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To: Hamblin, Kevin; Richardson, Michael
Subject: Revision of Guiding Principles- a balance blend
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Dear Mr. Hamblin and Mr. Richardson,

A group of people, with the motivation of finding a balanced approach, studied the 12 Planning Commission recommended Guiding Principles, and the 11 revisions of those principles that the Board of Supervisors voted on in the June 3 hearing. We took the strengths of each to write a blended set of 15 Guiding Principles that have been reviewed and endorsed by over 50 people.

I've attached a copy of these 15 Blended Guiding Principles and also included them in the body of this e-mail. They have also been sent to each of the Supervisors.

We believe these 15 represent the best comprehensive solution, at this point, to crafting principles that will help guide the County General Plan in the long-term, balancing the rights of landowners and developers with the responsibilities of government and individuals to facilitate the present and future health and safety of our environment.

We will attend the meeting tomorrow evening to speak to these. Hopefully you will have a moment to look them over.

Thank you,

Bob and Barbara Froehlich
Garberville

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