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Commissioner Mary Gearheart, Chair  
Humboldt County Planning Commission  
3015 H Street  
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***RE: REVISED Full Set of Comments on Draft of Part 3, Chapter 11 Water Resources of the Humboldt County General Plan Update***

Dear Chair Gearheart and Commissioners:

With this letter we are submitting our REVISED full set of detailed written comments on Chapter 11 Water Resources of the draft General Plan Update. Since we last submitted comments, planning staff has provided you with an updated chart. For ease of your review we have integrated our comments into the staff updated chart, thus, showing both the staff's changes and our additional recommendations in the same document. As always, our comments and suggested changes are shown in strikeout and blue within the comparison chart for your easy reference. Please disregard the previous sets of comments on Water Resources and replace them with this set. This set supplants previous packages and provides a complete up-to-date set of our comments for Chapter 11 Water Resources.

The main points of these comments are:

- In several places this Chapter still contains language that implies that Humboldt County has control, partially in the form of imposed requirements, on the uses of the waters of the State. The draft GPU should be edited in a manner that recognizes the fact that the County does not have such authority. (WR-G8, WR-S12, and WR-S13)
- The definition for "watersheds" used in the draft GPU is inappropriate and creates confusion. The draft GPU refers to State rules, regulations and laws and should therefore be consistent with the planning watershed boundaries used by the State of California. The most current version of the Cal Watershed Planning Boundaries should be used. (WR-P17 and WR-IM8)
- The draft GPU frequently proposes duplicate efforts that are the responsibilities of other agencies. The draft should be edited to avoid duplication of work that is already being accomplished by State and/or Federal agencies. (WR-P5, WR-P20, WR-P34, WR-P35, WR-S3, WR-S7, WR-IM1, WR-IM2, WR-IM5, WR-IM10, WR-IMx2, and WR-IM11)

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the process of updating the Humboldt County General Plan. 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)*

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