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Humboldt County  
Board of Supervisors  
825 Fifth Street, Room 111  
Eureka, CA 95501



SUBJECT: McKay Tract Transaction - Humboldt County Acceptance / Community Forest Creation

Dear Humboldt County Supervisors:

Green Diamond Resource Company is delighted that Humboldt County is considering the opportunity to accept a portion of the McKay tract from The Trust for Public Land (TPL) to create a Community Forest.

The McKay Tract is considered one of the most productive stands of redwood timber growing tracts in the region. Despite McKay Tract's tremendous productivity, and its corresponding importance to our business, GDRCo recognized an opportunity to do something with this land that could be of great benefit to the community. The Phase 1 sale of the approximately 1,002 acre portion of the McKay Tract to TPL, and the County's subsequent acceptance of this property, will facilitate the creation of a Community Forest.

Creating the Community Forest will preclude future development on this land while providing opportunities for public recreation as well as income from carefully planned timber harvesting. The remainder of the McKay property will continue to be managed by GDRCo for commercial timber production, helping to preserve timber related jobs and generating tax income for the County.

Green Diamond has invested over four years, hundreds of staff hours and over \$250,000 in a collaborative venture with TPL to make this transaction possible. We are proud of our role in this effort and are dedicated to continue working with the County to help make the Community Forest vision a success.

Sincerely,

Neal Ewald  
Senior Vice President  
California Timberlands Operations  
Green Diamond Resource Company

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April 8, 2014

Mr. Rex Bohn, Chairperson, Members of the Board  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors  
825 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Eureka, CA 95501



Re: McKay Tract Community Forest Project - Agenda Item for 4/15/2014

Dear Chairman Bohn:

This letter is forwarded to the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Greater Eureka Municipal Advisory Committee (GEMAC). The GEMAC was asked to consider a presentation from County Staff regarding the McKay Tract Community Forest Project by Supervisor Bohn on 3/31/2014 and due to already scheduled consideration by the BOS on 4/8/2014 and final consideration by the BOS on 4/15/2014 the GEMAC meeting was noticed and conducted as a "special meeting" under the Brown Act on 4/3/2014 at the Humboldt County Courthouse.

Following the presentation by County Staff, the GEMAC approved unanimously a motion to communicate with the Board of Supervisors and indicate that the GEMAC would not be forwarding any recommendation on the project due to the fact that:

- 1) The project as currently proposed does not fall within the scope of GEMAC consideration based on the language of the formation ordinance passed by the Board of Supervisors.
- 2) The extremely short time between the County's request for consideration by the GEMAC and the occurrence of the required "Special Meeting" did not allow for any meaningful public input into the process.

It is also the case that the GEMAC membership felt that all determinations of consequence regarding the project had, in reality, already been made, and there was therefore no real value in presentation of a GEMAC recommendation.

Sincerely,



Glenn Ziemer

Chair, Greater Eureka Municipal Advisory Committee