



November 21, 2013

Ryan Sundberg, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors  
825 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 111  
Eureka, CA 95501

RE: General Plan Update – New Goal for Governance Element

Dear Chair Sundberg & Supervisors,

In our review of the Biological Resources Element, we noticed that we have twice requested the addition of BR-Gx1. Upon further review, we are amending our request as this goal would be better suited for the Governance Element. We are asking the County to consider adding an additional Goal to Governance recognizing and protecting property rights.

There is no question that protection of natural resources is important and that the General Plan update plays a critical role in accomplishing this goal. Equally as important is the achievement of a reasonable weighting between resource protections and meeting the housing and employment needs of the county’s population. A balanced approach is needed on resource issues. The proposed goal reads as follows:

**GP-Gx1. Recognize and protect property rights.** Recognize and protect property rights by maintaining a balance between the rights of property owners and government planning. This shall be assured by recognizing and protecting the rights of property owners, individuals and groups to participate in planning and land use decisions.

Thank you for your consideration of adding this goal to the Governance Element.

Sincerely,

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