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Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Honorable Supervisors:

The Humboldt County Farm Bureau has been participating in the General Plan process for many years and it has been our goal to protect the Resource Lands in Humboldt County. As we come to the critical portion of the process, the Land Use Mapping, we would like to provide the following suggestions which may be helpful in this process.

1. Refrain from acting on walk-in or late arriving requests. You should accept those requests and place on agenda for the following meeting.
2. Agenda materials are available for download on line but print copies are not available at the meetings. Individuals are discussing documents that the public is unable to see at the meeting and it is not clear if supplemental papers are available before the meeting at all. We request that all agenda materials, supplemental papers and supporting documents be available at the meeting to the public.
3. If the parcel under discussion has a resource designation, or might reasonably have resource values, please look at the character of those resources before acting on the request. This could include, air photo, timber site quality, prime soils or grazing characteristics, flood plain or other hazards. Please direct your staff to bring up this information on the screen so it is visible to everyone in the room. This detailed information can give you the bigger picture on these parcels.
4. We encourage you to review the Planning Commission's recommendations when making your decisions. The Commission provided the opportunity for public comments to be heard during their deliberation and their findings should be considered.

Thank you so much for the long hours and hard work you have provided to make this process move forward. We appreciate your dedication.

Sincerely,


Andy Albin
President