

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
May 23, 2017

**"For all items *NOT* on the agenda"**

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Date: 5/22/17

To: Everyone

## Subject: **Bigger Picture**

- At 73 years old, as a field RPF forester (I stress field), doing ranching things, living a rural life, and been tested for fifty plus years, I have learned a lot.
- I am a hunter, was a hold your own breath skin diver, and a fisherman.
- I have found Trump and his supporters lack an understanding of rural life
- I see my input ignored that has been given to CLFA, many regulators, and other private groups.
- I see benefits to other species from timber harvesting and disturbance ignored.
- I see real world realities and truth about many things not spread around.
- For many humans and wanted species, I see good health being the most important with food and shelter coming second.
- I see rural and working folks and many species in for a rough ride.
- I see timber harvesting and disturbance creating food and habitats for northern spotted owls and many wanted species. Ask yourself, "Why are barred owls taking out the northern spotted owl?"
- I see private ownership of open space timberlands shrinking especially in California.
- I see from jury and other experiences humans make laws and regulations punishing those trying to survive in this world.
- I eventually learned sunshine and nutrients are needed to survive and grow.
- I see all forms of the media, politicians, those who have it made, misunderstood and confusing legalese, inexperienced Fourth Branch of Government (regulators), and others dividing human thinking.
- Having been there, low on my list is young, inexperienced folks ignoring old, experienced folks.
- As thinker, I see the world in a mess, and especially for many species and humans, getting messier

I went to a public marijuana meeting. Like other public meetings, I heard a lot of B.S. Having been in many grows, refused bribes, and having a friend and fellow forester shot and killed, I left the meeting early without expecting any solutions to my experiences. Eventually, especially small landowners, patience wears thin waiting for trees to grow, and for a short time, economics will enter the game. I see proper harvest of timber, absence of equipment in the woods to fight fire, rural economies going to pot, humans, fish, and many species hurt, and especially in California, private timber ownership going away

With me, my kids, and the grand kids, those working for a living, rural areas, and real world truths left to a misguided voting human minority, I am just an old fart at the end of my life who thinks he sees what is coming. Other older, experienced people say what is happening is "stupid" and lacking in common sense, and this makes me feel good. I see life not being fair and balanced and many species and humans in trouble.

Oh well, with handouts I supply, you can read some of what I have learned; or, not.

## **Real World Realities Can Be Tough**

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(An old tired field forester no one gives much attention who has lived in a working man's world)

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March 24, 2017

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Code Enforcement Investigator  
Code Enforcement Unit

RE: **Humboldt Bay Development Association Inc**  
633 W Fifth Street 64th Floor, Los Angeles CA 90071  
Site Location: **364 Vance Avenue, Samoa CA**  
Violation of County Code Sections 311-10; 312-3; 312-51.5 & 313-3.4  
Non Permitted Use  
APN: 401-112-021 Property Zoned: MC/A (Industrial Coastal Dependent)

Dear Mr. Conner:

The Planning and Building Department is forwarding for enforcement what is believed to be a violation of Humboldt County Codes regarding non-coastal dependent and non-coastal related uses in a MC/A zone. You may be aware of this ongoing issue as the county has been working with the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District (District) and the California Coastal Commission (Commission) on an interim use ordinance that would allow temporary use of lands with coastal dependent zoning on an interim basis. While this ordinance has not been certified by the Commission, it would appear that the District has moved forward with leasing its lands to non-coastal dependent businesses. This matter has recently received public attention with articles published in the Times Standard on March 17 and March 22. Copies of these articles are provided.

The subject property is in the coastal zone with a small portion along the bay side in the state jurisdiction. A map is provided.

Based on our investigation, we have concluded that a violation exists on the property. The reporting party has submitted copies of seven leases drafted by the District. Upon review, at least four of the leases (Express Messenger, An Electrician, Efficiency Delivery, and Redwood Electrical are for uses not consistent with the zone. Since the interim use ordinance has not been certified there currently is not a pathway to permit these businesses. One lease for Pacific Flake Sea Salt does appear to be coastal dependent however more investigation is needed whether they need to obtain a coastal development from the Commission or the County or both through a consolidated permit process. The two other included leases are for Coast Seafoods which are believed to be for traditional storage and therefore do not have a permitting pathway until the interim ordinance is certified. It is possible that Coast Seafoods use may be coastal related, but we do not have any evidence that supports that conclusion. In addition, the March 17, 2017 Times Standard article mentions another business, Glasshouse Garden Supply LLC. While we do not have a lease for that business, by the nature of the name we believe that to be non-coastal dependent as well.

The department has not corresponded with the District regarding these issues and we are expediting this referral to you because of the public nature of the violation. Both myself and Lisa Shakany from the Advance Planning Division are available to assist the CEU.

## GOOD MORNING

MY NAME IS PAT KANZLER, RN AND I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT OUR HEALTHCARE SITUATION; THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT OR OBAMACARE IS NOT ENOUGH TO INSURE MANY, HAS NARROW NETWORKS AND DOES NOT INCLUDE NEGOTIATION, AND THE AMERICAN HEALTHCARE ACT OR TRUMPCARE IS CALLOUS AND THROWS PEOPLE OFF HEALTHCARE.....SINCE RYAN IS FROTHING AT THE MOUTH TO REMOVE, DESTROY, AND COLLAPSE THE ACA, WE IN CALIFORNIA MUST STEP UP AND PROTECT OUR PEOPLE.

Californians will be thrown off insurance plans, off medical; talk about death panels? Remember when it was said Obama had death panels in his ACA? It was a silly tactic by the GOP to make ethics committees look like they were forcing people to be DNR (DO NOT RESUSCITATE).....taking away healthcare will be sentencing many to death. Period. Meds? Or Food? People make that decision now, imagine what it will be like on Trumpcare, where if you are a WOMAN you are a pre-existing condition! I will list the some of the pre-existing conditions:

Pregnancy

Cancer

Heart disease

Asthma

Ulcers

Diabetes

COPD

High cholesterol

Depression

Anxiety

Mental illness

Obesity

Arthritis

High blood pressure

Migraines

Kidney disease

And on and on..... not only that, but insurance companies will charge 10 times what they charge a 20-30 yr. old if they DO insure you. If course, I have no need to ask you, our Board of Supervosors if you have health insurance, you do, and you will continue to have it and don't have to pay for it. Shall we talk waits?

There are those who wait NOW to get to see a doctor, to get a treatment, there are many who SELF REGULATE; (you have no choice of doctor with ANY insurance company, you must be "in network") .... with single payer, ALL doctors are "in network"!!!! We self-regulate when we consider...hmmmmm, I afford to see the doctor this month....hmmmmm I can't afford that med this month.

SB 562 is NOT socialized medicine, socialized medicine is the VA, where doctors and nurses work FOR the government; SB 562 is using a SINGLE PAYER, the government, so there is ONE bill, one kind of paperwork instead of different kinds of paperwork to many different kinds of insurance companies; you can go to whomever you want and YOUR DOCTOR will decide what treatment you should

get, not some billing clerk with an insurance company deciding what is the cheapest way to go! Insurance companies try to PREVENT you from getting healthcare, their main objective is to DENY, DENY, DENY without the knowledge or consent of your doctor.

I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU ABOUT SB 562; IT IS THE SINGLE PAYER/ENHANCED MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT CALLED HEALTHY CALIFORNIA FOR ALL WHO LIVE IN CALIFORNIA. AS IT REMOVES THE MIDDLEMAN, INSURANCE COMPANIES, IT must BE LESS EXPENSIVE; IT IS HEALTHCARE THAT IS NOT FOR PROFIT!

AND IT ALLOWS FOR THE FACT THAT HEALTHCARE IS A HUMAN RIGHT.

Single-payer national health insurance, also known as “Medicare for all,” is a system in which a single public or quasi-public agency organizes health care financing, but the delivery of care remains largely in private hands. Under a single-payer system, all residents of the U.S. would be covered for all medically necessary services, including doctor, hospital, preventive, long-term care, mental health, reproductive health care, dental, vision, prescription drug and medical supply costs.

IN THE us, IT COSTS ON AVERAGE \$9,000 a yr. for healthcare, and the life expectancy is 78.8; yet, Canada pays half that at \$4,492 and their life expectancy is 81.5! For what we pay, our healthcare is NOT the best, yet everyone thinks so. Compared to other countries, whose life expectancies are higher than ours, the UK, Japan, Sweden, Austria, Denmark; they pay much less than we do. Our drug prices are 3X higher than the UK, 6X higher than Brazil and 16X higher than India....

Why are the costs so high? In Australia, Bypass surgery is \$42,000, whereas in the US, it is \$75,000! A CT of the abdomen is \$500, in the US it is \$896! The drug prices in Australia are 49% of what they are in the US; in fact, even Trump complimented the Australian PM on his “universal” healthcare....in Australia, infant mortality is 3.6 of 1000 live births, in the US it is 6.8 per live births.....

EMPLOYERS WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO PAY FOR AN INSURANCE  
BENEFIT FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AND EMPLOYEES WILL NOT HAVE  
TO STAY WITH AN EMPLOYER THEY DO NOT LIKE JUST FOR THE  
HEALTHCARE!

Where did your raise go? In the US, the price employers must pay for their employees' benefits went up 60% from 1970, and WAGES stagnated or went down. The premiums for these "benefits" will continue to go up because there is no "negotiator" and these same employers will have to keep making their employees pay a higher and higher share, so don't say, "I have healthcare through my employer!" 30% of bankruptcies were families that HAD healthcare...Healthcare bills DO very frequently go over the yearly cap! Especially if you have a "pre-existing" condition.

WHERE DO WE GET THE MONEY FOR THIS? YES, THERE ARE SAVINGS  
DOWN THE ROAD, BUT WHAT ABOUT NOW?

As a state, California already gets money from the government, such as medical, ACA, Medicare, CHIP; these would continue to fill a trust fund labeled "Healthy California" this would also include the new revenue to replace insurance premiums from corporate taxes, payroll taxes and sales tax. The federal government gives states the right to use federal money for healthcare as they see fit. The board of Healthy California, made up of an independent public entity made up of diverse business, labor, and patients, would oversee the payments to healthcare providers.

Remember when Medicare was first rolled out? IT TOOK A YEAR!

Yes, there are those who say Medicare is going bankrupt.... but how many times have politicians dipped into the Medicare fund to pay for other things?????

DON'T DIP INTO MEDICARE/HEALTHY CALIFORNIA FOR OTHER THINGS AND IT WILL REMAIN SOLVENT

AS A NURSE, I HAVE WATCHED FOR YEARS, SEETHING AND GROANING WHILE I TAKE CARE OF INSURANCE COMPANIES AND NOT PEOPLE, WHERE I GIVE MEDS NOT FOR THEIR SPECIFIC ILLNESS, BUT ACCORDING TO THOSE WHO HAVE NO MEDICAL DEGREE BUT WORK ON THE PRESUMPTION OF THE BOTTOMME LINE, THE ALMGHTY DOLLAR, WHICH IS NOT THE WAY ONE TAKES CARE OF THE ILL OR PREVENTS IT. INSURANCE COMPANIES TAKE 20-30 CENTS OUT OF EVERY DOLLAR TO PAY FOR ADMINISTRATION, AND OBSCENE SALARIES, WHEREAS MEDICARE PAYS 3 CENTS OUT OF EVERY DOLLAR. PEOPLE GO TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM FOR HEALTHCARE, AND WE PAY FOR THAT, IF THEY WENT TO A DOCTOR OR CLINIC, IT WOULD COST THE TAXPAYER MUCH LESS. PEOPLE **must** CHOOSE WHETHER TO TAKE MEDS OR EAT!!!!!!!!!!!!

I AM JUST ONE VOICE; THIS COUNTY HAS SHOWN IN THE PAST BY A 70% MARGIN HOW LIBERAL AND PROGRESSIVE WE ARE; AND THESE VOTERS ARE IN FAVOR OF SB 562. WHEN I WAS AT THE STATE SENATE HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE MEETING, I WTINESSED A REPUBLICAN SENATOR SAY, "1,000 OF MY CONSTITUENTS CALLED ME TO ASK ME TO SUPPORT 562, AND I WILL SIGN ONTO IT" THIS IS NOT



A PARTISAN BILL, IT IS A METHOD TO NOT ONLY TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE BUT TO SAVE MONEY! HEALTHCARE HAS BEEN GOING UP, UP, UP, ALONG WITH CEO SALARIES IN THE BILLIONS AND DRUG AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PRICES BECOMING OBSCENELY HIGH.

YOU CAN BE SURE THE PHARMACEUTICAL, INSURANCE AND DME COMPANIES WILL BE THROWING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AT SB 562 TO TRY TO DEFEAT IT. WE HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU MIGHT BE BOMBARDED WITH DRUG MONEY, YOU WILL HAVE YOUR CONSTITUENTS' BEST INTERESTS AT HEART, WHICH IS THAT HEALTHCARE IS A HUMAN RIGHT.

I WOULD FORMERLY LIKE TO PETITION THE BOARD TO PUT SB 562 ON THE AGENDA TO VOTE TO SUPPORT IT AND CO-SIGN IT, TO BE SENT TO JERRY BROWN, SENATOR LARA, SENATOR ATKINS, THE CALIFORNIA SENATE PRO TEM KEVIN DE LEON, AND THE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER, ANTHONY RENDON, SEND TO

[INFO@HEALTHYCALIFORNIAACT.ORG](mailto:INFO@HEALTHYCALIFORNIAACT.ORG);

I AM HEALTHY CALIFORNIA, HEAR ME ROAR!

PAT KANZLER, RN

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NATIONAL NURSES UNITED

PHYSICIANS FOR A NATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL HUMBOLDT

COURAGEOUS RESISTANCE OF HUMBOLDT

CALIFORNIA COURAGE CAMPAIGN

BUSINESS ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHY CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS

ACLU SO-CAL

SEIU 1021 JOBS WITH JUSTICE

OVER 65 UNIONS

NORTH COAST PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE

MOVE TO AMEND HUMBOLDT

SENATOR LARA

SENATOR ATKINS

SENATOR MCGUIRE

THESE ARE JUST A FEW WHO HAVE SIGNED ONTO SB 562; PLEASE  
INCLUDE THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT.

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# As ACA faces repeal, California has a better alternative

BY DEBORAH BURGER

*Special to The Bee*



In the coming days, we may finally see an unveiling of the details and text of the “replacement” plan pledged by those in Congress who have lusted for years to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

But from the leaks that have emerged, they should have saved the premiere for Halloween. It already looks like a horror show. And it won't come close to promises made by President Donald Trump that “we're going to have health care for everybody” that is “far less expensive and far better.”

What's incontrovertible is that tens of millions of Americans gained health coverage under the ACA, mainly through the expansion of Medicaid for low- and moderate-income individuals, and for those previously shunned by insurance companies due to even minor pre-existing conditions.

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Still, supporters of the ACA allowed those gains to be overshadowed by several persistent, gaping holes that its strongest advocates failed to remedy. The main gaps are the 28 million people who remain uninsured and the escalating out-of-pocket costs that priced far too many out of using their insurance for needed care, even if paying the premiums.

Those gaps would be made far worse by the proposals now circulating by the repeal-and-replace crowd. Some lowlights:

- Refundable tax credits in place of the subsidies to buy private insurance on the ACA exchanges (Covered California).

The amount of the ACA subsidies was based on income; the GOP plan is based on age, so older people of all incomes would get more. And it would be far less, 41 percent less by 2022, according to a new Kaiser Family Foundation analysis.

Further, the GOP plan repeats a major criticism its architects made of the ACA – no restraints on the price gouging so endemic to insurers, hospitals and drug companies. With the lesser financial aid, far more people will either be unable to buy private insurance or be unable to use it when they need to because of the exorbitant deductibles, copays and other fees.

- Reversing Medicaid (Medi-Cal) expansion, to some 3.5 million in California.

The GOP plan would end the open-ended federal funding. Instead, states would be given capped funding, that would hamstring typically tight state budgets. The inevitable result: Many states would impose substantial limits on eligibility for coverage or big cuts in covered services.

- Selling insurance across state lines.

A longtime conservative favorite that permits insurers to be licensed in the least-regulated states and then sell bare bones plans that pre-empt public protections in states like California where we have won gains such as requiring maternity coverage, ensuring parity for mental health services, and preventing insurers from dropping patients who get sick.

Repeal of the ACA could double our state's uninsured rate to some 7.5 million people. Fortunately, Californians have an alternative.

New legislation by state Sens. Ricardo Lara and former Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins, sponsored by the California Nurses Association, would establish a more humane system that treats health care as a societal good, not a commodity to inflate corporate profits.

Senate Bill 562 would create a genuinely universal system for all Californians, with comprehensive covered services, no insurance networks that restrict patient choice of doctor, hospital or other provider, and no more copays, deductibles or surprise medical bills.

By pooling what the state already pays for health care services, using the power of a single-payer system to negotiate bulk discounts, and eliminating the waste and profiteering of the insurers, we can protect all California families and set a model for other states about to be hammered by whatever comes out of Washington.

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# 'The Time is Golden and Now': Single-Payer Bill Advances in California

As Healthy California Act clears first hurdle, advocates say "here's to making it national"

by  
Deirdre Fulton, staff writer



Nurses march in favor of single-payer healthcare in Sacramento on Wednesday. (Photo: AP)

With close to 1,000 supporters rallying outside, California's Senate Health Committee on Wednesday advanced a single-payer healthcare bill that has been described as a potential "catalyst for the nation."

The Healthy California Act (SB562) would create a universal health system (covering inpatient, outpatient, emergency care, dental, vision, mental health, and nursing home care) for every California resident. Unveiled last month, the bill has the support of National Nurses United and the California Nurses Association, who held a rally at the Sacramento Convention Center Wednesday followed by a march to the state capitol and a presence in the committee room.

"The most important thing today was the breadth and depth of support by the dozens of people lining up to back the bill, representing 250 organizations across the state," said RoseAnn DeMoro, executive director of the California Nurses Association. "These are organizers who are going to be with us to make the Healthy California Act the law of the land in California."

Supporters got one step closer to that goal on Wednesday, when the Health Committee approved the bill 5-2 after a nearly three-hour hearing. State Sen. Richard Roth said his office had gotten more than 1,000 calls from constituents on the single-payer plan.

The opposition has also reared its head. *Courthouse News Service* reported: "Several of the groups that have lined up against SB 562 have made political contributions to current members of the Senate Health Committee, including chair Ed Hernandez (D-Montebello), Toni Atkins (D-San Diego), and Richard Roth (D-Riverside). Each member voted in favor of the bill Wednesday."

Still, according to the Los Angeles Times, "Democrats and Republicans alike signaled unease with the major question still unanswered in the legislation: how the program would be paid for."

But Democratic state Sen. Ricardo Lara, the bill's co-author, said a detailed financial study would be completed in May, before the



bill is heard in the Appropriations Committee—its next stop, having cleared the Health Committee hurdle. Lara chairs that committee.

"With today's vote we are closer to being able to say, once and for all, that healthcare is not a privilege, it's a human right," Lara declared. "Every family, every child, every senior deserves healthcare that costs less and covers more, and California has a chance to lead the rest of the nation toward universal care."

State Sen. Toni G. Atkins, also a Democrat and the bill's other co-author, praised the committee members, saying: "They see clearly that the time is right for us to give all Californians the peace of mind that comes with knowing that they and their families will have access to quality healthcare, no matter who they are, how much money they have, or who's in power in Washington, D.C."

Indeed, *LA Times* reporter David Lazarus suggested in March that the GOP's attempt to gut the U.S. healthcare system could in fact bode well for single-payer efforts like California's.

As Paul Y. Song, co-chair of the Campaign for a Healthy California and Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP) board member, wrote earlier this week, "[t]he fact is that our legislators can no longer turn a blind eye while California remains hostage to a federal government run by a heartless majority who recklessly controls the purse strings in favor of tax cuts for the 1 percent while refusing to view healthcare as a right. As the 6th largest economy, California needs to think boldly and look at what all major industrialized nations do."

"The answer has been there all along," said Song. "But, in order to get a healthcare program for the people, it must come from an unprecedented groundswell by the people. We must hold our elected officials publicly accountable and demand what we are

already paying for and readily deserve. The [Affordable Care Act] pointed our state and nation in the right direction, but the time for real universal healthcare is now and the opportunity to do so is golden and now!"

To that end, PNHP announced Wednesday that U.S. Rep. John Conyers' (D-Mich.) Medicare-for-All bill has amassed a record number of House co-sponsors: 104.

Justice Democrats, a group holding the party accountable for its stance on universal healthcare, tweeted: "Congrats to Cali! #SB562 has made it through Senate Health Committee. Here's to making it national."

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