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Subject: Eubanks Farms, LLC; PLN 12443-CUP; meeting date March 17, 2022
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Dear Planning Commissioners:

I request that you consider the following information and not approve the above request for a conditional use permit. I have been a resident of this watershed for over forty years, and this past year is the first time I have seen the Eubanks Creek go dry in the summer. This watershed was historically one of the most productive of salmonids in the entire Mattole. An Indian village once set at its headwaters and took advantage of this great resource. No longer is this the case, as multiple factors have resulted in the demise of these once abundant fish runs. Now conditions are so severe that only by taking actions to help reverse current conditions will this watershed ever recover its potential to again support a sustainable set of conditions that will allow the fish runs to return. There are already numerous pot farms in the Eubanks, many with unpermitted wells and illegal stream diversions, such that recover of natural stream flows will never return without our intervention. Now we are in a mega drought such has not been seen in California or the greater west in 1200 years. Please consider these facts, and decline to approve any more withdrawal of natural waters from the Eubanks for whatever reason. Thank you for the fish and aquatic life.

Respectfully,

Hartwell Welsh, Ph.D.; research wildlife biologist and Eubanks resident

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