

# Mason Materials, LLC



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Attn: Michael Wheeler, Senior Planner  
County of Humboldt, Planning Department  
3015 H Street  
Eureka, California 95501

Re: General Plan Update; Comments on Chapter 16 (Mineral Resources)

Dear Mr. Wheeler;

Mason Materials, LLC is a small aggregate processor. We lease a hard rock quarry and a processing facility. Our main product is class II aggregate base for the construction industry. We also process various sizes of hard rock for construction, landscaping, and restoration applications.

It is our understanding the mineral element of the general plan update is not a required element, but an optional element of the general plan update process. This industry already has much oversight from highly specialized agencies such as the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Department of Conservation, Office of Mines and Geology. In our opinion, Humboldt County should not be using resources to pursue optional parts of the update and concentrate on the core product.

The draft copy received for chapter 16 is confusing at best. The staff analysis goes from alternatives "A" to "D", with no discussion of "B" and how "B" differs from the current plan. Also, "C" states it is the current plan, but that it includes the policies of "D", which states it is the 'no project' alternative and would continue the standards and measures of the current plan. In this light, we believe we support alternative "C", or "D", or both, or whichever combination of those two that maintains the current policies and standards and does not change anything.

The mining industry is governed by a multitude of agencies and regulations and we feel duplicating regulations will cause the industry to suffer and ultimately raise the cost of our products. Traffic, water quality, air quality, and other concerns are currently dealt with in the existing Humboldt County General Plan, and countless CA laws.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tim Hooven for  
Mason Materials, LLC

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