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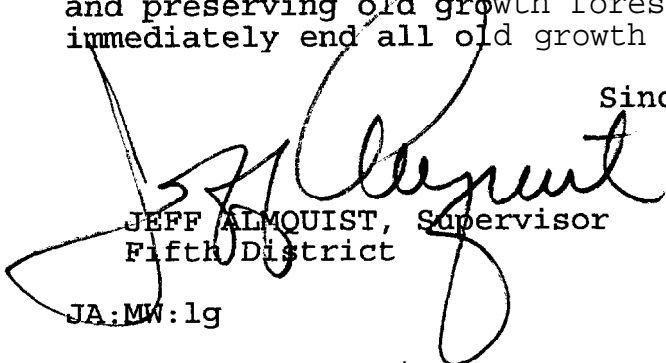
Dear Members of the Board:


The old growth forests of Northern California represent a vital and important habitat that is an irreplaceable resource. The 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 ALMQUIST, Supervisor
Fifth District


MARDI WORMHOUDT, Supervisor
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cc: Governor Davis
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September 2, 1999

Governor Gray Davis
State Capital
Sacramento, CA 95814

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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
- 7600 citizens of Italy
- Sierra Club - Redwood Chapter
- Social Justice Center of Marin
- The Trees Foundation
- United Steelworkers of America (USWA)
- Veterans for Peace - Chapter 22
- Voice of the Environment
- Youth for Environmental Sanity (YES)

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Davis pledges 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 old-growth 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 pro-environmental position. His votes on that three-member panel, which has jurisdiction over California'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 PCBs 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't 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 Finance Department, who writes the governor's budgets. Davis served on the commission during

his 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 invitations to appear, said PCL executive 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 his 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, very bright and ahead of his time," Davis added.

Davis, 55, also jokingly raised the issue of his charisma — or lack of it — as a political plus, noting that California's last four gubernatorial races had been won by less than-exciting Republican candidates.

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

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

