



"Jobs, Housing & Property Rights"

March 14, 2011

Ms. Mary Gearheart, Chair  
Planning Commission  
County of Humboldt  
825 Fifth Street, Room 111  
Eureka, California 95501

Subject: Open Space Element, GPU

Dear Chair Gearheart and Planning Commissioners:

We appreciate the Commission addressing the Open Space Element. The draft document appropriately identifies several criteria which must be considered when determining where and how much open space should be designated, such as:

- Natural Resources
- Managed Production of Resources
- Outdoor Recreation
- Public Health and Safety
- Preservation of Natural Resources
- Water, Mineral, and Energy Resources
- Residential Development

Our concern relates to the uncertainty of the land which may or may not ultimately be dedicated to residential development. Prudent land planning would dictate that Open Space be addressed after the amount and location of land needed for residential development, has been determined.

We respectfully request that the Open Space Element be continued until after the Commission updates the Housing Element.

Sincerely,

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Kay Backer, representing  
Humboldt Economic and Land Plan

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