

Forest Review Committee
Humboldt County Planning Department
Eureka, California 95501

Dear Committee Members:

Re: General Plan Land Use Element Chapter 5 - Forest Resources 5.3 Segment (June 27, 2007 review meeting)-**VERBAL INPUT**

If you have given my past input a close look, there is no need to do more than rehash it. If you have not looked at my past input, then it is a waste of both our times to do more than a rehash.

The thought that this committee should confine itself to purely technical matters, which is and unclear thought in itself, does not make sense. I have to ask, "Why would anyone want to preclude having experienced professionals - such as found on this committee - peer review land use conclusions found in the General Plan write-up which are based on technical information?"

To the matter at hand, no legitimate basis has been provided for not continuing with Alternate D as recommended amended by this committee to delete Article II (New Merger section). Conversion of "T" zoned Forest land to other uses has been minor, and Alternate D has been doing the job.

This committee of knowledgeable professionals needs to stand tall and strongly tell Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors they need to follow this committee's recommendation to delete Article II (New Merger section).

The push for redoing Forest Resources 5.3 Segment falls short for the following reasons:

1. As already stated physical conversion to other uses is not a problem. Actual conversion has been minor, and physical and regulatory factors are already restricting such conversions.
2. With no real problem and no real gain, the push for the county to spend the time and money duplicating multiple state and federal forest land regulations and re-doing the work and regurgitating the information already being done by multiple agencies and multiple regulatory processes makes little sense?
3. The hidden reasons behind a new write-up such as improper development and inadequate funding of public services will not be resolved by the proposed regulatory schemes.

Logic and real world experiences tell me simplifying currently confusing and complicated permitting procedures, enforcement of development requirements, and factually confronting public service funding needs to be the focus. To provide focus, there needs to be a separate section in the General Plan that covers factors common to development permit processes such as those listed on page 5.3-18 (Adequate access, Building site suitability, Sewage disposal, Water supply, Slope stability, Impacts on public service delivery which I assume includes funding needs).

4. Resolving proper enforcement and maintenance problems makes environmental problems go away.

5. Conservation easements, carbon sequestering units, and tax supported public trust land conversions may kill development and may provide ways for landowners to bail out from under regulatory restrictions and other ownership problems; however, these approaches have their down side. They are routinely financed with tax dollars, take control of the land away from landowners, and reduce the potential for proper production of resource products which reduces marketing and manufacturing infrastructure, local business, and community economic supports, and tax revenues that provide for public and governmental services.

6. How is "more" development using an untried and inadequately researched regulatory scheme that ".....transfer(s) development rights.....from questionably defined productive open space lands....." going to solve unanswered enforcement and maintenance problems. It might be nice to know how this works before it is put into the General Plan.

7. Again, without an answer to the enforcement and maintenance problems, "more" development through a clustering scheme may be a recipe for disaster. I have seen the result of a mixed bag of folks over time on a remote rural hilltop depending on some complex sewage and water system and imperfect access, and it has not been pretty.

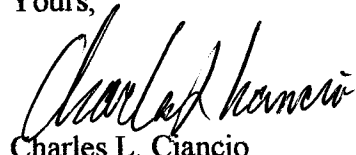
8. With accompanying chart in mind, it can be seen how more restrictions on land use helps to kill the incentive to own open space lands. Saying zoning restrictions will be an incentive to retain ownership is like saying eating hot goals makes you want to eat more hot coals.

Conserve, protect, and regulate ideas are not the only way to go. A General Plan goal to increase the potential for proper production of resource products and increasing yields from open space lands which are major nongovernmental, nontaxpayer economic drivers in this county will do a lot to keep folks from being forced into so-called voluntary conservation easements and for maintaining open space land in private ownership?

As general question to the FRC Committee, who is the RPF that is going to be willing to have their RPF # tied to the finally approved General Plan?

As a parting comment, it is worth noting how land use restrictions are causing us to replace locally produced food and other resource products with imports that are questionably safe and are often produced in ways detrimental to third world countries. Many regulatory schemes are not taking us to a good place.

Yours,



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**THE REAL WORLD OF ZONING, LAND USE RESTRICTIONS, AND
LOCKING UP NATURAL RESOURCE USE AND OPEN SPACE LANDS**
(History tells us the following)

**ONGOING UNJUSTIFIED RESTRICTIONS ON NATURAL RESOURCE USE
AND THE LAND**

(Fourth Branch of Government abuses, regulations, zoning, etc.)

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Will lead to

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**LESS INCOME FROM THE LAND
LOWER LAND VALUES**

LESS ABILITY TO FULFILL FINANCIAL NEEDS
(Loans, partial sales, loss of breadwinner, family needs, educational needs, tax requirements)

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Leads to

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**REDUCED INCENTIVES TO HOLD THE LAND
REDUCED SATISFACTION AND ABILITY TO HOLD OPEN SPACED LANDS
IN OPEN SPACE CONDITION**

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Leads to

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**SELLING LAND TO:
DEVELOPERS AND DEVELOPMENT
PUBLIC TRUSTS (WILDERNESS, PARKS, ETC.)
CONVERTING LANDS TO CONSERVATION EASEMENTS**

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Leads To

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**LESS JUSTIFIED USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LOSS OF INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED TO PRODUCE NATURAL RESOURCE PRODUCTS
LOSS OF LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL TAX REVENUES
LOSS OF RURAL COMMUNITY ECONOMIC SUPPORTS**

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Leads To

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**LOSS OF OPEN SPACE LANDS IN PRIVATE OWNERSHIP
BYE BYE RURAL COMMUNITIES**

Why are we ignoring what history tells us and the obvious. Lose the satisfaction and financial ability to hold onto open space land as open space land and you lose the ability to produce natural resources products and economic supports needed to keep rural communities going.

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OPINION

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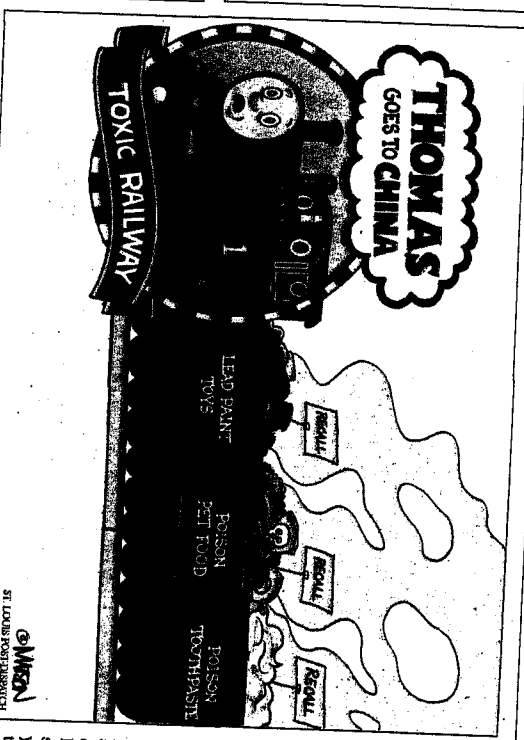
A number of things didn't go right with the original approval of a conditional-use permit for a faith-based residential substance-abuse treatment facility in an abandoned church at Webast and Union streets in west Bureka. The 50-bed work program wasn't the typical halfway house; the residents protested they weren't adequately alerted to what was going on; and the city's Planning Department failed to recognize the anger bubbling up in a neighborhood said to be rife with crime and drug use.

The City Council reacted quickly to the challenge, however, and Tuesday night approved a compromise that seeks to address residents' concerns while giving the Redwood Teen Challenge program a chance to prove it can be a good neighbor — and maybe even a positive influence on the area.

Changes include an oversight committee that will meet monthly; a smaller number of clients to start, increasing only with the council's approval; and requirements for minimum staff presence at all times.

Council members Larry Glass and Polly Bhardt deserve credit for spearheading the compromise, and the safeguards should have a chance to work. If the Challenge (which will be serving recovering adults, not teens) is as disciplined as its advocates claim, it may be better for a drug-beleaguered neighborhood than a dozen "halfway houses."

What is unfortunate is the combative nature of some of the opposition, which seems to have moved beyond community concern to personal vendetta. The nasty name-



Good Golly, Miss Molly

By the time you read this, I will be sober.

I will have staggered into the daylight from a crowded Kansas City bookstore where I met old friends and made new ones. After bringing 12 hours on "Ulysses," I will have repaired and started the clock ticking again for the next bloomerday.

The seat of the canvas chair that took the shape of my rear — the chair whose cup holder seldom was empty of Bushmills or Boulevard, the local beer — will be retired to the garage.

Then in soccer and softball season, the chair will be swept with-
face to become the seat where the Soccer Mom drinks Nalgene-bot-



RHONDA CHRISSE
LOKEMAN

fire wouldn't be something if American pubs offered readings? Husbands could tell their wives, "Honey, I'm off to the book club for a draw and some Proust." To which wives could reply, "Bring back some milk and some James Michener, OK?"

The book had a prominent on-screen role recently in "The Good Shepherd," a film about Cold War espionage.

I've sat through several "Ulysses" readings in Kansas City. One year, I was asked to read. (Yes, yes I said, yes I will. Yes.)

No small task. "Ulysses," the story of an Irish Jewish Dubliner, includes several languages and dialects. When you read to yourself, you can mispronounce in dignified privacy. Reading aloud gives volume to your error.

They talk from the book. "Whorismammyouhighbabbh." And this: "Pantem de coedo pnoestisistie." Or this: "Puhanna madonna, the cl die I quantinnl Rio regionet."

IN APPRECIATION

Thank-you notes from the community

Benefit performance

The Youth Service Bureau division of Redwood Community Action Agency would like to thank the Kiwanis Club of McKinleyville and Peterson Building Center for sponsoring their North Coast Repertory Theater benefit performance of "Kiss Me Kate" on June 1. We also want to thank NCRIT for offering benefit performances to local non-profit agencies. A nearly full house enjoyed a wonderful musical.

Funds raised will support YSB's services to runaway and homeless youth. Thank you to all who participated for making this event a success.

Jaquell Breanan
Bureka

Humboldt County Grand Jurors

The Humboldt County Chapter of the California Grand Jurors Association commends the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors for its action proclaiming June 2007 as Grand Jury Awareness Month. This recognition is of particular importance at this time because in every California county, the process of selecting and seating a new grand jury is currently under way. The 19 people ultimately sworn as grand jurors in each of those counties will be in for one of the most rewarding experiences of their life. We salute all citizens who volunteer for this valuable public service, both here in Humboldt County and throughout the state.

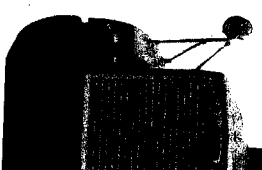
Keith North
Taleska

Yellow-tagging of parked car

Arctans beware! If you drive a car that doesn't look like it just came off the lot, watch out for cops yellow-tagging your car when you're legitimately parked on a city street.

My car, an '85 Toyota, got tagged on Wednesday morning for sitting since lunchtime Monday, practically in front of my house on H Street. Dude, that's less than 48 hours.

My husband, who is a carpenter,



Book impacts 271

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+ 271