

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
June 2, 2015

**“For all items *NOT* on the agenda”**

**(Each Speaker Limited to 3 Minutes)**

**Voluntary Sign In Sheet**  
**(Public Appearances – 1:30pm)**

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Charles L. Cramer

Date: 6/2/15

To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and others

Subject: **Proof is in the pudding**

It is obvious no one can know it all and be involved in everything. Elected and unelected leaders should know more than the general public, but with little direct contact with these leaders, the answer to the question "what do leaders do and know" is answered by the simple saying "Proof is in the pudding"

I get some satisfaction ringing someone's bell, because it shows someone is listening; however I prefer even secretly on the QT providing help in solving problems. For a long time, I have provided what I have learned over seventy plus years and over fifty years in the real world handling many hard hurdles. As a lead supervisor, I learned the need to know what my opponent thinks; not only to counter them, but to learn where I am wrong.

I have purposely ratcheted-up my list of local problems hoping to wake someone up. I see a lot of problems left to fester and get bigger, and I have learned a wise person does not ignore anyone no matter how much you disagree with them.

I see a lot of waking-up needed

I provide the following realities as I and others see them.

1. I live in a county full of natural resources where around half the economy is directly supported by taxpayers.
2. Protectionist thinking stops use of properly run dams creating world wide problems and illogically protectionist conservation is forced on local users of water from a dam full of water which runs unused to the ocean.
3. I live in a state where 80% of the wood used in the state comes from out of the state while private lands outside taxpayer supported ownership grows enough wood for state needs.
4. Full and proper use of timber natural resources is restricted to the point special places and special things are destroyed by uncontrollable fire.
5. Improperly applied restrictions on use of natural resources and small landowners has essential services having to be supported by additional taxpayer money and an illegal pot economy.
6. Small private ownership in rural areas is having trouble making an economic go of it, and small rural ownership is disappearing.
7. After asking many, finding no working folks who do not face increased Obamacare costs.
8. Lack of utilizing field experienced input has a lot of hurt and death happening.

I suggest wise people surround themselves with field experienced people, and even in disagreement, use all input to solve problems. My learned input, secretly on the QT or otherwise with elected and unelected folks taking all the credit, can help eliminate some of the bad taste now found in the pudding.

## **Atlas is shrugging**

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(An old tired field forester, who has lived the real world no one gives much attention)

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