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To: Sundberg, Ryan
Subject: Community Choice Aggregation

Ryan,

In advance of the meeting next week when the Board of Supervisors will discuss Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), I want to express my support of CCA. CCA provides the most feasible way to support Biomass energy in Humboldt County.

As the Mid Klamath Watershed Council and the multi-stakeholder Western Klamath Restoration Partnership (WKRP) scale up forestry restoration efforts in the Klamath Mountains, biomass energy provides an outlet for a portion of the trees and shrubs that would otherwise be burned on site. Burning materials on site is already the only feasible treatment on so much of our 1.2 million acre planning area because the ground is so steep. Without a biomass market on the coast, it is likely that this will be the only option and will result in much higher greenhouse gas emissions. Biomass energy is also consistent with the WKRP value of sustainable local economies. We are working hard to revitalize our forest industry and biomass energy creates far more local jobs than energy imports or other renewable energy sources such as solar and wind.

On another note, I also think that CCA will result in lower rates for individuals like myself and I'm certainly not opposed to keeping those dollars in the community.

Thank you for your consideration,

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