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AGENDA ITEM 7b
HCAOG Board Meeting
August 15, 2024

DATE: August 8, 2024
TO: HCAOG Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
FROM: Beth Burks, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Great Redwood Trail Agency Appointment**

STAFF REPORT

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Staff's Recommended Action:

1. Introduce the item as an action item;
2. Allow staff to present the item;
3. Receive public comment;
4. Discuss item and consider making the motion:
"The PAC recommends the HCAOG Board appoint _____
to the Great Redwood Trail Agency ."

Staff Summary:

The Great Redwood Trail Agency (GRTA) has requested that HCAOG appoint an elected representative from a City along the Great Redwood Trail (Rio Dell, Fortuna, Eureka, Arcata, or Blue Lake) to serve on the GRTA Board for the 2024-2026 term.

The GRTA was established by Title 12 of Government code section 93000 – 93030, commonly called the Great Redwood Trail Agency Act. The Great Redwood Trail Agency Act has four chapters: General Provisions, Creation of Authority, Powers and Duties of Authority, and the Transfer of Rights, Privileges and Title. In chapter 2, Creation of Authority, section 93011 outlines the composition of the GRTA Board of Directors:

- (a) The agency shall be governed by a board of directors, composed as follows:
 - (1) Two persons appointed by each of the boards of supervisors of the Counties of Humboldt, Marin, Mendocino, and Sonoma.

- (2) A city representative, selected by the cities served by the rail line.
- (3) The Governor may appoint a nonvoting director from the Transportation Agency and a nonvoting director from the Natural Resources Agency.
- (b) All directors, except the nonvoting directors, shall serve for terms of two years and until their successors have qualified.

Section 93011(a)(1) of the statute stipulates that the board of supervisors of Humboldt, Marin, Mendocino and Sonoma counties each appoint two people to the GRTA board. The governing body in charge of selecting the city representative and the rotation between cities are not defined by statute. In the past, the selection of the city representative has rotated between counties along the former rail line and followed a rotation. To clarify this standard practice, the GRTA recently passed a resolution to establish a rotation for selecting the city representative that shares the responsibility evenly between the four counties and identifies the appropriate governing body in each county that has representation from cities along the rail line and can thus fulfill the statutory requirements described above. Since the current city representative to the GRTA board is from Healdsburg in Sonoma County, the selected governing body in Humboldt County will choose the next representative, followed by Mendocino and Marin counties, per the schedule below, continuing sequentially every two years thereafter.

County	Selecting Body	Term	Eligible Cities Served by the Rail Line
Humboldt	Humboldt County Association of Governments	2024 – 2026	Rio Dell, Fortuna, Eureka, Arcata, Blue Lake
Mendocino	City Selection Committee	2026 – 2028	Ukiah, Willits
Marin	Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers	2028 – 2030	Larkspur, San Rafael, Novato
Sonoma	Mayors' & Councilmembers' Association of Sonoma County	2030 - 2032	Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa

HCAOG was selected as the appointing agency for the City representative from Humboldt County and is being asked to appoint a representative to the GRTA Board for the 2024-2026 term. Any councilmember from the cities along the Great Redwood Trail may be considered, it is not required that they be an HCAOG Board Member.