

## HUMBOLDT BAY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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August 12, 2022

Desmond Johnston  
Planning Clerk  
County of Humboldt Planning and Building Department  
3015 H Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

**RE: Eureka Ready Mix**  
**Application PLN-2022-17873**  
**Parcel 025-181-008-000**

Dear Desmond,

We are providing the following information in response to your request dated July 29, 2022 regarding the Eureka Ready Mix Conditional Use Permit and Surface Mining and Reclamation 15-year permit extension application. Our District has surface and ground water diversion infrastructure downstream of the applicant on the Mad River at the Essex reach of the river. These diversion facilities provide domestic and industrial water to two thirds of the population of Humboldt County.

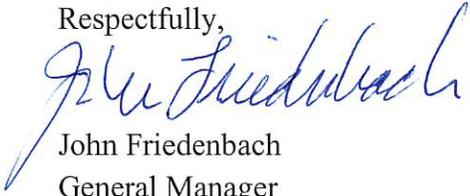
The District is not opposed to gravel mining operations on the Mad River. However, the District has a keen interest in ensuring that a sustainable extraction rate is established that does not adversely affect the bed-level elevation in the Essex reach between mining areas upriver and downriver of our property and infrastructure.

Specifically, our concerns with gravel extraction center around river channel degradation which can negatively impact our ability to divert surface water at our Essex facility. Additionally, we have concerns about streambed channel degradation which decreases the filtration effect of the river sands and gravels for our domestic wells. Decreased filtration lowers the quality of the water we produce. Channel degradation in the Essex reach of our Ranney Wells can also negatively impact our source water classification with the State Water Board, which could require our District to construct additional filtration facilities costing local rate payers 10's of millions of dollars.

Therefore, although we do not oppose the permit extension requested by Eureka Ready Mix, we respectfully request that there be conditions included such that streambed channel degradation downstream of the applicant's mining site be monitored and the permit status be re-evaluated if degradation occurs.

We appreciate your consideration of our comments.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Friedenbach". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

John Friedenbach  
General Manager

Cc: Dale Davidsen, Superintendent HBMWD  
Nathan Stevens, GHD



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
CURRENT PLANNING  
3015 H STREET, EUREKA, CA 95501 ~ PHONE (707) 445-7245

7/29/2022

Project Referred To The Following Agencies:

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Applicant Name Eureka Ready Mix Key Parcel Number 025-161-006-000

Application (APPS#) PLN-2022-17873 Assigned Planner Desmond Johnston

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Please review the above project and provide comments with any recommended conditions of approval. To help us log your response accurately, please include a copy of this form with your correspondence.

Questions concerning this project may be directed to the assigned planner for this project between 8:30am and 5:30pm Monday through Friday.

County Zoning Ordinance allows up to 15 calendar days for a response. If no response or extension request is received by the response date, processing will proceed as proposed.

If this box is checked, please return large format maps with your response.

Return Response No Later Than: **8/13/2022**

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County of Humboldt Planning and Building Department  
3015 H Street  
Eureka, CA 95501  
Email: PlanningClerk@co.humboldt.ca.us Fax: (707) 268 - 3792

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We have reviewed the above application and recommend the following (please check one):

- Recommend Approval. The department has no comment at this time.
- Recommend Conditional Approval. Suggested conditions attached.
- Applicant needs to submit additional information. List of items attached.
- Recommend Denial. Attach reasons for recommended denial.

Other Comments:

see attached letter

DATE:

8-12-22

PRINT NAME:

John Friedenbach, General Manager  
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District  
by John Friedenbach, General Manager



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## Application Location

## Record Details

### Applicant:

Organization

Eureka Ready Mix

Home Phone:7074432791

### Project Description:

Eureka Ready Mix CUP & SMR Renewal

A 15-year extension of the Reclamation Plan (SMR-06-91X, CUP-25-91X, SMP-06-91X) for the existing in-stream operations on the Blue Lake Bar. A vested rights determination was made in 1992 for the annual maximum extraction of 50,000 cubic yards. The historic operation involves removal of flood-washed aggregate from the exposed bar surface, the construction of seasonal haul roads and, in most years, construction of a summer low flow channel crossing of the Main Stem Mad River. The Blue Lake Bar is approximately 333 acres in size; rarely are more than fifteen acres disturbed in any one season. Blue Lake Bar is located immediately downstream (west) of the Mad River Bridge on Hatchery Road near the City of Blue Lake. Access to the site is off a private drive at the end of Taylor Way accessing Hatchery Road. The bar is situated just downstream of the confluence of the Main Stem Mad River and the North Fork Mad River. Most of the surrounding land use is industrial, agricultural and rural residential. Annual extraction volumes, methods and locations are based on recommendations of the County of Humboldt Extraction Review

**Referral Agency information**

Organization  
Wiyot Tribe  
EUREKA, CA  
E-mail:ted@wiyot.us;hazel@wiyot.us

**Assigned Planner information**

Desmond Johnston  
E-mail:djohnston@co.humboldt.ca.us

**Application Information**

**PLANNING**

**Project Type Primary:** Surface Mining and Reclamation  
**Case Type 1:** RP  
**Project Type Secondary:** Conditional Use Permit  
**Case Type 2:** CUP  
**Project Type 3:** Surface Mining Permit  
**Case Type 3:** SMP  
**Project Type 4:** Extension  
**Case Type 4:** EXT  
**Cannabis Project:** No  
**Project Location:**

The project is located in Humboldt County, in the City of Blue Lake, on the South side of Taylor Way, at the intersection of Hatchery Road and Taylor Way, on the property known as 100 Taylor Way

**Plan Designation:** City of Blue Lake  
**File Location:** With Planner

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Type of Development:** Industrial  
**Zoning Information**  
**Present Zoning:** City of Blue Lake

**CANNABIS**

**TCR Reduction:** No

**Application Information Table**

**Parcel Information**

**Parcel Number:** 025-161-006-000  
**ACTIVE/INACTIVE:** Active  
**Airport Compatibility Zone:** N  
**County Code 333-1:** N  
**Coastal Zone:** N  
**Community Plan:** BCPA  
**FAR77 Airport Code:** T  
**Flood Zone:** Y  
**Longitude:** -123.9914  
**MS4:** No  
**Old APN:** 312161006  
**Recorder Case:** 50791  
**Slope Stability:** 1  
**State Fire Responsibility:** Y

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