



Humboldt County
Farm Bureau



Humboldt-Del Norte
Cattlemen Association

Commissioner Mary Gearheart, Chair
Humboldt County Planning Commission
3015 H Street
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March 24, 2011

RE: Comments on Draft of Part 3, Chapter 10, Section 10.5 Waste Management of the Humboldt County General Plan Update

Dear Chair Gearheart and Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the process of updating the Humboldt County General Plan. With this letter we are submitting our detailed written comments on section 10.5 Waste Management of the draft General Plan Update. Our comments and suggested changes are shown in ~~strikeout~~ and blue within the comparison chart for your easy reference.

We only have one change to Section 10.5, the Waste Management element. In the spirit of this element, and to not waste paper, we are only submitting our revised page 10.5-10 with the recommended edits for WM-P7. The Integrated Waste Management Plan (IWMP) needs to be in conformance with the General Plan, not the other way around as proposed by staff.

The County should consider siting a landfill in Humboldt County. It is costly and inefficient to haul our waste out of County.

Please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance. Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Humboldt County Resource Lands Working Group
The Buckeye ~ Humboldt County Farm Bureau
Humboldt Del Norte Cattlemen Association ~ Large Timberland Owners Group
Forest Landowners of California (Humboldt Co. Representatives)

Enclosure

CC: Planning Commissioners: Denver Nelsen; Mel Krebs; Ralph Faust; Linda Disiere; Susan Masten; Bruce Emad;

Staff: Kirk Girard; Tom Hofweber; Martha Spencer

Humboldt County General Plan Update
 With Humboldt County Resource Lands Working Group Comments in ~~strikeout~~ and Blue
 Plan Alternatives Comparison Chart

Plan Alternative	Section 10.5 Waste Management	Staff Remarks/ Implementation	Position
	COMMENTS:		
D	4611.1 Reduce litter and other illegal solid waste disposal.		
	COMMENTS:		
A B C	WM-P7. Integrated Waste Management Plan (IWMP) Participate in Revisions. The County shall abide by and participate in revisions to the IWMP lead by the Humboldt Waste Management Authority and consider the need to amend this General Plan to maintain consistency.	New staff recommended policy language to improve meaning and clarity. Prog IM2	
	COMMENTS: The IWMP should be consistent with the General Plan. Any changes in the IWMP should be reviewed for conformance with the General Plan.		
B C	WM-Px. Support for Waste Diversion and Recycling Operations. The County shall recognize the importance of siting waste diversion and recycling operations within the County to attain state mandated waste reduction goals. Permitting processes and decisions should balance this public interest with the health, safety and welfare of those living in the vicinity of proposed facilities.	New staff recommended policy linked to IM-4.	
	COMMENTS:		
D	4611.2 Provide a healthy, safe, and environmentally and economically sound system for the management of solid waste and recycled materials.		