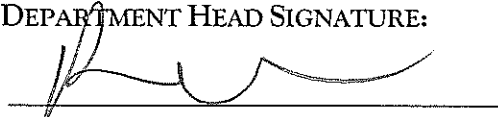



AGENDA SUMMARY

RE: REGIONAL COLD STORAGE FACILITY TECHNICAL STUDY	FOR AGENDA DATE: 9/15/15 AGENDA ITEM NO.: 10	
RECOMMENDATION: Receive report.		
SUMMARY: Cold storage are commercial or industrial facilities that freeze or refrigerate products in bulk. The products stored can include produce, seafood, meat, processed food products, flowers, and other similar products. Cold storage facilities can include blast freezing, plate freezing, freezer storage, refrigeration storage, flake ice production, block ice products, dry ice production, and other similar uses. In Humboldt County, the greatest historic demand for these types of uses has been associated with the seafood industry. Economic consultants have estimated that Humboldt Bay once had 10 times the cold storage capacity that currently exists. Humboldt County's 2012 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) (Prosperity 2012) indicated that the current amount of cold storage serving Humboldt Bay is inadequate to meet current demand. The need for additional cold storage capacity was identified by Prosperity 2012 as a "Prioritized Infrastructure Public Works Project" that was crucial to the growth and competitiveness of the region's Specialty Food, Flower and Beverage Industries. In 2013, the City of Eureka applied for an EDA grant to study this issue in greater detail. The City was granted \$25,000 and matched the grant with \$25,000. The grant funds must be expended by the end of September 2015. In January of 2015, the City released an RFP and selected Greenway Partners to conduct the study. A Cold Storage Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was also formed to provide technical feedback throughout the life of the project. <i>Continued on next page...</i>		
FISCAL IMPACT: <input type="checkbox"/> No Fiscal Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included in Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Appropriation		
DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:  Robert Holmlund, <i>Community Development Director</i>	CITY MANAGER SIGNATURE:  Greg L. Sparks, <i>City Manager</i>	
REVIEWED BY: City Attorney	DATE: <u>9.9.15</u>	INITIALS: <u>CDW</u>
Council Action: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> Ordinance No. Resolution No. </div>		

SUMMARY *(continued)*

For the past eight months, Greenway, the TAC, and City staff have been analyzing the potential demand for a cold storage facility, the need components of such a facility, and a range of optimal locations for such a facility. A final draft of the Cold Storage Study is now available for City Council review. Greenway Partners will present the findings from the Final Draft, which includes the following sections: demand assessment, basis of design, preliminary design criteria, siting study, conceptual plan, construction cost estimate, analysis of potential management and ownership options, and operational fiscal analysis. Council will have the opportunity to comment on the final draft. The study will be finalized by September 25th, 2015. If the study shows the facility to be feasible, EDA may fund future phases.