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November 1, 1999

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS County of Santa Cruz 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Members of the Board:

The old growth forests of Northern California represent a vital and important habitat that is an irreplaceable resource. remaining old growth forests are increasingly endangered by logging operations that should be diverted to second and third growth forests suitable for sustainable forestry practices. It is crucial that our old growth forests be protected from further encroachment.

We have been requested to join a growing list of environmental organizations and local government bodies to contact California Governor Gray Davis, to remind him of his promises to protect our old growth forests and urge appropriate action on his part in this regard.

Accordingly, we would request that the Chair be directed to forward a letter to the Governor indicating that this Board commends Governor Gray Davis for his past support for protecting and preserving old growth forests and urges his action to immediately end all old growth logging in California.

Sincerely,

JEFF ALMOUIST. Fifth District

Supervisor

MARDI WORMHOUDT, Supervisor

Third District

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Governor Davis cc:

Senator McPherson Assembly Member Keeley

Assembly Member Frusetta

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September 2, 1999

Governor Gray Davis State Capital Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Governor Davis:

It has come to our attention that you made an environmental address to the Planning and Conservation League Foundation in March of 1998 when you were campaigning for Governor in which you promised to ensure that "wetlands are preserved, rivers are clean, and all old-growth trees are spared from the lumberjack's ax."

We implore you to take whatever action is necessary to keep your campaign promise and immediately end all old-growth logging in California as you pledged.

Sincerely,

Alaska Action Center Alaska Pacific University Environmental Club American Lands Alliance Ancient Forest International (AFI) Arcata City Council Bay Area Chapter of the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life Bay Area Coalition for Headwaters (BACH) California Wilderness Coalition Californians for Alternatives to Toxics (CATS) Cascadia Forest Defenders Center for Biological Diversity Christian Environmental Council . Circle of Life Foundation/Julia Butterfly Citizens for Better Forestry Communications Coordination Committee of the United Nations Comprehensive Education Program, Inc. of NY City **Development VISIONS - PAKISTAN** Eyak Preservation Council - ALASKA **Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC) Environmentally Sound Promotions** First United Methodist Church of San Rafael Forests Forever Friends of the Eel River Green Party of California

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Greenpeace

Greenwood Watershed Association

Guardians of Elk Creek Old Growth

Humboldt Watershed Council

Jewish World of New York City

John Muir Project (a project of Earth Island Institute)

Lost Coast League

Marin Headwaters Action Group

Media Island International

Mendocino Coast Environmental Center (MCEC)

Mendocino Environmental Center (MEC)

National Congress of Neighborhood Women

Native American Coalition for Headwaters (NACH)

North American Coalition for Christianity and Ecology

North Coast Association of River Guides

North Coast Earth First!

North Coast Environmental Center (NEC)

Oakland City Councilmember Nancy J. Nadel

Patagonia, Inc.

Planning and Conservation League Foundation (PCL)

Plight of the Redwoods Campaign

Rainforest Action Network (RAN)

Redwood Coast Watersheds Alliance

Religious Campaign for Forest Conservation

Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment

Ruckus Society

Salmon Forever

Santa Cruz Earth First!

Save the Redwoods / Boycott the Gap

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Sierra Club - Redwood Chapter

Social Justice Center of Marin

The Trees Foundation

United Steelworkers of America (USWA)

Veterans for Peace - Chapter 22

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Davispledges end to cutting ancient trees

By John Howard The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO -Lt. Gov. Gray Davis, hunting the support of environmentalists for his gubernatorial campaign. told conservationists Saturday that as governor he would ban the logging of oldgrowth trees.

Davis, in a major environmental address to the Planning and Conservation League Foundation. promised to ensure that "wetlands are preserved. rivers are clean and all old-growth trees are spared from the lumberjack's ax.'

Davis did not **discuss** the most controversial environmental Issue of the day — the roller coaster negotiations over preservation of the ancient Headwaters Forest.

Davis, the only gubernatorial candidate to accept the group's invitation to speak, said his on the 12-year tenure on the State Lands Commission reflected his proenvironmental position. His votes on that three-member panel. which has jurisdiction over Califormia's coastal waters and Inland rivers and waterways, Included the rejection of a number of oil and gas exploration leases and a ban on discharging PCPs into Santa,, Monica Bay.

"It (the commission) may be to some an **obscure** state agency. but believe me, we have left our mark." Davis told the foundation,



Lt. Gov. Gray Davis Didn'mention Headwaters

which supports his candidacy. The group, part of a grass-roots political organization that raises funds for environmental causes. met in the cavernous lobby of a local utility company's customer service headquarters.

The **commission** is composed two elected officials — the controller and lieutenant governor and the director of the state F1nance Department, who writes the gwernor's budgets. Davis served on the commission during.

hls two terms as controller and his single term as lieutenant governor.

Three other gubernatorial hopefuls. wealthy Democrats Jane Harman and Al Checchi, and GOP front-runner Dan Lungren. declined the foundation's invita-tions to appear, said PCL execudve director Gerald Meral.

By targeting environmental issues, Davis seeks to tap into the well-heeled political backing of mainstream conservationists. The PCL has long supported Davis: Both Davis and Meral noted that the organization has worked agreeably with Davis since his days as chief of staff to former Gov. Jerry Brown.

While Ms rivals have decried Davis' linkage to Brown. Davis praised his association with the former governor, who he described as "California's last environmental governor."

"He (Brown) was remarkably innovative, yery bright and ahead of his time," Davis added.

Davis, 55, also joidingly raised

the issue of his charlsma - or lack of it - as a political plus, noting that California's last four gubernatorial races had been won by less than-exciting Republican

Wflson. who is "dull as dishwater." beat Dianne Feinstein and . Kathleen Brown. while George Deukmeijan defeated the exciting and charismatic Tom Bradley, the former mayor of **Los** Angeles. Davis said.

"So, I'm just fine," he said,

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Petition to Governor Gray Davis

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WHEREAS; AS A CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR, YOU MADE A MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADDRESS TO THE PLANNING AND CONSERVATION LEAGUE FOUNDATION PROMISING TO ENSURE THAT "WETLANDS ARE PRESERVED, RIVERS ARE CLEAN, AND ALL OLD-GROWTH TREES ARE SPARED FROM THE LUMBERJACK'S AX".

AND WHEREAS; THE CONTINUED LOGGING OF OLD-GROWTH TREES IS A MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE,

AND WHEREAS; THE STATE'S LACK OF RESOLVE HAS NECESSITATED CITIZEN ACTIVISTS TO PUT THEIR BODIES IN HARM'S WAY,

AND WHEREAS; WE VOTERS EXPECT OUR LEADERS TO KEEP THEIR CAMPAIGN PROMISES,

WE THE UNDERSIGNED DEMAND THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IS NECESSARY TO STOP ANY CUTTING OF OLD-GROWTH TREES IN CALIFORNIA AS YOU PLEDGED.

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