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Supervisor Smith,

We won't be able to attend the Thurs., Sept. 8 meeting in person, but Barbara and I wanted to weigh-in on this very important issue for us in Southern Humboldt. As owners who live on a rural property dependent on surface water during the summer and wet weather springs during the winter we are acutely aware of the importance of water conservation in our area. We use our precious resource very carefully even though we have riparian rights on the two year-around creeks on our property.

Along with those of our neighbors who are also dependent on the local watersheds, we are all concerned about future development in the Sprowel Creek Watershed. The trend to break up large land tracks and sell off parcels for development must be managed by the thoughtful guidance of county planners who have grounded knowledge regarding the limitations of this fragile part of the world. I've heard the argument that folks buying those parcels will be "stewards for the land", but my response to this is - "Just how do you write that into an escrow contract?"

In addition to the impact of further development on folks already living in the area, the negative effects on our fellow species must be considered. For example, much effort has been put into the restoration of salmon in our area and further unrestricted development can only erode all our efforts in this important work.

The integrity of our land is irreversible; once it is subdivided and developed, without regard to its environmental limitations, there is no going back. Please implement a County Plan which has built in to it conditions that take into consideration the impact on our most precious and fragile of resources, water.

Thanks you for all your hard work as a County Supervisor, Bob Froehlich Barbara Froehlich
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