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This will be my fourth attempt to address the matter of Hempire Farms LLC proposal PLN202016602, APN223-061-011. It is a matter of deep concern that many residents have expressed concern about this attack on nature and, after months have gone by, can the planners and commissioners be expected to have kept a record of all the various objections that we have worked hard on presenting? There was a public meeting held via Zoom that a recording of which most definitely ought to be heard and made otherwise available. The recommendation in December was going to be to deny the permit. The applicant asked for and received the third or fourth continuance of this matter on that date so that the poorly written proposal could once again be revised. So far, in eight years of holding this property, every time he has been found in violation, whether it was pumping water out of the river, installing huge ugly bladders, removing trees or whatever, he has been given the opportunity to "correct" matters and has been penalized not at all. His operation is proposed on a stream that has been determined to be severely threatened by sediment and heat. The people of Humboldt County would never okay this land and water abuse if it were put to a vote. Humboldt County Sheriff's Office has rejected this proposal but no explanation has been given as to why county planners think it is just fine.

The proposal that the county will inspect the property once annually after giving 24 hours notice has to be a joke. The property owner has given no indication that he would adhere to any rules or regulations currently or in the past. We are in a climate situation of permanent drought and year round fire danger. Therefore, allowing one person to hoard millions of gallons of water for personal profit would be irresponsible in the extreme. This is industrial sized taking of water, not somebody catching rain in a barrel for their vegetable garden. For county government to permit this will almost certainly make county government responsible for depriving plants, animals, and humans of vital water and also no doubt will result in a decline in property values. Please deny.