

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2021

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING EXPENDITURES FROM THE JOINT CITY/COUNTY CASPAR
TRANSFER STATION RENT ACCOUNT TO FUND A PROJECT MANAGER**

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg (City) and County of Mendocino (County) jointly own 60 acres in the Caspar area at the end of Prairie Way that was operated as a landfill from 1968 to 1992 and since then has operated as a Solid Waste Transfer Station; and

WHEREAS, the County operated the Solid Waste Transfer Station until it executed the Operating Agreement and Lease with Solid Waste of Willits, Inc. on January 25, 2011; and

WHEREAS, in January 2011, the City and County executed a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to provide for changes in how the Caspar Solid Waste Transfer Station would operate and to consider the replacement or expansion of the Transfer Station in order to accommodate commercial collection trucks and allow for long-haul direct transfer to a destination land fill; and

WHEREAS, the JPA was amended on October 25, 2016 in order to outline specific terms and obligations for moving forward with a replacement of the Caspar Transfer Station and the County Board of Supervisors and the City Council certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the new Transfer Station project for 30075 Highway 20 on September 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of the property at 30075 Highway 20 involved a multi-party land swap that was not completed; and

WHEREAS, after several years of little or no progress, the Caspar Transfer Station Joint Coordinating Committee, which is comprised of two Mendocino County Board of Supervisors (Williams and Gjerde) and two City Councilmembers (Norvell and Morsell-Haye), recommended hiring Diversion Strategies to evaluate and provide guidance on the future of the Transfer Station Project; and

WHEREAS, Diversion Strategies issued a report that was presented to the Joint Caspar Transfer Station Joint Coordinating Committee on September 17, 2020, and while the report summarized the current status of the project and the pros and cons of various options, it did not provide a strong plan to address next steps for establishing a Coastal Transfer Station; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2020, the Caspar Transfer Station Joint Coordinating Committee directed County staff to hire Tom Varga, retired City of Fort Bragg Public Works Director, to act as Project Manager and to focus on moving the Central Coast Transfer Station project forward; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors on December 8, 2020, provided affirmative direction to hire Tom Varga; and

WHEREAS, the County, under the County Department of Transportation, hired Mr. Varga as an extra help employee at a full cost of employment of \$97.61 per hour; and

WHEREAS, funds exceeding \$200,000, resulting from a \$3 per ton fee collected at the Caspar Transfer Station, have accumulated for the purpose of funding costs associated with

developing a Central Coast Transfer Station are available to reimburse the County the costs associated with Mr. Varga's employment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby approve expenditures of the Caspar Transfer Station Rents for a Project Manager to focus on the Central Coast Transfer Station project.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 8th day of February, 2020, by the following vote:

- AYES:**
- NOES:**
- ABSENT:**
- ABSTAIN:**
- RECUSED:**

BERNIE NORVELL
Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, CMC
City Clerk