

Humboldt County Planning Commission  
Public Hearing Workshop  
Humboldt County General Plan Update  
Energy Element

Hello Chairman and Commissioners,

My name is Benjamin Mattio and I am a Humboldt State University Student. I am here representing fellow students that share a vision of a Sustainable Energy Future for Humboldt County. We support increasing energy efficiency, conservation, the use of local renewable energy resources, and increasing local control of energy resources.

We support the stated goals of the Energy Element E-G1. - E-G5. We support Alternative A for all applicable policies in the proposed Energy Element. We believe the policies, standards, and implementation measures of Alternative A are needed to secure a sustainable energy future for Humboldt County.

We proudly support Jim Zoellick and the work of Humboldt State University's Schatz Energy Research Center in their preparation of the Technical Background Report that provided the detailed analysis upon which the Energy Element was written.

Humboldt County has tremendous potential for increasing energy efficiency and developing renewable energies. We ask the county to adopt and implement the county wide energy plan as prepared by the Redwood Coast Energy Authority.

Humboldt State University students have formed many active organizations and clubs that work together for sustainable development on our campus and in our community. Our student organization called Green Campus continues to reduce energy use of the University through education, project implementation, and strategic energy management. Green Campus played a significant role in creating the recently approved Sustainability Coordinator staff position. We have created the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund (HEIF) to meet all of Humboldt State University's electricity needs with renewable energy by 2043. Our overwhelming support of a sustainable energy future is evident in the self-imposed student fee supporting the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund.

We continue to reach out to our community through Service Learning Projects. In 2005, I initiated a Service Learning project between Redwood Coast Energy Authority and an Engineering Design class which led to the successful completion of interactive energy efficiency displays. These displays will serve to educate our community for years to come. These efforts continue today with another Service Learning project underway between Engineering students and Redwood Coast Energy Authority.

Humboldt State University students are working hard to contribute to a sustainable energy future. We ask you to support Alternative A of the Energy Element because it will put in place the policies, standards, and implementation measures that are needed to secure a sustainable energy future for Humboldt County.

I am presenting petitions with 179 signatures from Humboldt State University students supporting Energy Element Alternative A.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben Mattio".