

**Verbal Public Comments
General Plan Update
Preliminary Hearing Draft
Planning Commission Hearing 3/15/07 – Group 2**

Index #	Synopsis of comments received during Planning Commission meeting
V38	Steve Salzman, Plan It Green: Submitted comments on energy element and waste management element. The general plan needs to anticipate higher energy costs. Energy generation, conservation and distribution should be included. Need to fund the energy authority. Waste Management: waste is expensive.
V39	Dave Spreen: Healthy Humboldt – submitted comments. Mineral resources – 4 recommendations: adopt an MR combining zone – it will conserve the resources; asbestos: willow creek quarry – need clear policies. El Dorado County disturbing naturally occurring asbestos resulted in new rules . Air Quality Management District needs to be brought into the process. Supports MRS3 & MRS4
V40	Dan Opalach; Green Diamond Timber: Submitted comments on air quality and mineral resources. Concerned about Alternatives A and B because they infringe on property rights.
V41	Marianne Bithel, Pacific Builders: Waste management model of theirs was recognized. LEED standards should be incorporated into energy element. Waste management plan needs to be updated. Construction debris recycling infrastructure is not being developed. Need to comply with State mandates. We're not comfortable just shipping our waste out of the County – what if the city that's getting it doesn't want to take it any more? Recommend 0 waste goal. Waste should be considered resources. Need to deal with our waste locally and turn it into resources.
V42	Ruthanne Cecil, Center for Environmental Economic Development: Sustainable development is development that is ecologically sound and socially just. Her organization is involved with green building policies. Reviewed energy elements of other jurisdictions. We have some work to do. Supports Alternative A.
V43	Nancy Marie: Redwood Alliance Energy Action Project: Supports the energy element. Stabilize global warming. Supports Plan A. Climate change is caused by humans and we need to address it. State adopted a new law to reduce greenhouse gases. (AB 32). 20% reduction below 1990 levels by 2020. Passed out a letter.
V44	Butch Parton, Farm Bureau: Don't set a maximum quota on mineral resources. Existing system seems to be working. Need to protect quarries from residential encroachment. Need to protect haul routes too. Need a Right to Mine ordinance. Energy element shouldn't involve new regulations. Conservation measures should be addressed in the building codes. No need for new air quality rules. It's regulated by the State. Glossary should include terms from the general plan
V45	Jim Zoellick; Helped draft energy element from Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA). Submitted a 6 page letter with specific comments. Energy Element presents 5 goals. He supports them. Recommends Alternative A and implementation of an Action Plan to achieve energy goals. It's what's needed to achieve energy sustainability. Global economy will be changing the energy landscape. We're isolated energy wise. We should develop local energy resource. Our investment will benefit us over time. Need to fund RCEA. Cross reference policies & implementation measures included in other elements that are related to the energy element. We've got standards for oil and gas resource development; we need to develop standards for wind, solar, biomass and wave energy as well. Look at potential loss of sites for wind, wave, solar and biomass during the review of new development.
V46	Dave Peake, Mineral resources: Don't limit removal and export of mineral resources. Regulation by other agencies already handles water quality and air quality impacts. Private property rights matter. Supports policies that don't result in overlapping regulations.
V47	Chris Rail, Green Rails: Submitted comments. Sustainable transportation: We need to take steps to reduce global warming. Sea level rise, higher intensity storms will occur in the future. Peak oil is happening now. Saudi Arabia had a decrease in oil production last year

	despite drilling more oil wells. Transportation policies should address our energy goals. 45% of our Greenhouse Gas emissions is from transportation. Energy source for transportation is oil. Need to look at that.
V48	Ken Poletski: HAR: Submitted written comments. The chapters were confusing. Optional elements should be removed. Other agencies regulate these things. Energy element would increase housing costs. And a lot of energy saving requirements are already covered by building codes. Policies are different in the worksheet and in the text. The Action Plan in the Energy Element is not realistic.
V49	Julie Williams; NCHB: Mineral resources. Import and export quotas will make construction more expensive. Department of Conservation, North Coast Air Quality Management District (NCAQMD) already regulate it. Highways and railroads use aggregates. Don't increase regulation of mining industry because it will lead to higher construction costs. The Mineral Resources Element should be deleted. Air Quality Element is also optional. NCAQMD regulates air quality. Humboldt County and most areas of the State are in non attainment for PM10 emissions. Unpaved roads are 47% of the source; construction dust is 2%. Supports elimination of this element. We should pave roads. Energy Element: education and energy conservation are supported. Policies are contradictory, and there is no economic analysis of policies. Concerned with duplicating regulations. LEED standards are not necessarily the best thing for our County, there are others that may work better.