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AGENDA: 6/19/01

June 12, 2001

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

RE: TIMBER HARVEST OF THE ISLANDIA PROPERTY AT THE
HEADWATERS OF LOMPICO CREEK

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is a resolution requesting that the Board oppose the timber harvest of the Islandia property. This property is at the headwaters of Lompico Creek, the most important property in the watershed for storage and release of water into Lompico Creek. This is the water supply for all of the Lompico community.

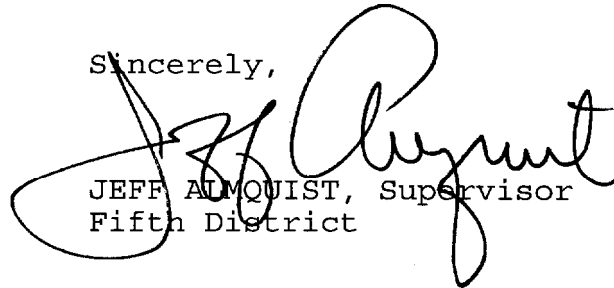
Redwood Empire, the owner of the Islandia property, has filed a Timber Harvest Plan with the intention of logging the property. The plan will maximize the removal of trees over a proposed seven week period, largely by helicopter logging, within and adjacent to the riparian areas. The overall harvest plan will take 60% of the mature trees in the watershed above the Lompico County Water District intake.

The facts that a moratorium has been in place on the issuance of new water meters since 1974, because of the limited water supply, and that this is a productive spawning habitat for the federally threatened steelhead trout, speak to the importance of protecting this watershed from any activities that may result in its degradation. Additionally, to subject area residents to seven weeks of intense disruption caused by helicopter logging is unacceptable.

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I recommend that the Board adopt the attached resolution opposing the timber harvesting of the Islandia property at the Headwaters of Lompico Creek.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Almquist". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end. It is positioned over the printed name and title of the signatory.

JEFF ALMQUIST, Supervisor
Fifth District

JA:lg
Attachment

cc: State Department of Forestry - Felton Office
Sierra Club
Valley Women's Club
Lompico Water Board
Kevin Collins
Alvin James, Planning Director

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO.

On the motion of Supervisor
duly seconded by Supervisor
the following resolution is adopted

OPPOSING THE TIMBER HARVEST OF THE
ISLANDIA PROPERTY AT THE HEADWATERS OF LOMPICO CREEK

WHEREAS, the property at the headwaters of Lompico Creek known as Islandia, owned by Redwood Empire and/or Roger Burch, contains approximately one-half of the watershed above the Lompico County Water District intake; and

WHEREAS, Islandia is the single most important property within the Lompico Creek watershed for the storage and release of water into Lompico Creek, and the water that flows from Islandia is essential to the water supply for all of the community of Lompico; and

WHEREAS, the water supply in Lompico Canyon is in a tenuous balance with the demand placed upon it by its inhabitants and the needs of the Canyon's wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Lompico County Water District has been under State-ordered moratorium preventing the release of new water meters since 1974, due to a lack of water supply; and

WHEREAS, Lompico Creek is a productive spawning habitat for steelhead trout (a federally listed threatened species under the Endangered Species Act) and will suffer serious habitat degradation from erosion caused by this logging project; and

WHEREAS, the owner of Islandia has filed a Timber Harvest Plan with intentions of logging the Islandia property; and

WHEREAS, when the Islandia property and the adjacent Foxx property are taken together, more than 60% of the watershed above the Lompico County Water District intake will be subject to timber harvest; and

WHEREAS, the proposed timber harvest maximizes the removal of trees within and adjacent to riparian areas; and

WHEREAS, this amount of industrial disturbance to the watershed of Lompico represents an unreasonable threat to the community because of the inevitable disruption of the hydrological cycle; and

WHEREAS, subjecting the residents of Lompico to the intense disruption caused by helicopter logging operations for the proposed minimum of seven weeks is unacceptable.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE TIMBER HARVEST OF THE ISLANDIA PROPERTY
AT THE HEADWATERS OF LOMPICO CREEK

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Santa Cruz hereby opposes the proposed logging operation of the Islandia property.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 2001, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES: SUPERVISORS
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

TONY CAMPOS, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

Samuel Tan 6/12/01
County Counsel

DISTRIBUTION: State Department of Forestry - Felton Office
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