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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FROM: PHILLIP SMITH-HANES, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO 2014-15 GRAND JURY REPORT *HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT*
DATE: JULY 1, 2015

The 2014-15 Grand Jury has issued report *Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District* and the Board of Supervisors is required to respond to the recommendations. I recommend that the Board respond as follows:

Recommendation R1: *The Humboldt County Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors request the Army Corps of Engineers complete dredging to 48 feet as soon as possible.*

This recommendation has been implemented.

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) through the County Administrative Office on January 22, 2015 and June 11, 2013 sent letters to the Army Corps of Engineers and Congressman Jared Huffman requesting the dredging of Humboldt Bay. The June 2013 letter requested dredging along the corners of Humboldt Bay and the January 2015 letter requested emergency because the maintenance dredging to 48 feet depth was not completed in the previous year. An additional letter was sent to federal representatives in May 2015. The Board will continue to submit requests to the Army Corps of Engineers as needed. In addition, Supervisor Rex Bohn and a representative from Congressman Huffman's office personally met with Army Corps of Engineers officials in San Francisco to advocate for the dredging of Humboldt Bay.

Recommendation R3: *The Humboldt County Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors lobby legislators to ensure funding for annual dredging is a priority at the state and federal levels.*

This recommendation will be implemented.

The BOS is able to include in its legislative platform for 2016 a federal platform requesting annual dredging of Humboldt Bay to maintain the deep water channel at a depth of 48 feet to accommodate large commercial vessels.