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**APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE
GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL AGENCY BOARD**

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PERSONAL REFERENCES:

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PRIOR ADVISORY BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE? No

**PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT DESCRIBING WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED
IN SERVING ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT OF INTEREST

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME.

DATE: 04-09-2026

SIGNATURE: Hilary J. Schwartz Digitally signed by Hilary J. Schwartz
Date: 2026.04.09 21:46:45 -07'00'

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

**Applications will be accepted via email at cob@co.humboldt.ca.us or by mail to
Humboldt County Planning Commission, Clerk of the Board, 825 Fifth St., Suite
111, Eureka, CA 95501**

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2/1/2024

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Statement of Interest – At-Large Director Position
Great Redwood Trail Agency Board of Directors

I am writing to express my interest in serving as an At-Large Director on the Great Redwood Trail Agency's Board of Directors. As a community member who lives along the future route of the Trail, I bring both a personal investment in its success and a practical understanding of the opportunities and concerns it presents.

I have long been passionate about trails as vital public assets that connect people to landscapes, support local economies, and promote environmental stewardship. The Great Redwood Trail represents a particularly meaningful effort—not only to create a world-class recreational corridor, but also to thoughtfully restore and repurpose the historic railroad footprint in a way that honors its legacy while enhancing environmental sustainability.

Because the Trail will pass through my own community, I have insight into the perspectives of residents and adjacent property owners. I understand the importance of balancing access, safety, privacy, and environmental protection. I believe this perspective is essential in helping the Agency build trust, communicate effectively, and ensure that the Trail is a benefit to all stakeholders along its route.

Professionally, I bring experience in public finance, waste management, and land use permitting. I am comfortable navigating complex regulatory frameworks and appreciate the importance of compliance, transparency, and sound planning in delivering infrastructure projects of this scale. I am also particularly interested in how the development of the Trail can address ongoing challenges such as illegal dumping and land degradation, transforming these issues into opportunities for restoration and community development.

Finally, I have had a lifelong appreciation for railroads and their role in shaping our region. The conversion of these corridors into public trails is, to me, a powerful way to preserve that history while creating a lasting public asset for future generations.

I would be honored to contribute my perspective, skills, and commitment to the mission of the Great Redwood Trail Agency. Thank you for your consideration.

Hilary Schwartz

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Finance Executive | Strategic Public Sector Leader

Accomplished finance director with 3+ years of experience leading multimillion-dollar public budgets, improving financial transparency, and driving efficiency through innovation and team development. Expertise in California government finance, strategic planning, risk analysis, and budget management.

Areas of Expertise

- Governmental Accounting
- Financial Planning and Analysis
- Budget Development and Oversight
- Capital Improvement Planning
- Municipal Lending
- Treasury Management
- Audit & Compliance (GASB, GAAP)
- Stakeholder Communication and Strategic Policy Development

Director of Finance | Humboldt Waste Management Authority | Eureka, CA | 3 Years

Led preparation of \$17M annual operating and capital budget; improved financial forecasting led to replenishment of cash reserves in two fiscal years.

Delivered monthly financial statements and meeting minutes that enhanced communication with Board of Directors and public stakeholders.

Independent audits found no material deficiencies in financial statements during my tenure as Director of Finance.

Partnered with executive leadership to develop multi-year capital improvement plan that includes investment in zero emissions equipment and infrastructure.

Led the development of an accounting export from weight scale software, leveraging technology to improve efficiency and accuracy in billing monthly revenue of \$1M.

Implemented an integrated payment system that improved internal controls, compliance, and efficiency in procurement and disbursements.

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Education

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (in progress), California State University East Bay, Graduation Date: 2028. Current GPA 3.8

- Essential Leadership Skill Certificate, California Special Districts Alliance (CSDA)
- Secretary, Humboldt Area Chapter CSDA
- Member, California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO)
- Member, Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)
- Member, California Municipal Treasurers Association (CMTA)