

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
October 21, 2014

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(Public Appearances – 1:30pm)

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After sending a lot of my thoughts to media, public agencies, and many others
for years,

I have come to the conclusion

The SPIRIT of '76 is DEAD

This spirit was shown by revolutionaries during the revolutionary war
(Involving Valley Forge and other endured hardships)

Shown by Davy Crocket
(Who resigned from Congress and was killed at the Alamo)

I see some experienced field professionals and rural folks feeling this spirit,
But
As I have done in the past,
There are few showing the same guts as the revolutionaries and Davy Crocket

Majority of busy, working, taxpaying, low to middle income folks
lacking ability to use electronic hi-tech communication
are forced to do many unproven speculated things that adversely affect them.

Sadly, the miracle revolutionaries and Davy Crocket caused to happen has been replaced by a
democratic voting minority routinely swayed by slant, media, special interests, layman,
unknowledgeable, inexperienced, poll driven, protectionist, compromise, protectionism, politically
correct thinking, and special interests routinely controlled by those in power like politicians,
lawyers, and an unaccountable Fourth Branch of Government.

REST IN PEACE RURAL AMERICA

After seventy years of living as a working, taxpaying, family, low to middle income person
overcoming many hard hurdles in the real world, I can tell a lot more.
If you are interested, give me a call

With a politician here, politician there, and a politician everywhere
With a lawyer here, a lawyer there, and a lawyer everywhere
With unaccountable Fourth Branch of Government here, Fourth Branch of Government there, and
Fourth Branch of Government everywhere

Amateur Night is in Play

Where are the qualified field experienced people
Who know about solving the problems affecting many species and all of us?
(Ranchers, farmers, fishermen, social issues, war, foresters, and on and on and on)

Where is the person on this team who can explain
All the sophisticated terms being thrown around
To the average majority of the population
(Which consists of taxpaying family working, low to middle income folks)
(Which are too busy or unable to play the hi-tech electronic game)

As a problem solver living in a make-believe world full of B.S., I am frustrated.
I feel like a bunch of amateurs are in control of my life

When I was a lead supervisor
handling many, many employees and contractors
and handling many, many issues involving many, many timberland acres,
I surrounded myself with those who had knowledge
about my areas of responsibility and what I needed to know
I listened to what they had to say.

I wanted to find weaknesses in my positions,
to find where my positions failed and needed strengthening,
and to find where my position was wrong and needed to be abandoned.

I appreciated re-buttal in any form
which helped me learn
where I was right or wrong.

Sadly, I do not see those in power doing the same

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Problems in Rural America

Fish coming back in watersheds labeled devastated

(In drought year)

(While dams still in place and dammed water is said needed for fish)

Protectionism all over the place

Causing loss of food and habitats for spotted owls and many species

Increasing fire fuels and uncontrollable fire

Unproven speculation causing duplication of regulatory restraints and hurting rural economies

(Especially private ownership and timber economies)

Inexperienced and unknowledgeable democratic voting minority in populous areas

Controls lower rural populations

And on and on and on

Those in power say what??????

Rural problems are small potatoes compared to world problems

Ebola

Asis

Ukraine

Open Borders

Benghazii

Fast and Furious

IRS Targeting Conservatives

Limp Economy

Wild Stock Market

High taxes, overpaid public officials in upper one percent, duplicated regulations, unaccountable Fourth Branch of Government

Pushing deep and dark and other thinking places many species and humans in a world that is burning-up and prevents production of needed things needed to allow us to preserve special places and things. A poor women has to buy lower costing imported shoes because domestically produced shoes cost too much. The last preserve in India has tree limbs cut down to feed starving elephants. Driftwood on country's beaches can remain in place because needed wood is produced elsewhere. Bigger trees can yield wanted products, but as in redwood, creation of pricy products bought by the rich and wealthy allows substitute products to gain market share while hurting rural redwood areas.

And on and on and on

Elected rural leaders say they can do nothing

Phooey !!!

Life's Tough

My Word

A view from Cutten: Too many people really don't get it

By Charles L. Ciancio

I see presidents, leaders, media and many others not getting it.

I see state of Jefferson, Northern California, and even Scotland rural-area problems like in Humboldt County considered to be small and lost in all the ongoing worldwide messes.

I see from attending a lot of meetings that media and many local leaders, groups and people do not understand what drives the economics in rural areas like Humboldt County. Humboldt County's real numbers show half or more of the economy supported by taxpayer dollars. By far the largest private dollars come from timber, distant private dollars come from ranchers, farmers, fisheries and other natural resource product producers,

and some economic contribution comes from tourism.

I see hard-working rural folks having made Humboldt County and other rural areas the way they are (open space, nice place to visit and retire, a place to produce needed resource products), but I see all this changing as working, taxpaying, low- to middle-income folks and families along with private producers of natural resource products are eliminated by not being given the opportunity; or, for many reasons, not participating in polling, meetings and high-tech distribution of information.

I see getting re-elected involves attendance at a lot of meetings and get-togethers where a lot of well-to-do folks with money and free time gather to shoot the bull.

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nority routinely swayed by slant, media, special interests, laymen, lack of knowledge, inexperience, compromise, protectionism, politically correct thinking and special interests routinely controlled by those in power like politicians, lawyers and an unaccountable fourth branch of government.

I see local leaders not really knowing what a qualified field-experienced person utilizing historically proven and real-world, peer-reviewed science and citing specific facts with a little logic and common sense thrown in looks like. I hear of few to no meetings or phone calls with lower-level qualified field-experienced people, like forepersons, those who work for a living and qualified, experienced people with dirt under their fingernails like ol' Chuck happening.

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county's beaches as needed natural resource products are reduced, and more poor folks buying cheaper, imported shoes. I see an unnamed local project controlled by inexperience ending badly.

I am not alone seeing working, taxpaying, low- to middle-income, qualified field-experienced people with dirt under their fingernails being ignored, which has me believing many species and humans in Humboldt County are in for a helluva downhill ride.

Is this the way it will forever be, and our created make-believe world will not change? Away we go, not knowing where we go, and having no choice but to go along for the ride.

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Date: 10/21/14

To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and others

Subject: Learning Moment

I was asked what can a rural area county board of supervisors do in handling rural area problems. I present the following list showing a lot of things that can be done.

1. A listing of things regarding TPZ that can be done in California accompanies this listing. With TPZ tax changes being a small player in timbered rural area budgets while having a major impact on rural areas, it is sad this issue is not more fully understood by rural area representatives. No-growth and those against developing rural areas are shooting themselves in the foot by not promoting more TPZ which in turn pushes private landowners to not sell to developers. Allotted three minutes does not give me enough time to explain what I have learned going on fifty years dealing with this issue. It is sad rural area representatives do not do their homework which I could gladly make more understandable.
2. County General Plans are making it tough for landowners to hang-onto land used for the full and proper use of natural resources. Without getting into what is lost by having conservation easements and having nontaxable sales to governmental agencies, many large and small landowners are being forced to sell out often to developers and to move their operations out of California.
3. Duplication of regulations regarding full and proper use of natural resources is all over the place. Why don't General Plans simply say "County requires all state and federal regulations to be applied and fulfilled"; or, if appropriate, list the regulatory authority or authorities the county wants to be applied? Trying to re-write laws and duplicating laws especially in rural areas just creates confusion, conflicts, extra cost for permittees, and requires county costs to go up paying to have qualified enforcement folks on staff. Accompanying this write-up is a simple listing of all that is involved in cutting a tree in rural Humboldt County, and if this does not raise some questions, the reviewer is obviously not knowledgeable about the real world.
4. Without returning to the heydays, elected rural leaders could raise all kinds of tax revenues by helping an economy utilize "full and proper use of all natural resources" which does not adversely affect many species and human health and safety. If rural leaders do not see the obvious tax revenue potential in "full and proper use of natural resources", then these leaders are obviously not surrounding themselves with qualified experienced field professionals.
5. There is more, but when no one is seriously on the receiving end, it becomes obvious especially to field experienced people that time and effort is wasted trying to let some real world light into decision processes. In a society run by simple democratic vote, as is illustrated in the State of Jefferson discussion, by having a small number of representatives north of Sacramento for rural areas in California, who have to fight many, many representatives south of Sacramento, and having board of supervisors in agreement with letting rural Humboldt be represented by more populous areas in the county and in areas to the south, California's Rural America is simply run by California's democratic majority in the populated areas which are not made-up of folks not experienced and knowledgeable in the rural way of life.

A miracle happened when a few good experienced men fought the revolutionary war while many well connected folks sat back and didn't help.

Now, thinking based on special interests, layman, unknowledgeable, inexperienced, poll driven, protectionist, compromise, protectionism, politically correctness, and unproven speculation has voting minority, politicians, lawyers, media, and an unaccountable Fourth Branch of Government taking the miracle away.

I see an uninformed inexperienced participating electorate misusing a democracy, and in a democratic **REPUBLIC**, an inexperienced and uninformed electorate is the pits.

I think more support from rural county board of supervisors, for real world truths involving full and proper use of natural resources, more use of qualified field professionals utilizing historically proven and real world peer reviewed science and site specific facts with a little logic and common sense thrown-in, and more listening to average working taxpaying family low to middle income folks too busy living their lives to have the ability to adequately use and understand Hi-tech and other information thrown their way, would go a long way towards solving rural area problems and preserving a democratic **REPUBLIC**.

Open-minds using truths provide better solutions, and as a problem solver living in a make-believe world full of B.S., I am frustrated. As a lead person, I surrounded myself with those who had knowledge of whatever I needed to know; and I listened to what they had to say. I like to find weaknesses in my position and to find where my position fails and needs strengthening; or, to find where my position is wrong and needs to be abandoned. I appreciate re-buttal in any form as this helps me learn where I am right or wrong. Seeing little to no re-buttal has me thinking I am right.

I guess that's the way it is. Governmental waste and overpaid folks will remain in play. President and other so-called leaders will ignore rural area problems, and rural county supervisors and voting minorities will push democratic and high tax agendas. Majority of busy, working, taxpaying, low to middle income folks lacking ability to use electronic hi-tech communication will be forced to do many things that adversely affect them. Lower income taxpayers will continue to struggle while many will use undeserved taxpayer money.

Oh well, if current mixture of ignorance, stupidity, and stubbornness is the best that can be done, older, experienced problem solvers will be driven nuts, and many species and rural folks face a world of hurt.

Say-la-vee said the old folks, and away we go.

Respectfully



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WHAT AM I MISSING????

Going on eight years of reviewing the Timber Production (TPZ) Issue finds the following
California Board of Forestry Recommends All Timberland be in TPZ
Originally Assessor placed TPZ on timberland down to one acre
Board of Equalization Says County controls TPZ acreage size
Potentially an estimated 300,00 Non-TPZ county timberland acres could be put into TPZ

After a parcel size is established
(Based on legal process and meeting all county requirements for homes)

Voluntarily

Movement into TPZ restricting development does a lot of good
And

Gives many what they want

More open space pushed by enviros and protectionists
More food, habitats, and diversity for spotted owls and many other plants and critters
Increased full and proper use of natural resources on Private timberlands
(Avoid reduced use and less tax revenues from conservation easements and Public Trust timberland ownerships)
More ability for homes for those who can afford homes
(Without income from the land)
More affordable housing for county low and middle income folks
(As verified by 2000 census)
Less shared county tax costs for sewer, water, sheriff, security, and fire
Better control of fire
Residential use taxed same in and out of TPZ
Less neighbor nuisance problems
Better ability for families to stay on the land together
Less harvest conflicts, costs, and complications
More trees on the land available to local timber industry
More trees and more carbon sequestration

What the hell am I missing?

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Date: 10/15/14

To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and other recipients

Subject: Continuing with what I know about "Cutting A Tree" and using other natural resources in Humboldt County.

You need to keep in mind the list I have already provided of groups involved in approving a permit to cut a tree in Humboldt County. It is easy to understand why cutting a tree in Humboldt County is not for the faint of heart.

I have worked with some honest and factual regulatory folks, but the real world handling of permit approval involves not getting cross-way with regulatory people in an unaccountable Fourth Branch of Government. When a client needs a permit, I capitulate and am a nice teddy bear. When the ability to confront wrong doing occurs, I have done a lot by simply making regulators put in writing what they think. Proving-up can be a bitch for all involved when you are going against truths, and you have to be accountable. Having participated in appeals and many legalese situations, I know how to make regulators accountable, but it is rare that you have the time and money to make the right things occur for many species and humans.

With 80% of the wood used in California coming from out of the state and private lands excluding Forest Service and other Public Trust growing enough wood for California's needs, letting deep and dark protectionism uncontrollably burn up houses and hurt and kill species and humans is not a good thing for Humboldt County and California. There needs to be more concern for how Humboldt County is being affected by the lack of full and proper use of the timber resource in the county.

When you add farming, ranching, fishing, and water storage to the list of natural resource production in Humboldt County, you are ill-advised to not talk to experienced field professionals about what is happening. Tourism is touted as a big deal, but the total economic contribution of producers of natural resource products is an even bigger deal. Misdemeanor penalties are in play, what conservation easements are going to do is not fully understood, how full and proper use of natural resources can offset impacts of legalizing marijuana is not fully considered, and taxing and maintaining private ownership of rural lands and dependence on taxpayer money issues are not given adequate consideration.

It is sad what is known is routinely ignored, and it is more important to know those agreeing with the media, polls, compromise, getting along, political correctness, and special interest thinking B.S.

Yours,



Respectfully,

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To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and other recipients

Subject: Telling what I believe and telling what it takes to cut a tree in Humboldt County

I know you do not want to get into a tit for tat discussion at public meetings; so, I will tell you what I believe during my three minute public comment bites.

I believe you are not taking the time to meet and talk with me and other experienced professionals. This demonstrates to me most of the information you use to make decisions is not coming from experienced and knowledgeable folks, and your decisions are not made based on the real world and historically proven and real world peer reviewed science and site specific facts with a little logic and common sense thrown-in.

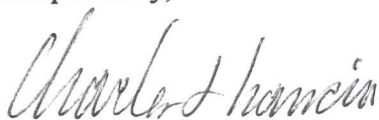
I see a lot of decisions made based on political posturing, use of slow, often wrong legalese, what an unaccountable Fourth Branch of Government thinks, and slant from the media, polls, compromise, getting along, political correctness, and special interest thinking. I see a lot of democratic minority opinion in play.

Without focusing on purposeful, illegal actions, I see lack of field experience leading to unintended interpretations and actions that result in uncontrolled fire and injury and death to many species and humans.

From attending a lot of Humboldt County meetings and participating in a lot of tree cutting permit processes, I know folks do not really know **what is involved in legally cutting a tree in Humboldt County.**

As I write in my book "Rest In Peace Rural America", getting through permit written regulations is a chore and involves many regulations put in place by many entities. Depending on your neighbor and what protectionist groups get involved, the potential for many approval groups to get involved is real and can involve City Governments, County Governments (building, grading, and wood use permits), maybe Special Districts, Park, Wilderness, and other Public Trust land set-aside agencies, California Department of Forestry (CDF), Water Quality (WQ), California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) (Coho harvest permits, stream crossing permits, and species protection), Federal Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) (Northern Spotted Owl and other species protection), National Marine Fishery (NMFS) or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) (fish and other species protection), Archeological and Historical protection agencies, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) restrictions on land use activities), maybe Coastal Zone agencies, State and Federal Plant and Animal Endangered Species regulators, and those holding conservation easements. To this list can be added County General Plan reviewers.

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To Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

My purpose last Tuesday was to have the Board Chair served a summons and resolve a procedural issue with the lawsuit I filed on September 22. This lawsuit is not a complaint for damages, it is a Petition asking the Court to resolve a legal question and require the County to follow the Brown Act and stop sending important issues to be discussed, investigated, and deliberated in private committee meetings.

Following a California code the Petition was served at the Clerk to the Board's office on Sept 23. I expected it to appear as a Closed Session item on a Board Agenda. When it did not, I wondered why County Counsel was not seeking direction from the Board. The evening of October 9th I received a letter that claimed there was a problem with service. It is my understanding that without service there is no lawsuit.

Alerting me to a problem could allow me to correct it, but the letter gave no clue as to what the problem was. The letter appeared to me to be a warning that the County had the means and the desire to stop the Petition. As Supervisor Bohn has pointed out, this is not the first lawsuit in which I have been the Petitioner. In each case I tried long and hard to first resolve the issue before turning to the courts. I also initiated the dismissal of the cases prior to a court ruling. In hindsight I see I was too trusting and the issue which prompted each lawsuit continued after dismissal. If I could help it, this case was not going to end on a procedural glitch.

After many hours and some luck I found what could be argued as attacks on the procedure I used, service of the Petition only. There is a code allowing the Petition to be served in the same manner as a regular civil complaint, by serving a summons with the legal papers. The code did not require this, it allowed it. So I could wait and argue about it, or I could simply serve the summons so that the County was fully informed that a lawsuit had been filed and a written response was required within 30 days.

There was a glitch. The code required the papers be served on the Presiding officer, the Secretary, or a majority of the Board. One could argue that the Clerk to the Board is the Secretary, but I was trying to avoid an argument. So I came to the meeting and, to avoid too much chaos and wasted paper, the Presiding Officer rather than a majority was served.

The letter from the County also extended an offer to meet and discuss the issue. I had responded to the letter that the procedural issue needed be resolved first. Yesterday it occurred to me that the County might be busy trying to respond to the Petition. For the record, I assumed the date for the County to respond would be reset to the deadline in the Summons. If the County would like that in writing, please provide what you need so that I can sign it.

As for the issue of private committee meetings, I appreciate and share Supervisor Bohn's desire to resolve the issue. The Courts favor alternative methods of resolution. We can agree to halt the procedure laid out in the codes, meet and put our agreement in writing to be submitted to the Court. We can write the Court Order that ends this lawsuit.

The lawsuit is not on the agenda, we cannot discuss it. But it appears the Board authorized County Counsel's Office to write a letter with an offer to meet. Today each of you can respond briefly to my comments and assure me that meeting to resolve the issue is still something you support. Based on that we could discuss, agree on and inform the Court of our deadlines for resolving the issue. This would be most appreciated.

Janelle Egger