



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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May 28, 2019

North Coast Railroad Authority
419 Talmage Road Suite M
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Attn: Mitch Stogner, Executive Director

Re: Support for Rail Runners Humboldt Bay

Dear Mr. Stogner:

I write to convey the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors support for the introduction of rail bicycling on the North Coast Rail Authority right of way in Humboldt County. The use of existing unused rail infrastructure for the establishment of an additional recreational use could be a valued economic opportunity for our region. Rail bikes could also allow the public unique opportunities to experience the scenic areas from the wildlife refuges of Humboldt Bay to the farmlands, redwoods and canyons of the Eel River Valley.

The Board of Supervisors recognizes that in some areas rail bike proposals will need to be evaluated for compatibility with the existing and planned pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian uses of the Humboldt Bay Trail and Great Redwood Trail. To that end, we support rail bicycling on segments of the rails where there is no conflict with the Humboldt Bay Trail, and conditioned upon no additional expenditure of public funds for development of Humboldt Bay Trail projects. We request that NCRA consult with the Humboldt County Public Works Department to review the specific rail bicycling plans prior to issuing a license agreement.

Yours Sincerely,

Rex Bohn, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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