

PROTEST – APPLICATION

Based on Environmental Considerations, Public Interest, Public Trust, and Other Issues.
 (Protests based on INJURY TO PRIOR RIGHTS should be completed on other side of form)

APPLICATION 9686 AND 29981

1. I, ~~(We)~~ LINDA SUTTON
Name of Protestant(s)
 of PO Box 631 Redway, CA 95560, (904 923-2574) have read carefully a copy
Mailing address and zip code of protestant(S) Telephone Number
 of, or a notice relative to, Application 9686 & 29981 of CHARBROVILLE SANITARY DISTRICT
Name of applicant
 _____ to appropriate from THE SOUTH FORK OF THE FEE RIVER
Name of source
 at a point FOR AN OUT OF SERVICE AREA CONNECTION FOR THE SOUTHERN HUMBOLDT COMMUNITY PARK

2. I, (We) protest the above application on:
 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, ETC.:
 The appropriation will not best conserve the public interest, will have an adverse environmental impact and/or will adversely affect a public trust use of a navigable waterway. *
 a. Public interest protests should clearly indicate how the appropriation will affect the public.
 b. Environmental protest should identify specific impacts and provide supporting recitals on issues such as: plants, animals or fish affected, erosion, pollution, aesthetics, etc.
 c. Public trust protests must identify the navigable waters to be affected and how the project will impact public trust values.
 Protests of a general nature (not project specific) or opposed to constitutional or legislated state policy will not be accepted. A request for information or for studies to be conducted is not a protest.

OTHER ISSUES, ETC.:
 The appropriation will be contrary to law, will require access rights, will not be in the State Water Resources Control Board's jurisdiction, or concerns other issues.

Facts and, if applicable, points of law which support the foregoing allegations are as follows: _____
PLEASE SEE COMMENTS ATTACHED

3. Under what conditions may this protest be disregarded and dismissed? _____
 (Conditions should be a nature that the applicant can address and either accept or submit mitigating measures.)

4. A true copy of this protest has been served upon the applicant CHARBROVILLE SANITARY DISTRICT, PO Box 211
Personally or by mail Linda Sutton CHARBROVILLE CA 95542

* For the purpose of filing a protest, navigable waters include streams and lakes that may be seasonally navigable in small recreational watercraft.

Date: Nov. 27, 2019

Notes: Attach supplemental sheets as necessary. Protests must be filed within the time specified in the notice of application

Protestant(s) or authorized representative sign here

Type or print name and title of representative, if applicable

Street address

City and State
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Telephone number

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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
Attn: Michael Meza
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA
95812-2000

To Whom it May Concern,

As a longtime Redway resident downstream from Garberville, I must protest the out of service area connection by the Garberville Sanitary District to annex in a piecemeal and informal manner 18 (eighteen) acres of the Southern Humboldt Community Park (SHCP) which are now zoned for high use Public Facilities.

Despite all the caveats, whereases, etc. this action opens the door for more water requests in the future either by litigation or political pressure.

The plan for the SHCP is all about development which is unsustainable in Southern Humboldt with escalating fire danger, cyclical droughts, and a Wild and Scenic river, the South Fork of the Eel, that has been over-allocated and impaired for years.

Sincerely,



Linda Sutton

P.S. PLEASE FIND ATTACHED:
COPIES OF MY THREE PREVIOUS
LETTERS AND A FEW OF THE
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR OVER
THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.



SAVE THE SOUTH FORK OF THE EEL RIVER!
— WE CANNOT BUY ANOTHER ONE.

PLEASE NOTE: THE SHOP ALREADY HAS UNMETERED
DRAWS FROM THE RIVER FOR AGRICULTURE AND
IT IS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO TWO OTHER BUSINESSES
— GRAVEL AND THE STORAGE BLADDERS WHICH
ALSO IMPACT THE RIVER. J.S.

ENVIRONMENT

Buy You the World

Can you guess how much the earth is worth? Recently, a team of ecologists, economists, and geographers calculated the estimated dollar value of the earth's natural services (approximately \$33 trillion annually). Try your hand at earth economics and guess how much it would cost for humans to provide these services supplied by mother nature:

1. New York City's water is purified through the soil

of the Catskills. How much would a comparable water treatment plant cost?

2. Sewage waste in Thibodaux, Louisiana, is treated in a 130

acre area of coastal wetlands. How much would a man-made treatment system cost?

3. Each year the world's forests provide numerous services, including

climate control, erosion control and recreation. How much would it cost to provide these same services if the forests didn't exist?



World Trade: Earth charges nothing for its services.

ANSWERS: 1. \$3-4 billion; 2. approximately \$2 million; 3. \$4.7 trillion

All viewpoints need to be heard

In the interest of presenting diverse viewpoints regarding the Southern Humboldt Community Park's application for a General Plan Amendment, I would like to share some observations from the comments on the Environmental Checklist that I submitted to the Humboldt County Planning Department on Oct. 5, 2010:

One of the speakers at the 9/8/10 scoping session undoubtedly expressed the feelings of many when he said, "We want a park run by the people, not by the government." Unfortunately, since the Southern Humboldt Community Park is a non-membership non-profit corporation with a self-appointed board governed by self-written by-laws, the only legally effective input community members have is through the county planning process and the state CEQA process. While the SHCP board holds public meetings from time to time, it is in no way required to consider seriously, let alone act upon, the input it receives unless that input is also part of a state or county government process.

In short, this park is not "run by the people." However flawed, government provides the only resource for persons wishing to participate meaningfully in shaping the park's future. SHCP is in exactly the same category as any other private development group, except it does not have

ing, SHCP admits they don't have a plan and don't even know how many units they will build. At a meeting with park neighbors last November board member Peter Ryce cautioned the public that the board is not sure the housing will be "affordable," although the application cites the need for affordable housing as a reason for allowing the zone change. Other SHCP directors, as well as the executive director, have frequently said that SHCP sees the housing project as a way of creating an "endowment" to keep the park financially viable in perpetuity.

It is unlikely that "affordable" housing can provide an "endowment." To generate adequate revenue, SHCP may well have to raise rents/unit prices beyond the "affordable" level. Furthermore, land for housing is already available and unused in the Redway-Garberville area (most notably approximately 200 acres along Redwood Drive that was annexed to Redway CSD in 1997 but never developed). The problem with affordable housing in this area is how to create it and keep it affordable in a depressed legal economy, not lack of sites.

Regarding events, SHCP fails to consider the fact that several other event sites are available nearby — including Benbow State Recreation Area, French's Camp, and the Dimmick Ranch, where large, multi-day events have been held successfully for years. Squabbling among local organizations is the main reason these sites are not used more often; if community groups worked together more cooper-

atively, there would be no need for an additional large event site.

Regarding athletic facilities, there is a real need for adequate facilities for youth and adult sports teams. Local school fields are too small and too few to provide enough opportunities for everyone who wants to play baseball, soccer, and basketball. Unfortunately, since the entire portion of the park that is flat enough to make ball fields feasible is also prime agricultural soil, any sizeable sports area would result in a conversion of agricultural land. Such conversion has been acknowledged as a "potentially significant impact" under CEQA, but proposed mitigation measures are either inadequate or do not actually address the problem. Some recreational facilities, such as the swimming pool, would be better sited in other locations, where infrastructure is already available.

Several people at the scoping meeting urged the community to think of Central Park in New York, Stanley Park in Vancouver BC, Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, etc. as they envision SHCP's future. In the first place, all those parks are owned and managed by municipalities with municipal resources, and whose elected officials are responsible to the people. But more importantly, we should remember that Southern Humboldt is not New York, Vancouver, or San Francisco, where people live in crowded urban conditions and look to their city park as a haven of greenery, "nature," and a rare opportunity for outdoor recreation close to their neighbor-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

11-23-2010

Friends of Park Seek Better Understanding

Dear Editor,

My response to SHCP Director Peter Ryce's letter to the editor(s) from Nov. 16:

It's time to sit down and share each other's documents in a public forum, because as you know, my documents back up all my information and all you have are words in a narrative. So let's do this, demonstrate to people in this community that you can back up on paper what you say in public. Can you do that?

You could start by posting the 2008 and 2009 SHCP 990 tax returns on the Park's website. Also put your River Parkways and State Parks Prop. 84 Grant applications on the SHCP website or the library. What risk would there be in that?

How about this, we could debate this on Monday Morning Magazine, or some other KMUD talk show since you have not wanted to have a town hall type meeting/debate open to the public. We could call it "Show Me the Money." If everything you have stated in the newspapers (Nov. 16) is just that, a documented fact, there should be no problem. What do you say?

Thank you again for keeping our concerns fresh, open and alive. We are Friends and Neighbors of the Southern Humboldt Community Park and Tooby Memorial Park and would like to thank you for this opportunity to work toward a better and open understanding of the park board. Let's hope this will bring us closer together as neighbors and a community to resolve these differences.

FYI: My donation offer still stands for installation of two tournament style horseshoe pits at Tooby Memorial Park (at NO cost to SHCP) and a large number of auction items for SHCP fundraisers. You should still have what I submitted to the park board from last year and this year.

Thanks again,

Ed Voice and Voice family

Neighboring home and property owner since 1966

Garberville/Vallejo

11-23-2010

Community Should Be Involved in Growth Plans

Dear Editor,

I have been hearing complaints from some friends in Garberville about the more than doubling of their GSD

sors.

Another troubling aspect is that these five un-elected board members wish to expand the SOI to include the last remaining agricultural land in our area. This is to enable speculative development that will lead to urban sprawl. Although the GSD claims the proposed expansion is not for development, I question this claim. I also question how an un-elected board is granted the power by our Board of Supervisors over this huge part of our county and the already "fully allocated" South Fork of the Eel River.

There has to be a way to include the whole community in decision-making regarding the growth plans of our community. There is no water for large developments for this new SOI.

The GDS plan will create serious problems for downstream users, which includes fish and wildlife. Requesting information from the GSD board president has proven to be a task. He tells me that his business and professional life is consuming all of his time and he will respond soon, but it has been more than five weeks now.

I am hoping this letter will speed up his response to my questions. On a different but related issue regarding Peter Ryce's letter last week, has he looked at the map? Not only is the park board's proposed housing development site on prime agricultural land, it is also a protected wetland area.

The GSD meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 5 p.m. That's tonight, see you there.

Don "Frenchy" Courtemanche
Garberville

11-23-2010

SHCP, EPIC-related Letters Found Irsome

Dear Editor,

There were two letters in last week's issue that I found offensive enough to want to respond. The first letter was by Solum Community Park Board member Peter Ryce who wrote a long letter lambasting Ed Voice and Don Courtemanche for criticizing way the SHCP Board has gone about their business. As most anyone who has followed the discussions on the Community Park over the years it is still highly apparent there are at least two sets of values in collision, one, the privatization of a community funded enterprise that seems to be thoroughly in the control of essentially two businessmen through their hand-picked board, and the other, people living in

led to such eco-disasters as the Mattole drying up and several severe diesel fuel spills polluting Solum creeks. Who knows how many springs and creek headwaters have been diverted into holding tanks for pot gardens and households, leaving wildlife devoid of critical dry season water sources. It's plain to see by Sutherland's praising another EPIC activist for his "noble works" that these guys are looking for historic fame as anti-corporate activists more than as activists actually protecting the environment.

Stephen Lewis
Rio Dell

LETTERS TO THE

11-11-2016

Health of River Important For More Than Just Cash

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Dear Editor,

Does any member of the Humboldt County Planning Commission realize that we are and have been and likely will be in a drought? Those of us who happen to live near the water are acutely aware that we are because we can see how shallow the tributary is and the affects the drought has had on the wildlife that has for centuries depended on the flow of water. Nowadays we seldom if ever swim in the water and we know not to let our dogs run free anywhere near the toxic algae infested water because it will kill them. Despite that the planning commissioners are apparently bending over and allowing proven scofflaws to pump water that would otherwise flow into the river in order to extract it for profit and truck it to dope growers in the hills. The seven bladders that will furnish millions of gallons of whatever rain that falls this season are lying in a meadow waiting to be filled with nature's source of life so that already wealthy individuals can increase their bounty of cold hard cash.

Frogs, fish, egrets, otters and other living things be damned! Money rules our lives. This money will not provide our children and grandchildren with anything close to the quality of life that people who lived here in all of the decades or

like to thank you for this opportunity to work toward a better and open understanding of the park board. Let's hope this will bring us closer together as neighbors and a community to resolve these differences.

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Community Should Be In Involved in Growth Plans

Dear Editor,

I have been hearing complaints from some friends in Garberville about the more than doubling of their GSD bills in the last couple of years. This is due in part to the Garberville Sanitary District Board's priorities. Rather than upgrading the old infrastructure (leaky old lead-jointed pipes and asbestos cement pipes) for their existing customers in town, the GSD board has decided to more than double their yearly capacity for water treatment and sewer. Most of this new capacity is slated to be used in their new "Sphere of Influence." This area is outside of the GSD current service district. The Garberville ratepayers are paying for this new development up front. Did the Garberville ratepayers approve this increase? Or even know about it?

A GSD ad hoc committee that has been formed to revise the Sphere of Influence includes members of the GSD board and the SHCP board. This process will add about 2,500 acres for future development if and when the sewer and new water mains are extended. Some of this area is already served by de facto water service extensions (the SHCP is one of these). The GSD board has big plans already in the works. One plan is to expand water service to the SHCP from the proposed water treatment plant.

I find it ironic is that three of the current GSD board members reside outside of the GSD service district, and that board members are selected by the sitting GSD board members for appointment by the Board of Supervi-

23 at 3 p.m. That's tonight, see you there.

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The second offensive letter was Robert Sutherland's bragging about EPIC's work as a lawsuit organization. Since Sutherland boasts of his role I will too and point out that I started criticizing EPIC 20 years ago for its token addressing of the most critical environmental problem in Humboldt County, which was the degradation of Sollum creeks and streams caused by virtually unregulated homestead development. It was due to headline hunting and courtroom battles of organizations like EPIC and Earth First that almost all environmental protection energy in Humboldt County for nearly 20 years was focused on corporate targets as the only bad guys. This naturally led to homesteaders financially supporting these organizations into thinking of themselves as the "good guys" because EPIC and other enviro orgs never told them otherwise until it was too late. This pass given to homesteaders has

has for centuries depended on the flow of water. Nowadays we seldom if ever swim in the water and we know not to let our dogs run free anywhere near the toxic algae infested water because it will kill them. Despite that the planning commissioners are apparently bending over and allowing proven scowflaws to pump water that would otherwise flow into the river in order to extract it for profit and truck it to dope growers in the hills. The seven bladders that will furnish millions of gallons of whatever rain that falls this season are lying in a meadow waiting to be filled with nature's source of life so that already wealthy individuals can increase their bounty of cold hard cash.

Frogs, fish, egrets, otters and other living things be damned! Money rules our lives. This money will not provide our children and grandchildren with anything close to the quality of life that people who lived here in all of the decades or centuries previous to this had. It's just cash. Apparently it's enough cash to mitigate the consciences of these commission members and the members of the board of supervisors who stand ready to allow the rape of the land to continue. This is intolerable. I urge all residents, not just of the Sprowel Creek and Kimtu area but of the entire county to stop this however we can. When these same people were pumping water directly out of the river last year, some residents reported it to Fish and Game and the state water quality people. The extractors were not punished in any way but only ordered to stop. Really? Can't we do more?

Water is life. I heard one commissioner say that he supported the project because he came to understand that if the growers don't get the water this way they will find another way. That's really lame. Let's get a spine.

Jerry Latsko
Garberville

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

June 28, 2016

Park Property Should Remain Zoned As It Is

Dear Editor,

The proposal to rezone the private property called the Southern Humboldt Community Park must be denied as it would have permanent, devastating effects on all living things in our community, including people.

Developing land for real estate interests in this time of almost certain permanent drought conditions is the total opposite of what we should be doing. The harmful effects of the proposal if permitted would last forever and make Humboldt County a less attractive place for tourists to visit as well as for residents to live in. The owners want to have 800 people per day visiting the park and would establish parking space for 850 vehicles. All by itself this proposal will create problems along Sprowel Creek Road and Kimtu Road, which are narrow two-lane country roads more suited to horses and buggies and already challenged by cement and gravel trucks as well as the daredevil drivers of big pickup trucks. As one who walks this road frequently I would not welcome the invasion of huge numbers of vehicles and neither would the wildlife, save for the turkey vultures.

The sports fields proposed might look good on paper but are essentially a disaster. No one likes sports, especially youth sports, more than I do but the scope of what is proposed by park owners is preposterous to say the least. Two baseball fields, a soccer field, and a football field with no restrictions on use will require 2-3 million gallons of water monthly. That will be both insult and injury to the river and to all sentient beings in the area. It's a shaky idea anyway because there are already enough playing fields in Southern Humboldt that the same handful of people struggle to maintain.

Who will maintain the mostly unused fields? The proposal doesn't say but I'd be willing to bet that they will lay dormant before long as a memorial to wasteful thinking. I suspect that what the park owners really desire is a lot of water at their disposal for other reasons such as overpopulated "events." And how will the water be treated if it is to be available to drink?

The proposal has another ludicrous idea — camping. The owners want two acres rezoned just for this and they want it to be available all year, 24 hours a day, seven days per week. Who will provide security and fire protection? The proposal doesn't say. I wonder how the sheriff's office and the California Highway Patrol will feel about all of this.

The building and paving and lighting along with the requested five music festivals for 2,000 people and one festival for 4,000 people lasting two days will make for non-beneficial water wasting, hellish traffic that will thwart emergency vehicles when needed, noise pollution day and night, and light pollution that will affect owls, foxes, humans, bears, and many other innocent victims of thoughtlessness.

Worse, even though the rezoning would take place, the park owners have not relinquished their right to develop further in the future.

This property should remain zoned the way it is now. The owners argue that it was purchased in order to be preserved. That is very far away from the proposal as it stands. Another reason for us all to be opposed is that the park has a board of directors appointed by and responsible to only the owners and that the board is not responsive to the public in any way unless they are being offered money. It's not a "community" park at all.

Thank you,
Jerry Latsko
Garberville

Comments Offered On Community Park DEIR

Dear Editor,

(Open letter to the Garberville Sanitary District Board of Directors dated June 18)

Enclosed is a copy of my comments to the county on the Community Park DEIR.

The Community Park will never have enough potable water unless they utilize their large well which is located in the Tooby Memorial Park. I mean they need to use that well to distribute water to the whole property. The Memorial Park well has an 8-inch steel casing, approximately 65 feet deep and is probably pulling water from depths below your municipal intake. A sanitary well (no water treatment is needed), it has been providing potable water for at least 50 years. There is antidotal evidence that this well may have provided all the water for the ranch sometime in the past.

Secondly, the north end of the Community Park has large areas of wetland soils which do not percolate well.

This entire area of the park drains to the seasonal stream which flows to the river within the Memorial Park a short distance upstream of your fresh water intake. The NRCSS soil scientists who conducted the most recent soil survey told me in private conversation that it was doubtful the septic systems for the ranch house would meet modern standards. The park proposes to install two public bathrooms with new leach fields in this area. There could be an issue of septic contamination of your fresh water intake and I believe it would be irresponsible if your district does not look at this issue very, very carefully.

Were it for me to decide, like

washing hands after using the bathroom, prudence and common decency dictate that new leach fields should not be located in this area. Vault toilets such as are found in many public parks have been mentioned but are more costly to construct than leach fields.

There were other ways to approach this project. A simpler approach might have been approved with a mitigated negative declaration. The Community Park has gone the route of an expensive EIR. They painted themselves into this corner.

Thank you.
John LaBoyteaux
Redorest

To: George Williamson, staff and commissioners. Humboldt Local Agency Formation
Commission 1125 16th Street, Suite 202, Arcata, CA 95521.

Re: Garberville Sanitary District Proposal for a single out-of-agency water service connection to
the Southern Humboldt Community Park (SHCP).

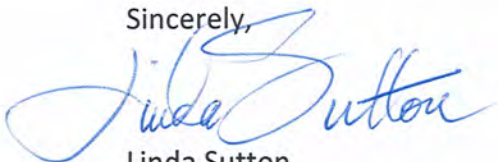
This proposal sounds like an informal and piecemeal substitute for annexation that
seeks to avoid scrutiny, CEQA and a formal annexation process that would provide information
about the many questions and considerations regarding water and wastewater for now and in
the future for the huge entire park. Please support the normal policy of annexation.

Picking up plastic water bottles is not the issue here. The issue is opening the door to
quick development in the SHCP which is now zoned for heavy impact public facilities.

As a longtime resident in Redway downstream from the SHCP, I protest the inadequate
plan for water ^{for} the SHCP for its huge non-sustainable and non-essential commercial
development in this very rural area that has limited resources and infrastructure to
accommodate a private non-profit entity with a self-appointed board that to date is not
transparent nor accountable to this community.

Annexation is the correct way to go.

Sincerely,



Linda Sutton

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P.S. There have been some excellent letters of comment regarding the SHCP over the past 14
years along with letters to the editor. Three pages of letters are attached. Also I'm sending my
two previous letters.

TO: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, March 28, 2017

Good Morning.

I'm Linda Sutton. I'm here as a resident and property owner in Redway. As you may know, many people in Southern Humboldt support the IDEA of a Community Park, a park that is public, serves local residents and has a low impact on the neighborhood. But this is not what is in this plan. This plan is huge with enormous impacts on the local habitat.

I'm concerned about all the projects the Southern Humboldt Community Park is proposing for this rural area and all the demands the Park is making from Humboldt County on the basis of an incomplete Draft Environmental Impact Report and Final EIR. These reports have not been vetted nor understood by local communities, particularly Redway and Garberville who rely on the South Fork of the Eel River for water. This river is already impaired by human activity and acutely in need of restoration and protection.

In the past 15 years, the wish list for the Park has grown but has failed to articulate management plans for all the mitigations that are needed to meet the problems and needs created by the Park plan such as:

1. THE LACK OF WATER SECURITY- There are significant water shortages in summer months that require all residents to conserve. Several years ago when Redway CSD had mandatory water conservation the soccer field @ Redway School, because it was a high water user, died, and a great deal of time and money was lost. Extremes in weather patterns and years of drought conditions make it imperative to evaluate water usage in terms of whether it is ESSENTIAL & SUSTAINABLE. Sports fields are high water users as are large public events that need water and sewage- neither are essential or sustainable. Water issues cannot be mitigated.

2. THE LACK of a SAFE and ADEQUATE ENTRY ROAD and the fact that there is NO ALTERNATE ROAD to and from the Park is particularly relevant and cannot be mitigated. High traffic for park events impacts residents on Sprowel Creek and Kimtu Roads.

To 1 or 2.

3. THE LOSS OF TRADITIONAL OPEN SPACE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES and HABITAT for local residents. These already exist and define this area from birding, hiking, picnicking and family activities.

4. THE LOSS OF SERENITY in the neighborhood from the amplified music which can travel for several miles. Over 600 people signed petitions opposing AMPLIFIED MUSIC at the Park over the past several years.

5. THE LOSS & DEGRADATION of PRIME AGRICULTURAL LAND which the state supports saving and preserving.

6. A LIMITED PUBLIC SAFETY staff such as Sheriff, CHP, public works, planning and building who are stretched far too thin now.

For many years my family and I have supported public non-profit corporations that serve the public interest in a transparent and accountable manner. An example was Southern Humboldt Working Together which held public meetings at various times and locations to form the SH hospital district.

As a non-membership, private, non-profit corporation, the SH community Park does not have this transparency. This has led to a Park plan and EIR that is very controversial. It has divided past and present residents in the area. People who have brought up legitimate questions and concerns have been bullied, vilified and threatened.

I oppose this Rezone and the "discretionary entitlements" requested by the Park because the Park is a private non-profit corporation that has no accountability to the local community and no oversight in the future by this community. How can we justify these giveaways to a non accountable private non profit corporation? I believe this will set a precedent that will create problems and liabilities in the future for Humboldt County. We cannot afford this.

Thank you for your attention.

Jude Sutton
PO Box 631
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FOR THE PLANNING Commission Meeting
JAN. 5, 2017, Eureka, CA

I'm Linda Sutton. I'm here tonight as a resident and property owner in lower Redway.

Several descriptive words come to mind when talking about this DEIR & FINAL DEIR for the SH Comm Park
such as

CONFUSING: There are approximately 1400 pages in the DEIR including the various appendices on a CD. Next are the 170 pages with the final DEIR. The staff report from Planning is another 100 pages. Obviously, reading that many pages within short deadlines on a computer is virtually impossible. Obtaining paper copies was a real challenge in time and money. So it seems the DEIRS and additional documents are not meant to be read and discussed publicly. I found the letters from local residents and other interested parties commenting on the Notices of Preparation in 2010 and 2016 very articulate and informational reading but these letters do not seem to be in your packets. More confusion.

CONTROVERSIAL is another word that seems applicable here. Some of the proposed projects are highly controversial such as the amplified music, private events for large groups of people that disrupt traffic on local roads and that disturb this sensitive, rural neighborhood. Higher up the list of controversies is the rezone which appears to dedicate public resources such as sheriff, highway patrol, county public works, county planning and building to a private corporation which has no accountability to this community. The most controversial issue is water usage for non-essential needs. As many local residents learn more about the impaired status of the South Fork of the Eel River and seriously work on conserving daily water usage for 4 months of the year, it is imperative for the county to support equitable water usage for everyone in Southern Humboldt and to understand water in terms of what is essential and sustainable and to support restoration of the South Fork of the Eel River.

In the 70's, Southern Humboldt Working Together, a local ^{Public} non-profit, would sponsor a Community Congress which would bring together local residents to discuss local issues with county department heads from northern Humboldt and to prioritize solutions. It was a great way to understand the issues and to have a say.

Please adopt a no project alternative.

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