

To: Planning Director and Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
From: Stephen Sungnome Madrone, Parcel #515-291-12
Date: 6-30-17
RE: Public Comment on Draft EIR on GPU

Dear Director, Chair and members of the Board:

I have several comments.

The county has illegally recommended a GP Designation of RA 5-20 for parcels 515-291-047, 515-291-048, 515-291-049, and 515-291-050. The zoning for these parcels is 20 acre AE. The current GP designation is 1 acre dispersed housing, but that is old and from the 1970's. The new recommendation from the Planning Commission in 2014 was 20-acre minimums but the Board of Supervisors changed this at its June 25th, 2015 public hearing.

This public hearing notified parcel owners of any changes proposed for their zoning and it gave adjacent parcel owners a chance to offer public comment. What the public was not notified of was the fact that at this June 25th hearing changes were made in the GP Designation for these 4 parcels listed above.

Without any public notice of a possible change, The Board of Supervisors (BOS) agreed to re-designate these parcels as 5-20 acre minimums. There was opposition to this from the City of Trinidad, and several local residents, but the BOS overruled that input from a Referral Agency (the City). When the BOS Chair asked the County Planner why the Planning Commission had recommended such low densities, the planner said it was because of water supply and fisheries issues and that "there were no overriding considerations for recommending higher densities". The BOS then proceeded to approve higher densities simply by asking the BOS rep from that district what his preference was. Supervisor Sundberg recommended higher densities without stating any "overriding considerations". This is illegal and a violation of CEQA.

The EIR should stay with the earlier planning commission recommendation of 20-80 acre minimums. The reasons for this are well documented in the files for the subdivision of these parcels as part of the Moss Minor Subdivision.

Please change these designations.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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