

Humboldt County Planning Commission
Humboldt County Courthouse
Eureka, California 95501

Dear Commissioners:

Re: General Plan Review (June 21, 2007) - Abbreviated summary of May testimony on needed corrections to Chapter 11, Economic Development Element.

As now written, the write-up shows planners and county leaders do not understand or recognize the importance of the use of natural resources as a nongovernmental, nontaxpayer economic driver in this county. The write-up's inappropriate separation of organic milk and sustainable forest management from traditional natural resource and agricultural industries on page 11-1 emphasizes this lack of understanding.

Proper use of natural resources needs to be emphasized and promoted. Not treated like a distant cousin. Having a goal in the General Plan to promote finding ways to stimulate and increase proper use of resources will help ameliorate problems involving affordable housing, local jobs, needed economic supports, and keeping open space lands in private ownership.

The General Plan needs to outline how the write-up's stated problem of "Federal, state, and local regulatory policies and codes hav(ing) a significant effect on the economy." as stated on page 11-14 will be handled. The combined adverse effect of "ALL" regulations and associated jail time penalties needs to be on everyone's mind when more restrictions are contemplated for the General Plan.

Yours,



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Since Chapter 11 of General Plan public input scheduled for 6/21/07 met did not happen, I send this to you as a gentle reminder of 3 main points relevant to Chapter 11 Economic element.



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