

Alcaraz, Sandy

From: Spencer, Martha
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2011 3:25 PM
To: Alcaraz, Sandy
Cc: Lorenzo, Norma
Subject: FW: Water element

Hi Sandy – can you make sure that the PC receive a copy of this letter Thursday night?
Thanks,
Martha

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From: Mary Anderson [mailto:manderson@redwoodtimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2011 12:55 PM
To: Spencer, Martha
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

As a resident of a very dry part of Humboldt County, I wholly support the requirement for watershed-wide planning that takes into account the fragile condition of our water courses and the unknown impact of climate change.

Allowing development in areas where streams go dry every year and rainfall amounts are unpredictable both in volume and in pattern is both foolish and short-sighted. Where I live, trucks delivering water to dry homesteads and parcels start making trips out Briceland Road in May. This indicates to me that the watershed west of Redway is already overbuilt.

I support encouraging water storage as long as the practice is not used to encourage and support even more development in water-scarce areas. I support allowing gray water, even in more urban areas like Redway and Garberville. And I support the use of composting toilets where feasible.

Thanks for all your attention to this vital subject. After all, water is essential to life.

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