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HUMBOLDT COUNTY
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Dear Planning Commission,

RE: Recommended revisions to the Noise Element (Chapter 20).

I have reviewed the draft noise element (Chapter 20) and recommend the following be considered:

Figure 20-1 Sound Level comparison Chart the sound pressure level in decibel of shotguns should be included at above the 150 decibel level

Table 20-1 The communities of Mckinleyville, Moonstone /Westhaven, and Trinidad need to be updated with the Humboldt Trap and Skeet Club located at the Eureka /Arcata Airport as a stationary primary noise source. Communities near Gun Clubs and shooting sites should be added.

Insert Public Use facilities of Co of Humboldt Parks Rodeo grounds end of Karr St. and Clam Beach Moonstone Beach Along with Little River Ca State Park and the new General Aviation Ramp facilities at the Eureka Arcata airport as affected areas. Dows Prairie residential and commercial properties along with the U.S.D.A facility affected by impulse noise generated by the shotguns.

20.2 Background. I recommend that a discussion about shotgun noise and gun noise be included after traffic noise.

In Particular Types of noise and examples,

Continuous: Steadily running motor like a ceiling fan.

Intermittent Cycling: Machinery or a passing automobile

IMPULSIVE: Hammer blows or GUNSHOTS or Pile Drivers

Section 4: Exceptions

J."Any sound resulting from activities of a temporary duration permitted by law and for which a license or permit has been granted by the county or a city, state or federal agency when such sounds do not exceed the conditions or limits stated in the license or permit."

My specific concern is how section 4; item j relates to the Humboldt Trap and Skeet Clubs increased usage, licensed by the Co. of Humboldt. The recently changed and extended license agreement has no conditions and limits related to the excess and increased gun noise. Many effected land owners who have complained about the noise and the loss of the peaceful enjoyment of their property have been ignored by the Co. of Humboldt Land Use Dept. And repeated phone calls to the Club complaining about the excess noise have been ignored.

Section 7: Sound Measurement Standards.

(a) "Sound level measurement shall be made with a sound level meter using the "A" weighting scale set on "slow response".

My specific concern is that if this slows response scale does not measure shot gun muzzle blast noise then a weighted scale suited to accurate measurement of this specific noise needs to be included.

It is a concern of mine that if a noise ordinance is implemented with exceptions included that allow for certain governmental departments to grant license to exclusive clubs/ nonprofits without any real control over noise because of this license that causes loss of the right to peaceful enjoyment of their property, what equal protection under the law do the effected property owners have?

Sincerely,

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