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Public comment for March 21, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting.
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thanks,
Bonnie

To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
From: Bonnie Blackberry
Date: March 20, 2023

RE: March 21, 2023 Agenda Item 23-205 Code Enforcement Unit 2022 Annual Report

Dear Members of the Board,

Please consider my following comments and questions regarding this report.

ITEM 1 According to the 2022 CEU Annual Report:

a. When new complaint is received, CEU is able to mail this first letter within approximately 8 days of receiving a new complaint.

b. Within a week of receiving a new complaint, CEU staff will review internal data, satellite imagery and permits to determine the next course of action.

c. Once it is determined a violation exist, the property owner will be sent 2nd letter informing them of the existence of the violation and the corrective action needed to abate the violation

d. If property owner does not contact CEU or correct violations within the grace period, then property will be served notices which will be recorded after the 10-day appeal period.

I am aware of a "new case" (#1464) that has taken over a year between the first letter regarding the complaint, to a second letter, which is a "Second Request for Consent to Inspect Property" to refute or confirm the complaint allegations.

Question: Why so long between the 1st and 2nd letters? The new process sounds good, but in reality it's been over a year, and to my knowledge there still hasn't been a determination that the violations exist, (a van filled with garbage, with it's doors open next to a stream, as well as solid waste left at an abandoned grow site). I guess this has been a low priority case, which hopefully will proceed at a faster pace.

ITEM 2 The "2022 DATA" on page 10 shows charts with 2022 Cases and All Cases, separated by District, showing the number and type according to the District that the cases are located.

Exhibit A and Exhibit B have the more detailed information about each case. Unfortunately this more detailed case information is not separated by District. The attached spread sheets contained in Exhibit A, has 8 pages of New Cases and Exhibit B has 11 pages of Closed Cases. Both documents have very small print that requires enlarging on a computer to read, or a very large magnifying glass to read if printed on paper. All of this makes it very difficult and time consuming to locate and review the 19 pages in order to find out what's happening in each District.

Request: Provide the more specific information contained in Exhibit A and Exhibit B, in a format that shows the cases separated by District, as was done in the above mentioned 2022 Data charts.

Thanks for providing this report and having it available for the Board and the Public.

Respectfully,

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