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Measure Z Committee
Humboldt County Courthouse
825 Fifth Street
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Weott Community Services District on behalf of the Weott Volunteer Fire Department wishes to withdraw its application for Measure Z funds in its entirety. We thank you for your consideration in initially considering our request.

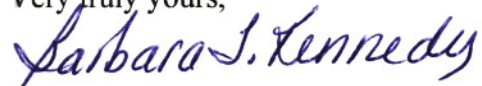
It is with much regret we report that at our Board meeting on February 28, 2017 a vote was taken to disband the Volunteer Fire Department due to a confluence of circumstances. Primarily the cause is lack of staffing. The VFD has tried for at least two years to recruit new volunteers without success. Those volunteers currently on the VFD are unable to respond to call-outs effectively either due to health reasons or because of employment elsewhere in the County.

A secondary reason is the demand from one of the property owners, Curtis Wood, that we vacate the property on which our firehouse is located or pay an exorbitant rent and/or a purchase price that we cannot afford. After the 1964 flood Everett Wood helped to relocate the then-existing firehouse to a parcel he owned here in Weott. The firehouse has been subsequently improved and has been in continual use ever since with the consent and knowledge of Elaine Wood, the surviving spouse. Elaine Wood passed away and her descendants, Dennis Wood, Linda Brodersen and Curtis Wood inherited the property.

Although under the law we have an irrevocable license on grounds of estoppel, it would require protracted litigation to prevail, the cost of which we are unable to afford. However, even if we prevailed we still cannot generate the staffing for a functioning department. These are the factors that led to our decision.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Barbara Kennedy, Chairperson/Director
cc: Estelle Fennell, Supervisor, District 2