

October 27, 2014

Rex Bohn, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Subject: Jacobs Avenue Levee Evaluation Project

Dear Chair Bohn:

The business owners along Jacobs Avenue recognize the importance of the Jacobs Avenue Levee for protecting our respective properties and businesses from flooding. This levee is unique because each landowner owns their adjacent portion of the levee, but no single entity has overall responsibility. In 2011, the majority of business owners voluntarily contributed funds into an account held at the Eureka Chamber of Commerce to be used for collaboration with Humboldt County and the City of Eureka on levee issues. The current balance in the levee account is \$13,600.

On November 4, 2014, the Board of Supervisors will consider sponsoring an engineering evaluation of the levee. This study would be funded in part by a \$81,000 grant from the state Department of Water Resources, but requires a local cost-share. The purpose of this letter is to express, on behalf of the contributing business owners, our intent to contribute \$8,000 as a share of the costs for the proposed study. We understand that the County and City will also be contributing \$8,000 each and that Caltrans will be performing laboratory testing at no cost to support the study.

We encourage the Board of Supervisors to sponsor this engineering evaluation which will provide important information about the strength and integrity of the levee, to help understand flood risk and potential needs for improvements or upgrades.

We appreciate the opportunity to work together with local government to address this important infrastructure.

Sincerely,



Rick Fox
Johns Used Cars & Wreckers