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FYI, and to compile with other input.

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To: Sundberg, Ryan; Bass, Virginia
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Greetings Supervisors,

As I will not be able to attend the hearing tomorrow, I thought I should provide my brief input electronically here for your consideration. Given the 12+ years that have gone into drafting the General Plan Update - and especially considering the last year wherein many individuals representing diverse perspectives put countless hours into reaching common ground through the ad hoc working group - I am very disappointed that this Board decided (albeit in a 3-2 vote) to send the Conservation and Open Space Element back to the Planning Commission prior to completing your own review.

I believe that the Planning Commission overstepped their authority in asking that you return the GPU back into their hands. And I fear it sets an unfortunate precedent for this Board to oblige them. Sending the GPU back to the Commission at this point in time is an affront to the public process, is a waste of extremely limited public resources, and will likely only result in an even more contentious, drawn out process. For those who voted to send the GPU back to the Commission, I hope you will take this opportunity to reconsider your initial stance on the matter.

I implore you to take the necessary leadership to move forward now a General Plan Update that protects our at-risk watersheds and brings the County into compliance with State and Federal law. Such leadership is needed in this time that is shaping up to be one of the greatest resource challenges we have faced in decades (if not centuries). Should this Board be of the opinion that the GPU be handed over to the Planning Commission, it is my opinion that the process be directed back to the public as a whole first.

Sincerely,

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