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Humboldt County Planning Commission
3015 H Street
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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Mineral Resources element of the General Plan. We request that Policy MR-P6 be deleted. Policy MR-P6 reads:

Water Diversion Projects. Evaluate significant water diversion projects that reduce the replenishment rate of in-stream gravel, taking into account the impact the projects would have on local mineral supplies in Humboldt County.

We believe that Policy MR-P6 should be deleted because it appears to apply to the HBMWD's water diversion on the Mad River, yet our diversion does not reduce replenishment of in-stream gravel mineral resources in the lower Mad River. Matthews Dam is located in Trinity County, outside of planning area of the Humboldt County General Plan; in addition, it is located over 70 miles upstream of the in-stream gravel extraction areas of the lower Mad River. Again, the HBMWD's diversions do not reduce replenishment rates of in-stream gravel and do not impact local mineral supplies in Humboldt County.

Thank you for considering this change to the draft Mineral Resources element.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Rische".

Carol Rische
General Manager

cc: Megan Ryan, Planner 1, Humboldt County Planning Division

