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Commission,

I have sent many comments. This is to emphasize one of my main points that the MND is being misused. The county is being sued by multiple environmental organizations because many of the MND's used to justify projects are inadequate and a full EIR must be required. A mitigated negative declaration (MND) is a negative declaration (ND) that incorporates revisions (mitigation measures) in the proposed project that will avoid or mitigate impacts to a point where clearly no significant impacts on the environment would occur.

The purpose of this MND is to raise a noise limit and allow greater impact. Raising the noise limit does not reduce the impact that is required for an MND and hay bales will not cut it. If approved this permit will be used as a shining example of the county's general abuse of the Mitigated Negative Declaration option. If approved I will appeal based on the Humboldt County Planning Commissions abuse of discretion. The county has a pattern of approving projects with significant environmental impact and requiring indemnifications as a condition of approval. This is a blatant circumvention of CEQA that cannot be tolerated.

The hearing for this project gives the county the opportunity to do the right thing and deny the modification. The planning commission should recognize the legal risk and explain to the HCFA that there is no path forward. The previous decision approving the project is invalid and motorsports will not be allowed. Do not just pass this on to the Board of Supervisors for a rubber stamp. That nonsense won't be tolerated again. The planning commission should understand that their decision will impact the current cases with the other environmental groups. To summarize- Approving the modification would be really really stupid.

If I am ignored once again, then know that, I appreciate this new opportunity to take legal action against all involved parties. I am waiting for you in the political/legal arena and my patience is completely exhausted.

Sincerely,
Arne R.W. Petersen