

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
April 21, 2015

“For all items *NOT* on the agenda”

(Each Speaker Limited to 3 Minutes)

Voluntary Sign In Sheet
(Public Appearances – 9:00am)

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Date: 3/21/15

To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and others

Subject: The real world

I get the impression elected and unelected local folks do not see how a bunch of little things make-up the big picture and miss the big picture.

I read how things are looking-up for Humboldt County. Jobless rate is less and protectionism is in full bloom. Without getting into how part-time, low paying jobs, and other changes are in play to make unemployment numbers lower, you might consider the following food for thought which supports the saying "figures lie and liars figure".

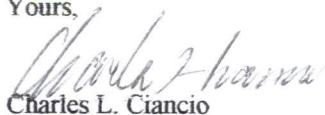
I do not see a regional, honest, co-ordinated effort to get real world numbers into play. I understand Humboldt County is short on funds, and increased taxes like measure Z are promoted and fought over. Many think growing marijuana will save the day while real world security and economic problems are not given enough thought. Arrests are going up, and there is increasing need for law enforcement and county to spend funds providing needed security and safety. In a county full of natural resources including timber and water and a regulatory structure which kind of allows for properly applied and needed disturbance, full and proper use of natural resources is not promoted. This hinders many wanted things from automatically happening like wanted open space, feeding and providing habitats for many protected and wanted species like spotted owls and fish, promoting economic incentives to cause landowners, family, and taxpaying workers to stay in a rural area, and getting more taxes from a larger private tax revenue base. Ruth Dam provides some areas with plenty of water, and logical and justified exemptions to governor's water use restrictions meet resistance while illogical and unjustified protectionist reasons are used to fight logical, justified, and proper storage of water that runs unused to the ocean. County economy is not expected to improve with half of economic support depending on taxpayer handouts and other half coming from private sources which gets its lion's share from a declining and shrinking timber industry. East-west railroad, increased harbor use, improved access to county, and many other things are on the table.

Even I have learned to not fight factual realities learned during my lifetime, which many will find hard to top. I have learned protectionism involving special places and things has its place, but protectionism is for the few and needs to be logically and common sensically applied, population control is an individual and moral choice, and full and proper use of natural resources can provide much, much, much more for many species and humans.

Away we go, many having been abandoned and ignored by a 50+1 minority voting process, those who play hi-tech electronic game, those who throw a lot of misunderstood information around, and by those wanting to get-along and get re-elected. An accountable and routinely unelected media, political system, confusing legal process, those having money and power, and Fourth branch of Government have too much control over current messes. Fights between loggers, fishermen, farmers, tourism folks, private landowners, protectionist minded folks, and other unnamed parties are promoted, and this will not regionally end well.

I am a vote of one who is being forced to do as decided by an unknowledgeable voting 50+1 minority and those listed above, and I do not like it. Can you and do you want to change things?

Yours,



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

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LACK OF KNOWLEDGE

ELIMINATES

BAD
AND
CARING

**Irresponsible actions are explained away
and
Few if any care about what happens**

Living in your little world, are you doing all you can to make things better?