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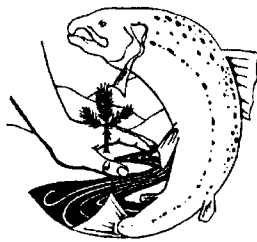
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Dear Ms. Spencer;

The Mattole Restoration Council is writing to support the inclusion of the restoration oriented language proposed by the Trees Foundation into the Humboldt County General Plan. After reviewing and commenting on the proposed changes in the Water, Biological, and Conservation and Open Space Elements, the MRC believes that the proposed language will provide increased and specific protections for habitat, water quality, open space, and overall watershed health.

Community watershed groups play an important role in implementing governmental policy, communicating citizen opinion to decision makers, and providing feedback on the effectiveness of conservation efforts in the rural areas of Humboldt County. Many of the proposed changes and language will help to create a more formal relationship between the County and community watershed groups, which will improve the effectiveness of policy implementation efforts.

The Mattole Restoration Council further urges the County to adopt the proposed language in order to help limit the impacts of existing and future rural residential development on the environment while sustaining both rural lifestyles and natural resources.

Thank you for considering these locally important and regionally significant issues in your planning process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Jeremy Wheeler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeremy Wheeler
Executive Director
Mattole Restoration Council

CC: Doug Wallace, The Trees Foundation
Eric Goldsmith, Sanctuary Forest Inc.