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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this public comment related to the Board meeting on August 10, Item # D24, County Surveyor.

I am writing in support of the recommendation from Human Resources to amend the job classification, adopt the resolution, and appoint an Interim County Surveyor.

As stated in the staff report there is a dwindling pool of licensed professional land surveyors (PLS) in California. Many of those PLS have traditionally preferred private work, as opposed to public work, further shrinking the pool of available candidates. It is my understanding that the last time the County Surveyor position was flown there were few, if any, local candidates who applied. The compensation offered by a county must be sufficient enough to attract a good candidate, possibly from out of area, to fill the state mandated position. As a private contractor performing County Surveyor duties for the adjacent County of Trinity I have a vested interest in seeing a strong, professional quality candidate take the seat in Humboldt County. Other local counties have had difficulty filling this position. Lake County has been advertising since May to no avail and their sitting County Surveyor has just stepped down. I am concerned the proposed job classification and the associated compensation may not be sufficient to attract a quality candidate. Please adopt the classification, or consider putting it on par with the Deputy Director level. Please adopt the associated compensation schedule, or consider raising it.

Thank you for taking time to listen and consider my public comment on this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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August 9, 2021

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Sent via email to cob@co.humboldt.ca.us

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors:

The California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) is reaching out because the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors is currently on the Commission's print mailing list. The Commission is in the process of converting all future correspondence to electronic mailing.

After September 15, 2021, the Commission will begin sending notices by email, and will no longer send print copies of correspondence to 825 5th St, Eureka, CA, 95501 unless otherwise notified. The current email address on file for the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors is cob@co.humboldt.ca.us. If the Board wishes to continue receiving print copies for future mailings or if an alternate email address is preferred, please notify the Commission by September 1, 2021.

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Sincerely,

Rachel Ballanti
Deputy Executive Director

Humboldt County Supervisors

RE: Board of Supervisors meeting August 10, 2021
Drought Task Force Presentation #2

Dear Supervisors,

We know we are in a severe drought and we know rivers, creeks and springs are dwindling and drying up at an alarming rate.

We do not fully understand Humboldt County's hydrogeology especially in the upper lands of our watersheds. It would be wise and prudent to initiate an immediate moratorium on permitting new non-domestic wells until and if we determine it would not adversely affect surface waters, and all that rely on that water including the barely surviving fisheries.

This report before you is 22 pages long. 20 of those pages are dedicated to gory photographs and descriptions of illegal water diversions for illegal cannabis operations that the Sheriff is addressing. That would leave 2 pages to deal with the drought emergency we are in. Illegal cannabis is ILLEGAL and the sheriff has funds and a mandate to address those crimes, and as the report states is working with their partners to enforce the laws against those operations.

During the last Drought Task Force presentation we learned that well permits have basically doubled from 2016. Many of the legal cannabis farmers are committed to and obligated to use stored water. Unfortunately the majority of the permits this year have gone to farmers who are reliant on groundwater wells and are not required to store their water for use during the dry months.

The section on illegal cannabis cultivation feels and appears to be a bait and switch move. This report, with the gory photos is a clear and obvious effort to distract us and yourselves from the very serious concerns about the potential impacts on surface water from the continued issuing of non-domestic well permits and allowing the continued use of un-stored groundwater for legal cannabis farming.

Sincerely,
Robie Tenorio
Citizens for a Sustainable Humboldt