



Humboldt County
Farm Bureau



Humboldt Del Norte
Cattlemen Association

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Mr. Jeffrey Smith, Chairman
Members, Humboldt County Planning Commission
3015 "H" Street
Eureka, CA 95501

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PLANNING DIVISION

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Planning Commission:

The representatives of our various organizations attended the December 18th, 2008 study session of the Planning Commission where Community Development Department Staff presented options and a proposed sequence of meetings that would consider the Draft County General Plan.

The draft General Plan document released on November 20, 2008 only addresses alternative B. To increase the efficiency of public participation and review, we suggest the following:

- We believe that the public review and comment on the documents should be done on the whole of the documentation, concurrently, not sequentially. We therefore believe it is critical that all the alternatives, A through D, (including the definitions, map and overlays) be released together. This would serve to allow a comprehensive review of everything at one time rather than on a piecemeal basis.
- The Preliminary Draft General Plan should be considered at the same time as the Draft Environmental Impact Report. In this way, you and the public may be informed of the environmental consequences of the alternatives prior to your making recommended changes. The document mentioned by staff that compares the policy alternatives to the currently adopted plan should also be made available at the same time.

We realize the incredible amount of time and energy it has taken to prepare this information. Now, we are looking forward to having the Planning Commission review and edit this document to meet the needs of our community. We are looking forward to working with you to develop a General Plan for this community's future and we thank you for your considerable efforts in this regard.

Humboldt County Resource Lands Working Group

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Forest Landowners CA (Humboldt Co. Representatives)*

cc/ Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
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