



May 13, 2008

via e-mail

Sidnie Olson, AICP
City of Eureka
Community Development Department

Sidnie:

I have just resurfaced from a hectic month and am finally able to respond to the e-mail you sent requesting additional reports or documents that we might have that would help you with the CEQA process at the Balloon Tract. I compiled a number of documents and reports for your consideration in the CEQA analysis. From my conversation with you, I understand that you in fact currently only have a very limited number of documents that you have used. I am including documents provided to Humboldt Baykeeper from CUE VI and Union Pacific through the litigation process. I am also including reports showing the results of Baykeeper's sampling conducted on the Balloon Tract. I am still trying to figure out what would be most helpful for you, and decided that it would be best to send along what I have so nothing useful is overlooked. Please let me know if these documents will need to be resubmitted when the public comment period for the project opens.

As part of the litigation process, Baykeeper collected soil and sediment samples as well as biota samples from Clark Slough. In addition to other constituents, Baykeeper had these samples analyzed for dioxins and furans, which were found in all medium. These substances are known carcinogens and reproductive toxicants, and must be considered in any analysis of future use of the property. Baykeeper additionally conducted a dye tracer study, which you have already received, which confirmed that water is being discharged from the Balloon Tract into the City stormdrain system and then into Clark Slough.

Humboldt Baykeeper is happy to provide the City with this information for its use early in the CEQA process. We believe that these documents are important in informing the

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process that the City is currently undertaking and will consider them part of the administrative record, unless I hear otherwise.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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