukiah Branch Library will be closed from March 10 - March 31, 2019, for renovations and remodeling. A temporary location for patrons to access holds and returns items will be located at 280 E. Standley, with limited hours. The Bookmobile will be available there on Fridays for patrons to visit. Please check out the Library's website for more details. <https://www.mendolibrary.org>.



After the devastation unleashed during last year's fire season, the Round Valley Library will be hosting a series of wildfire workshops beginning on March 16, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., the first concerning Weed Eater Tune-Ups. Further workshops are scheduled for March 23, 2019, dealing with Emergency and Go Bags and March 27, 2019, will be about creating your own 911 Address Plate.

The Coast Community Library will be hosting presenter Carol Eastwood who will be discussing all things Celtic – history, culture, crafts, and more – at the Coast Community Library on March 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Willits Library will be welcoming local farming expert Michael Foley for a book talk on March 19, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Foley will be discussing his newly-published, *Farming for the Long Haul*.

On March 16, 2019, the Fort Bragg Library is hosting a talk by Dave Alden entitled *Wild About Whales* from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. This will be preceded by a day of whale-themed children's programming.

Museum

The Mendocino County Museum will open a new exhibit from the National Archives, *Over Here: Americans at Home in World War I Special Exhibit from the National Archives*. The opening event will be held on April 6, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., and will be free to the public. The event will feature live music from the era, performed by Linda Pack and Jack Leung. This exhibit runs through May 26, 2019.

For more information, visit the Cultural Services Agency's website at:

<https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/cultural-services-agency/parks>

Animal Shelter Update

Income Statistics

February 1, 2019 through February 28, 2019

- Two feral cats received
- 16 owner surrendered animals received
- 16 cats, 95 dogs, two other stray type animal(s) received
- Four owned dogs received by Animal Control, Law Enforcement or turned in at front counter
- One owned cat received by Animal Control, Law Enforcement or turned in at front counter
- 16 dead animal(s) disposal request received
- One animal(s) for rabies specimen testing received
- 113 total animal(s) received

Outcome Statistics

February 1, 2019 through February 28, 2019

- 30 dogs adopted
- Six cats adopted
- 0 other animals adopted
- 41 animals transferred to rescue organizations
- 0 feral cats trapped-neutered-released
- 34 animal(s) were returned to owners
- One owner-surrendered animal(s) euthanized
- 0 animals died while receiving medical treatment/care
- Four shelter cats and five shelter dogs euthanized due to illness, disease or behavior
- 128 total animals outcomed
- Live release rate of approximately 93%



To view pictures and bios of the Animal Shelter's wonderful adoptable cats and dogs, visit

www.mendoanimalshelter.com

Microchip Event

On February 14, 2019, the Ukiah Animal Shelter held a free microchipping event. Approximately 73 owned animals received the free microchips, which were paid for by a local animal rescue organization.

Fort Bragg Animal Shelter

On February 16, 2019, the Fort Bragg Animal Shelter held a formal opening ceremony that was attended by approximately 30 citizens and Supervisors Gjerde and Williams.

The Fort Bragg Animal Shelter is open to the public from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The facility can safely house up to 14 adoptable and stray dogs and 15 adoptable and stray cats.

Citizens can adopt animals, look for lost and found pets and purchase dog licenses at the facility.

Upcoming Board Meetings

Regular Meeting	March 12, 2019
Regular Meeting	March 19, 2019
Regular Meeting	March 26, 2019
Regular Meeting	April 9, 2019
Standing Committee Meeting	April 15, 2019
Regular Meeting	April 23, 2019

Boards and Commissions Vacancies*

Board Name	Position
Area Agency on Aging	At-Large Member
Covelo Public Cemetery District	Trustee
Health and Human Services Advisory Board	Adult System of Care Representative
Laytonville Municipal Advisory Council	Member
Russian River Cemetery District	Trustee

* Anticipated vacancies

Please note: Anticipated vacancies include expiring terms; the incumbent of the expiring term may apply for reappointment and/or may continue to serve in their capacity until replaced. California Government Code requires public noticing for all expiring terms regardless of the incumbent's intention to apply for reappointment.

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	Regular Board Meeting
	Standing Committee
	County Holiday
	NACo Legislative Conference

Attachments

1. California State Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications March 5, 2019 – Informational Hearing
2. Letter from the City of Ukiah Regarding EOA RFP
3. Ongoing list of Boards and Commissions vacancies

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California State Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications March 5, 2019 - Informational Hearing

Additional implications for the 50 California counties listed in the bankruptcy filing by PG&E

Katharine L. Elliott, County Counsel, Mendocino County, speaking on behalf of California State Association of Counties (CSAC)

In October 2017, PG&E's North Bay Fires tore through the communities in at least seven different counties, including Mendocino, Sonoma, Napa, Lake, Yuba, Nevada, and Butte.

In the aftermath of the fire, and while our communities were trying to recover, PG&E filed claims *against* the public entities, filed costly Public Record Act requests, and sought to strip victims of their one real remedy, inverse condemnation, among other bailout options, here in Sacramento.

Prior to voluntarily filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, PG&E chose not to compensate victims and communities first. PG&E now enjoys the protection of Chapter 11, yet still has not paid for the damages from the devastating 2017 fires. To quote Senator Hueso regarding this bankruptcy filing: "It's disheartening that it has come to this."

The impact of PG&E's bankruptcy filing includes their litigation protection to the detriment of our communities and fire victims. To be clear, PG&E's decision to file for bankruptcy halted all state court litigation, including the discovery of facts and trial by jury, which often encourages resolution.

PG&E chose federal bankruptcy court as its legal forum—which leaves local communities asking: Why? And how long will this take?

What was PG&E's intention in doing so? Was it to prevent trial by jury? To avoid discovery of important facts and information? Or was it just to delay compensation to victims and communities?

My county chose to file a lawsuit against PG&E in part to show unity with the individual fire victims. In October 2019, families' insurance benefits will end. At the current pace, it seems unlikely that PG&E will be able to compensate our communities by the end of this year. Which means families' insurance benefits will cease, local governments will continue to delay certain public works and infrastructure projects, and PG&E will get through another year without paying the billions of dollars it owes fire victims.

Bankruptcy itself can be used positively as a tool to resolve these claims now, or it can be misused as a legal forum for delay and an abdication of responsibility. Therefore, it is crucial that we have the State's support to ensure that we protect the ratepayers and that wildfire victims are treated fairly and receive just compensation for their losses.

It is likely that PG&E has already approached members of this legislature for additional legislative, regulatory, or administrative bailout options, just like they did in 2001. However, in 2001 enormous costs were passed along to customers but there was no real increase in public safety. At that time, PG&E asked many counties to waive property tax penalties and interest in exchange for their approaching Bankruptcy Court with a motion to allow them to pay their taxes. For Counties that teeter taxes, this causes yet another burden on already stressed assets.

PG&E's Bankruptcy affects counties across the state in the following ways: property taxes, utility taxes, franchise fees, and unitary taxes. Many counties have an allocation of Rule 20A funds that can be used for undergrounding lines. Since this is a reimbursement program, the local agency pays the undergrounding cost and then must wait for payment from PG&E. Obviously, undergrounding of lines improves wildfire safety and should be supported. Yet all reimbursements have ceased.

Another loss to Counties is through PG&E's grant program. They provided over \$28 million last year. Yet in spite of the fact that their charitable program is not subject to review as part of the reorganization, they have opted to put it on hold.

There are also the many infrastructure projects such as the orphaned Potter Valley Project in Mendocino which PG&E abandoned to FERC just before the Indicative Proposals were due, after entities spent substantial time and money. The uncertainty and expense of the licensing process through FERC is overwhelming and the future of the water source for Mendocino, Sonoma and Marin Counties uncertain.

Due to PG&E's fires, costs have gone up, revenues have gone down, resources have been diverted, and productive assets have been lost. Roads, bridges, water, soil, parks, trees, buildings, facilities, taxes, fees, personnel, and first responders—these are just some of the public resources affected by PG&E's fires.

PG&E's choice to file for Bankruptcy leaves our already ravaged communities wondering - how will we ever recover? To paraphrase Senator McQuire: PG&E executives or stock speculators should not profit while ratepayers, taxpayers and everyday Californians are forever impacted.



City of Ukiah

Carmel J. Angelo, County Executive Officer
Mendocino County Executive Office
501 Low Gap Road, Rm. 1010
Ukiah, CA. 95482

February 28th, 2019

Dear Ms. Angelo

The City of Ukiah and the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority have received and reviewed the Request for Proposals (RFP) to establish an Ambulance Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) in the inland portions of Mendocino County submitted by Coastal Valleys EMS. Per our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from May of 2018 we are submitting our grave concerns and comments on the RFP.

Our position, and concern, from the outset of this process has been that the EOA would lead to a degradation of service levels to the residents of the City and District. These concerns have been expressed numerous times and the City was given assurances from the County in September of 2017 that these concerns would be addressed. Sadly, they have not been. The RFP as submitted constitutes a major reduction in service level for not just our citizens, but for all those within the EOA. Our concerns, in general, are outlined below.

The response times listed in the current draft are simply unacceptable. They are much slower than those required in other similar urban and suburban areas, even those required by Coastal Valleys in Sonoma County. They are much slower than the historical averages, and in fact, are slower than what would be an outlier resulting in an outright fine in other counties.

The financial penalties, or liquidated damages, as the RFP calls them, are paltry at best and provide little to no financial incentive to maintain adequate unit hours throughout the area proposed to be served. As stated before, the ninety percent (90%) required response times are less than what would cause the contractor to be fined as an outlier in adjacent counties, and the time limits for the outliers are just as bad. Further, the RFP does not specify where the monies collected, if any actually were, would go. Who would get them, how would they be spent? We also see no credible reason why the contractor should be able to average out their response time averages over half a year. Monthly is far more industry standard, and is done by even small contractors in small communities, so there should be no reason they could not do so here.

The document states that there is no general subsidy from the County, but also estimates that the dispatch costs would only be \$60,000.00 to start. The City of Ukiah pays over \$200,000.00 per year for dispatch services, the vast majority of which are for medical calls. The cost for those calls should be paid for by the contractor not just in Ukiah, but throughout the EOA. If not, then both the City and the County are subsidizing the private provider. Given the incredibly lax response time requirements proposed, one could also argue that the City is subsidizing the private provider by having to remain on scene and unavailable for other responses for extended periods.

Finally, one of the issues raised previously by the City was the integration of services between the transport provider and existing fire service first responders. The City had asked that such integrations be identified and part of the RFP, not negotiated during the bidding process or afterward. Again the City was

given assurances by the County that this would be addressed. It was not. While there is language in the RFP that encourages bidders to form partnerships, there is little to no incentive, financial or otherwise for them to do so.

Based on all of the above, and per the MOU from May of 2018, we request to meet and confer with the County regarding our concerns as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Sage Sangiacomo
City Manager
City of Ukiah



Douglas Hutchison
Fire Chief
Ukiah Valley Fire Authority



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**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
MARCH 11, 2019**

The Board of Supervisors is actively seeking candidates to fill the following vacancies. Please consult with the Executive Office or visit www.mendocinocounty.org/government/board-of-supervisors/boards-and-commissions for information on specific categorical areas and District vacancies.

BOARD/ COMMISSION	POSITION CATEGORY	SEATS OPEN
(a) Air Quality Management District Hearing Board	(Various)	(5)
(b) Animal Care and Control Appeals and Advisory Board	(Various)	(3)
(c) Area Agency on Aging Governing Board	(At Large Member)	(1)
(d) Assessment Appeals Board	(Alternate)	(2)
(e) Behavioral Health Advisory Board	(2nd District Representative)	(1)
(f) Child Care Planning Council	(Various)	(5)
(g) Civil Service Commission	(District Three Representative)	(1)
(h) Community Development Commission	(Various)	(6)
(i) Covelo Public Cemetery District	(Trustee)	(3)
(j) Fish Rock Cemetery District	(Trustee)	(1)
(k) Gualala Municipal Advisory Council (GMAC)	(Various)	(3)
(l) Health and Human Services Agency Advisory Board (HHSA)	(Various)	(8)
(m) Hopland Cemetery District	(Trustee)	(3)
(n) Hopland Municipal Advisory Council	(Member)	(3)
(o) In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Committee	(Various)	(9)
(p) Law Library Board of Trustees	(Trustee)	(1)
(q) Laytonville Municipal Advisory Council (LMAC)	(Member)	(2)
(r) Library Advisory Board	(5th District Member)	(1)
(s) Little River Airport Advisory Committee	(Various)	(10)
(t) Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG)	(Public Appointee)	(1)
(u) Mendocino County Business Improvement District	(Inland Area Representative)	(1)
(v) Mendocino County Resource Conservation District	(Long Term Director)	(1)
(w) Mendocino County Tourism Commission	(Various)	(2)
(x) Museum Advisory Board	(Various)	(2)
(y) North Coast Railroad Authority	(Mendocino Rep)	(1)
(z) North Coast Resource Partnership	(Alt Mendocino Rep to the Tech Review Comm.)	(1)
(aa) Policy Council on Children and Youth (PCCY)	(Various)	(12)
(ab) Potter Valley Cemetery District	(Trustee)	(1)
(ac) Russian River Cemetery District	(Trustee)	(2)
(ad) Sonoma Mendocino Economic Development District	(Various)	(1)
(ae) Westport Municipal Advisory Council (WMAC)	(Member)	(2)