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To: Humboldt County Planning Department

Subject: Open Space Designations: Myers Flat
Parcel number 081-071-021

Dear Planners,

When I bought my property in Myers Flat on 1 September 1999, the old deed showed that my parcel number was designated for year round use. Having no prior experience with buying property, I asked others what permits I would need in order to move my mobile home onto my property. I was told that the trucking company had all of the permits that were needed.

In various General Plan Update meetings County Planners had repeatedly told the attendees that Myers Flat properties would be zoned Rural Residential Agriculture (RA). The Rural Residential Agricultural Principally Permitted Use includes the following uses: Single Family Residential, Second Residential Unit, General Agriculture, Cottage Industry; subject to the Cottage Industry Regulations, and Minor Utilities to serve these uses. (Added by Ord. 2367A, 7/25/06)

For over 12 years I have been living under the assumption that I was living, year round, in accordance with the General Plan Update. Imagine my horror when I received a letter from the Community Development Services that I do not have the proper permits to live there. I was told by Christian Nielsen that I will have to move to a trailer park. The fruit trees I have planted make it impossible to move my home. There is at least one home, built in 1960 and flood insured by FEMA, which is closer to the river than my home and which has NO water damage lines or other signs of the 1964 flood. There is a large metal building closer to the river which also survived the flood. According to the special issue published by Eureka Newspapers, Inc. on Feb 15th and 16th, **1965**, the 1964 flood was known as "THE ONE THOUSAND YEAR FLOOD."

Apparently, no studies have been done on the effects of logging on the 1964 flood. I have been informed by people who were there at the time that there were 55 cold decks of logs upriver from Myers Flat in 1964. The logs floated downriver and made a dam in the narrow canyon between Myers Flat and Weott. The Army Corp of Engineers came and blew the log jam from the bottom, instead of the top. This situation is not likely to EVER occur again. Water in the area of my property has not been over 3 feet deep in the past 25 years.

Meanwhile, I live in my home, and have the Myers Flat Mutual Water System,

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Inc. office in my home, illegally. I respectfully request to have my property re-zoned as Rural Residential Agriculture and to be allowed to get the proper permits to live there legally.

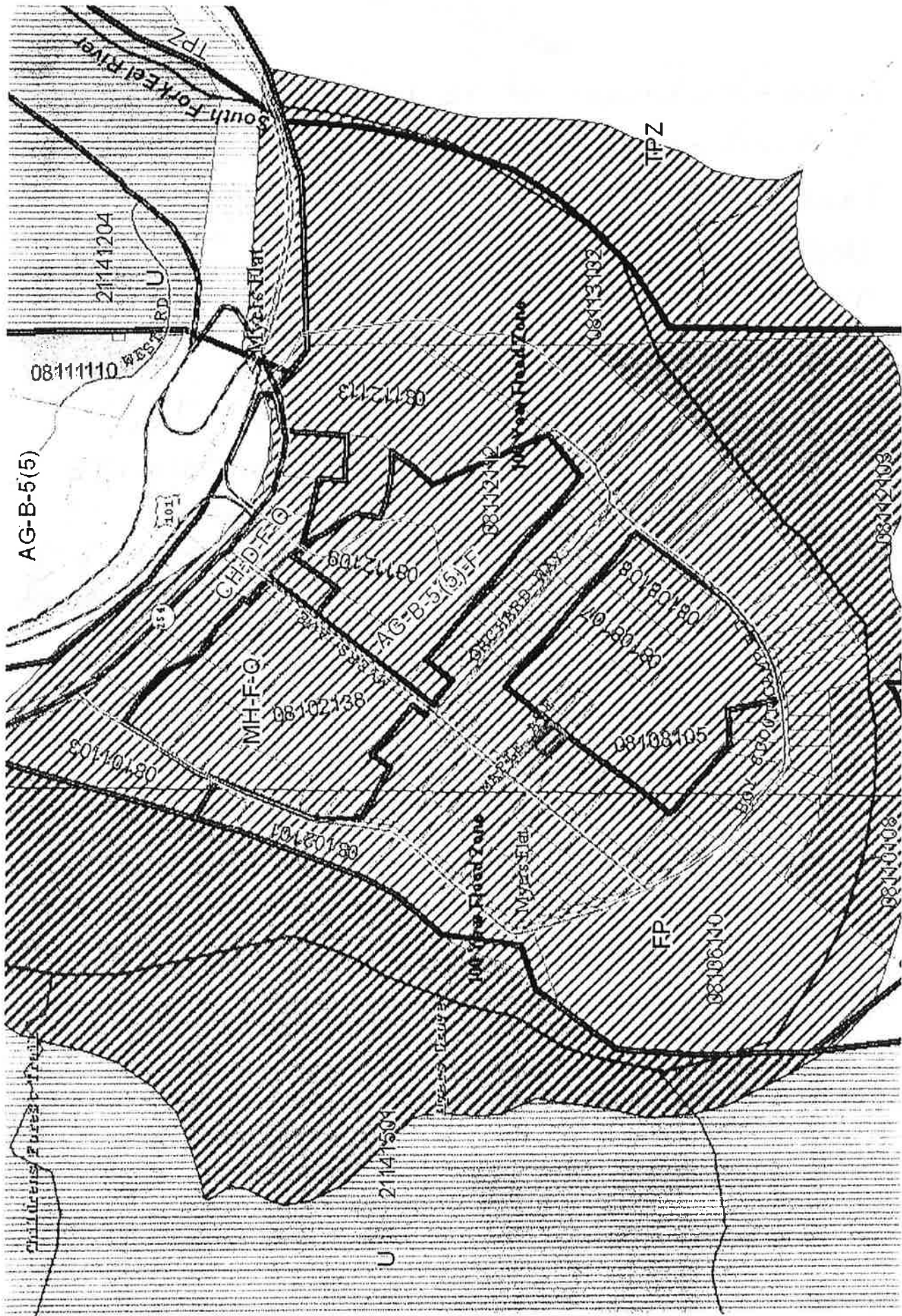
As you can see on the attached copy of your GIS map, parcel numbers 081-081-05, 081-081-07 and 081-081-08, which are adjacent to my parcel number 081-071-021, are zoned differently than the rest of Myers Flat properties. It is my understanding that they are zoned Rural Residential Agriculture. It seems a reasonable assumption that, since those properties are at the same elevation, my property could easily be given the same zoning designation.

I have also recently been told that I, as a member of the Avenue Trails Committee, am shown as having approved the Open Space zoning. This is inaccurate. To the best of my knowledge, neither I nor any other member of the ATC approved the open space zoning.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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