

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
September 6, 2016

“For all items *NOT* on the agenda”

(Each Speaker Limited to 3 Minutes)

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

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Date: 9/1/16
To: Anyone
Subject: Real World Realities

I know you get tired of hearing me repeat many things, but I learned in college speech class from Mrs. Grigsby repetition is needed for things to be remembered.

As an older and wiser seventy plus year old person who has lived a rural life as a taxpaying, hunter and fisherman, as a Bachelor of Science, four year college graduate, who worked his way through college, as a professional California Registered Professional (field) Forester (RPF #317), and as a lead land manager over many northern California operations, I know you should give the following thoughts some attention.

I can tell what it is like to be dumped-on and ignored by family and many others.

Star spangle Banner, national anthem, provides a symbol of the world as I grew up. It is a symbol of those who died; so, I could do as I wanted in this country.

Discussions about fire fees and tax revenues (promoted by many local media and other sources) lead me to believe many folks (like many elected politicians) lack an understanding how tax revenues come from the private economy. In Humboldt County examples are as follows: Timber yield taxes have gone from around \$2,000,000 to \$500,000. Around half of the county's economy is provided by taxpayer paid revenues. Knowing what I know, which many will never learn, I see the main large (and I stress large) private economic support that provides mill and woods jobs, money for groceries, and other things coming from a timber industry, that is hammered, shrinking, and going to pot. I see the big hope, marijuana, having a short economic life when big suppliers takeover. With Redwood National park in some reports having low visitation rates, tourism is not going to save the day. Throwing ranching, fishing, farming, and other rural economies into the mix, I see them playing a small part in the private economy. Knowing what I know, I see increased taxes and elimination of open space as ownership of timberland decreases and developers take over cheaper land. East-West railroad can help economy with imports and exports; however, this project is meeting a lot of resistance.

I see a lot of elected folks out-to-lunch. Someone better wake-up to realities in especially California where 80% of the wood used in California comes from out of California when private lands outside public ownership could grow all the wood needed by Californians. I see the average especially voting person seeing the media as one entity which puts out a single message and not understanding there are multiple mistruths being put out by different messengers and journalists. I see us not living without hi-tech, but so much information is put-out via hi-tech the world is getting screwed-up. Trees and habitats created by disturbance and used by many wanted critters and species are being eliminated; fire has many humans and wanted critters, plants, and other things getting hurt and killed; and even if humans did not exist, many wanted critters, plants, and things would continue to be hurt, maimed, killed, and not exist due to other critters and lack of disturbance.

I have learned the following: How to grow a big beautiful tree; what preservation means; how to properly harvest and mill a big beautiful tree, how big beautiful trees are continually grown and replaced in a process that is good for many things; how private property rights have been abused and have built this county; media, politicians, legalese, protectionists, those with money and power,

and Fourth Branch of regulators are inexperienced and are slowly taking away private property rights; fire can be a bad thing and in the right place at the right time in the right way can be a good thing; how older folks with field experience know a lot and should given be more attention; how disturbance and manipulation of habitats is good for many critters, fish, and many other things including many designated rare things; how proper timber harvesting can control fire; how in my early years I was a liberal progressive, later in life had to choose going a certain way to overcome obstacles which stuck in my craw, and eventually learned to listen to older field experienced folks and to act based on my interpretation of real world facts; how protectionists are winning; how many humans and wanted critters, plants, and other things are losing; how rural economies, timber workers, timber landowners, and taxpayers are getting the short end of the stick; how humans and many species could have much, much, much more; how for years, I stood my ground when I could against mistruths put-out by inexperienced media, politicians, legalese, protectionists, those with money and power, and Fourth Branch of Government regulators; and I have learned the difference between a democracy and a democratic republic, and I see how rural area interests are out-voted and not represented in the current regulatory situation especially found in California.

I see something else going-on with Hillary, but I will stick with saying the next presidential election is about **maintaining a way of life**. Being wealthy and living in populated areas, Hillary and Trump and many others have not learned what I have learned and will never learn what I have learned. Protectionists are winning; many humans, critters, plants, and many things are losing; and Trump says truths that lead me to believe proper use of natural resources has a chance.

One example of my learning experience is as follows. I was given the task of reviewing California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA) membership to see the percentage of Registered Professional Foresters (RPFs) represented by CLFA. For various reasons, I found CLFA membership provided around a fifty-fifty split among registered RPFs. I believe I also found half CLFA membership was in the regulatory arena. Since my check, my numbers show CLFA membership has gone down and the experience level has shrunk. When my stack of input got about four feet high, I dropped out of CLFA. I accept the truthful fact real world field experience, timber owner, and CLFA input means little to nothing to California's Board of Forestry and other regulatory groups. While others rarely listen to me, CLFA lets me attend local meetings. Maybe it is useful to have the old folks around for show.

I see the world in a mess and the basis for world III being put in place. Sadly, it is a bitch to get old and see these things.

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PS: Through my research, I have found county assessor, elected and unelected people, and many others can not or will not easily provide the following:

1. Total Humboldt county acreage
2. Total Humboldt county timbered acreage
3. Total Humboldt county timbered acreage owned by the taxpayers and the government
3. Amount of Humboldt county acreage that has the potential to be in Timber Production Zones (TPZ) (trees grow)
4. Amount of Humboldt County economy supported by timber Industry

I would think a county dependent on timber industry tax revenues and economy would know this information.