

**Verbal Public Comments
General Plan Update
Preliminary Hearing Draft**

Planning Commission Hearing 4/19/07 – Group2 and 3

Index #	Synopsis of comments received during Planning Commission meeting
	Group 2 Comments (Mineral Energy, Air Resources and Waste Management)
V50	Bill Peckham – Submitted written comments. I am concerned about the inclusion of the word “LEED” in the Energy Element. I just returned from a conference on green building. We should delete all reference to LEED in the document because it is a proprietary item. I have a passion for passive solar energy. I would like the county to understand the difference in passive versus active solar energy. In the cool periods, we should let the heat in and when it is hot, we should keep the cool in. This is a County General Plan not a Eureka plan and we should have policies that reflect all parts of the County.
W51	Written comments mirror verbal testimony as summarized above.
V51	John Schafer – submitted written comments. I am glad the Board and Commission have included an Energy Element. We will see big changes in the future regarding energy. We should adopt “no regrets” policy in the plan. Allowing urban sprawl is a “certain regret” policy – likes policies found in Alternatives C and D. Alternative A in regards to the “no sprawl” impacts is a “no regrets” policy. We will be burning more wood in the future and we should look to more clean wood sources. Regarding alternative transportation infrastructure, the county should initiate passenger rail service between Eureka and Arcata and install safe bike lanes. We may want to consider a fee on carbon emissions to help fund infrastructure improvements. We should require that new subdivisions take advantage of solar energy. All buildings should maximize south facing. All conduits should be installed in new buildings for solar.
W30	Written comments mirror verbal testimony as summarized above.
V52	David Peake – I have comments regarding the note taking. I believe that the horse is still alive. The gentleman that Commissioner Emad was referring to I believe his name was Hans. I also don’t believe that the note taking reflected my comments of last week. I would like to be able to review my comments prior to release. The Commission could also have them transcribed; the technology is there. I believe the note taking was biased. I understand your discomfort with my comments towards staff, but please understand what I said earlier still stands. Everyone’s comments should have equal weighting. They should not have a bias from staff.. Other people should speak up if their comments have not been recorded accurately.
V53	Jennifer Berman – Redwood Alliance Project. I support Plan Alternative A because it sets the most aggressive policies for reducing green house gases (referenced Jim Zoellick comments from the last Planning Commission meeting). I also would like to echo the comments of a previous speaker regarding passive solar energy and new buildings and how they should be required to capture that.
V54	Kenneth Burton – At first I didn’t see the connection with global warming and the Health and Safety Element, but now I do. I urge you to adopt Alternative A to help fight global warming.
V55	Ruthanne Cecil – speaking to the Energy Element and smart growth. We need to

	think about the principles of smart growth and our energy policies. We should think about different building styles that support energy efficiency. I support Alternative A plus!
V56	Marcus Brown – I would like to address energy efficiency and transportation. Trains are the most efficient way to move things. To move a ton of cargo in my pickup on a gallon of fuel is the equivalent of a train moving that same ton 400 miles on one gallon – very energy efficient. I hope that we can restore the railroad here; the advantages of rail service are so huge. The demand is growing - they are actually filled to capacity now.
V57	Clair Perricelli – submitted written comments and read into the record –
W51	The writer proposed sustainable ways to create affordable housing including renewal of degraded properties, infill, inclusionary zoning, incentives, and increased economic diversity and healthy economy. Sustainability means living within our means. Economic health based on continuous physical growth cannot sustain itself over time. This does not mean we can't develop. There just are limits to healthy growth.
V58	Larry Evans – I recall that 76 percent of the participants in earlier meetings supported Sketch Plan 3. I believe the proposed alternative has been watered down. The original recommendations are really found in Plan Alternative A. Guiding Principles were developed by the public for the public. We should not include “wishy-washy” words like those found in Guiding Principle #6. The era of cheap oil is over. We need an Energy Element that will help us deal with these difficult decisions in the future.
V59	Benjamin Mattio – submitted written comments, read into record.
W52	I represent HSU students that share a sustainable energy future for Humboldt County. We support Alternative A's sustainable energy policies. We proudly support Jim Zoellick who prepared the background report for the Energy Element. Requested adoption of the energy plan prepared by RCEA. Discussed “green campus” student organization at HSU. Recommends adoption of Alternative A because it will put in place the policies and standards that supports alternative energy future for Humboldt County. Submitted a petition with 179 signatures supporting Alternative A.
V60	Pat Higgins – I served on the Energy Advisory Committee for the previous General Plan. I favor Alternative A for the energy element. We need to promote a plan that is compact and develop policies that are “revenue neutral” for green building. Mineral Element – I am a Fisheries Biologist and have fished the Mad River over the years. It is in poor shape. Minimize paving is a good idea to reduce runoff. Regarding the process and development of the Guiding Principles – I attended a meeting at the Samoa cookhouse where these Guiding Principles were distilled and I would be very careful when changing them.
V61	Joel Canzoneri – Noise Element. Great proponent of a General Plan being general. I am not a proponent of sound walls – more in favor of individual buildings that attenuate noise to policies within the General Plan. The Framework Plan did not have a lot of goals for noise but what we need is a way to compare the goals/policies of new plan to those contained in the Framework Plan.
V62	Lawrence Gann – submitted written materials. Nothing consumes more energy than cars. Planning Commission should support mass transit. We should prioritize

<p>W53</p>	<p>funding for mass transit. Our mass transit currently is inadequate. Should have an emphasis on mass transit. And dense growth patterns – I support whatever element supports dense growth.</p> <p>In addition to the statements made during the Planning Commission meeting, the writer requests that the Planning Commission choose the policies contained in Alternative A for the Energy Element.</p>
<p>V63</p>	<p>Jeannine Kaprielian - I really love this county and would like my boys to come back here to settle down. I think Plan A has the best chance of having my boys return to this County. I would like to live in a place where I can comfortably walk to do my shopping. I would like to have a vibrant sustainable community. We are going to take a train down for my son’s graduation and I would love to have trains here locally for transportation.</p>
<p>V64</p>	<p>Ben Proctor – the earth does not belong to us, we belong to the earth. Alternative A is the only Alternative that is sustainable. Safety is more complex today because of global warming – flooding. Trees help combat CO2 emissions (carbon forest). San Bernardino County was sued for not providing policies that address global warming.</p>
<p>V65 W54</p>	<p>Debbie Provolt – Provided written comments that were read into the record. submitted comments)</p> <p>The author stated that she believes we need affordable housing. Many of the policies in the Energy Element will increase housing costs and hinder the rights of property owners to develop their property. Had specific concerns for Section E-P13 and E-P15 and the added cost for these policies and burden it would place on businesses. Requested clear permitting procedures from the Planning Department – standard procedures not incentives as stated in the implementation measures. Also stated that this is not a mandatory element and should not be included.</p>
<p>V66</p>	<p>Mark Lovelace – Healthy Humboldt – (submitted comments on the Safety and Noise Element earlier that was included in the Planning Commission packet). Would like to address the email that Commissioner Emad commented on. Email server for Healthy Humboldt has been down since February. I am not quite sure what email he is referring to earlier in his comments.</p> <p>Regarding the Energy and Air Quality – the single most effective thing we could do is to cut our driving mileage in half. Compact development helps address this.</p> <p>Regarding the comments from the young man “Hans” – wanted to go away to college and come back to buy rural property. We need to preserve our land base to preserve opportunities in the future. Listed the advantages to compact development. I hope that Han’s generation is not the last generation that we are thinking about in this Plan.</p>
<p>V67 W55</p>	<p>Randy Turner – Submitted written comments. Please put Humboldt County on the path of energy independence. By choosing Alternative A will help us achieve this goal. I am the Vice Chair of the municipal water district board. The district is proposing to use a photovoltaic system to fuel the water system. Looking to the future. Our citizens are independent – Plan Alternative A will help provide for this independence.</p> <p>Written comments mirror verbal testimony as summarized above.</p>
<p>V68</p>	<p>Jason Garlick – would like to speak generally about the young man that spoke earlier (referring to Hans). I grew up here and left and came back here because of the quality of life Humboldt County offers. There is an organization that proposes 2% growth and large lot development. This doesn’t seem like a lot but it would double the population here in Humboldt County by the time my children are grown. The large lot subdivision would also consume a lot of land and the resource base</p>

	economy would be affected. Working people here would not be able to afford large lots – they will be bought by people out of the area. The fastest growing areas has the highest priced housing. We should not destroy this county in the false hope of providing low cost housing.
V69	Elizabeth Hamman – My main passion is educating young people on energy efficiency. We need to be focusing on infrastructure that supports a sustainable community. I support Alternative A.
V70	Jim Zoellick – submitted written comments. Strongly encourage that the commission adopt the Energy Element – very important for the future of the county. Support Alternative A for the Energy Element and the rest of the General Plan. I also supports RCEA as the agency that directs this document. Alternative A may seems like an ambitious set of policies, but a lot of things are changing fast in the county for energy resources. If Alternative B is chosen – there are some key measures to include– green building, energy efficiency at time of sale program, energy efficient transportation, compact mixed use development and developing alternative energy sources.
W47	Written comments mirror verbal testimony as summarized above.
V71	Aaron Antrim – I just returned from college in New York and I would like to live in a densely developed community. Transportation is the significant uses of energy. We cannot count only on efficient vehicles to solve this issue and climate change. Anti sprawl measures are the only permanent solution to this problem. They allow everyone to reduce their transportation costs. Also helps reduce crime. “Lean” production principles in manufacturing could be adapted for our transportation system.
V72	Hans Parshell – when I was talking about me coming back here to buy, I was talking about liberty – that was what I wanted to do if I was able. I don’t want to restrict anyone from building if they are able. There is a difference in the words “require” and “encourage”.
V73	Michelle Dulas – Regarding income – a lot of people don’t make \$30,000 a year – maybe \$11,000 – and we should consider them for housing needs. If you look at the art on the wall behind you, it features open space and it is why we live here. Supports A plus.
V74	Tina Christensen – Please don’t take any action on this plan until the infrastructure plan is done.
V75	Scot Menzies – I am currently in graduate school MFA – interdisciplinary program and many of our problems in the future are interrelated. Energy Element – vehicle miles traveled interrelated between safety, energy, noise elements. The best reflection in my mind in accomplishing reducing vehicles miles traveled is Alternative A and solving some of these issues.
V76	Chris Rall (with Green Wheels) – Transportation will be a big part to deal with in this General Plan. In 1997 gas was \$1.33 and it more than doubled in ten years. Gas doubled in the last three years – this could happen in the next 3 years – something to think about when developing energy policies.
V77	Margaret Donovan Kaloust – Interested in affordable housing. I believe that energy efficiency and affordable housing are not exclusive. I support Alternative A or incorporating some of these energy efficiency policies into B.
V78	Monte Provolt – I am amazed at the doom and gloom that I am hearing tonight. The problems that people see are a part because of their agendas. We have been working on a map for Glendale and we have been looking at affordable housing. I interviewed working individuals on what type of housing they would like (single

	family lots, manufactured homes, high density homes etc). The last alternative was always high density. They wanted a garden and space. The research I've done shows that social problems increase with high density. We should ask people what type of development they want.
V79	Thorn Lynn – named the speakers from HSU and community – they all lean towards Alternative – but the staff leans more towards B. I think we should have A be the proposed Alternative leaning towards B's policies. We need to look towards the future with these policies. Question about the railroad and energy efficiency – can we put the cargo train and passenger train on the same track? What about the geology of the location of the tracks and impact to water quality? I like wave energy (Norway) – scared about wind energy and affecting birds – in particular marbled murllets.
V80	Jennifer Culp – I came here today to support Alternative A that many people have already articulated. I would like to talk a little more personally – what I really wanted was two acres in Blue Lake. I never wanted to live in McKinleyville – because it is not a community, it is a bedroom community. What I could afford was a house in McKinleyville, but what I have found is that there are amenities of trails that have helped me meet my neighbors. Denser now but more quieter because I know my neighbors than when I lived in a rural area. I'm still not clear on this process yet – I will submit more comments when I understand what Alternative B says. I was concerned when one of the commissioners said we are not going to adopt Alternative A– I thought this was a process and it was still open for discussion.
V81	Joyce King – I own low cost rentals in McKinleyville. I live in an old farm house that is oriented with big windows on the south side and my PGE is very low (no higher than \$60). I support Alternative A. We have the opportunity to be a model for sustainable energy.
V82	Dave Spreen – Submitted written comments which were read into the record. I support the comments submitted by Healthy Humboldt.
W56	Provided comments on the Safety and Noise Elements. Would like quarries added to the noise sources listed on Page 2 and 3. Also concerned about timber activities as they relate to noise (in particular, helicopter logging) that are not regulated by CDF. Also submitted comments regarding the interrelations of the elements and their need to be consistent with each other (in particular, Mineral Resources and Air Quality).
V83	Kay Backer – HELP – Comment on staff referring to prior letter that HELP submitted does not change things in staff report. Read from submitted letter of April 3 which was given to the Commissioners as a supplemental. Did question on whether staff has had the time to read through all the regulations that were noted in her letter. Would like to see the optional elements be eliminated and retain the 7 required elements and the infrastructure and public facilities element.