



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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March 16, 2021

Ms. Cheryl L. Prowell
Department of Toxics Substances Control
700 Heinz Avenue
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RE: McNamara & Peepe Lumber Mill Soil and Groundwater Monitoring and Cleanup –
 Humboldt County

Dear Ms. Prowell:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing in full support of the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD), City of Eureka and City of Arcata's request that additional state current-year funding be allocated to the Department of Toxics Substances Control to make immediate remediation a priority and advance cleanup efforts to protect our drinking water sources on the Mad River.

As you know, HBMWD provides water to nearly 35,000 residents (nearly two thirds of Humboldt County's population) as well as commercial water customers. Growing concerns over a contaminated plume of groundwater moving toward the Mad River approximately one mile upstream from the District's intake wells has prompted the immediate need to clean up the old McNamara & Peepe Lumber Mill site to protect our residents water source and the environment.

We strongly urge the Department of Toxics Substances Control to allocate the necessary current-year funding to make remediation a top priority and advance immediate cleanup efforts to protect our drinking water in the Mad River.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bass, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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