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**COUNTY OF MENDOCINO**  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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April 8, 2008

The Honorable Mike Kerns, Chair  
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors  
575 Administration Drive, Room 100A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403-2887

SUBJECT: UPE 04-0040 Gualala Redwoods, Inc.

Dear Chair Kerns:

On May 18, 2008, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors will be considering the request of Gualala Redwoods Inc. for (1) amendment to Aggregate Resource Management Plan & Mining Ordinance, (2) Zone change to several parcels to add the Mineral Resources combining district, (3) Use permit to extend the mining permit term, and (4) revised Reclamation Plan for in-stream operations on the Gualala River.

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors discussed this project at our meeting on March 11, 2008. The majority of the Board (3-2) is requesting that Sonoma County, in its deliberations, consider not just the environmental impacts that could result from approval of the project, but conversely the environmental, social, and economic effects should UPE 04-0040 be denied.

A local source of aggregate is of great significance to the local economy by providing jobs, facilitating construction projects, and maintaining of infrastructure in the Gualala/Northern Sonoma Coast region.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment upon this project of regional significance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim R. Wattenburger".

Jim R. Wattenburger, Chair  
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Enclosure: March 11, 2008 Board of Supervisors Minutes

cc: David Colfax, 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor  
Ken Ellison, Project Planner- Sonoma County PRMD  
Gualala Municipal Advisory Council  
Tom Mitchell, Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer  
Raymond Hall, Mendocino County Planning & Building Services Director

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*SUPERVISOR DELBAR ABSENT 3:00 – 3:34 P.M.*

**Board Action:** Upon motion by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Colfax, and carried (4, with Supervisor Delbar absent); IT IS ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive Office to: 1) Attend stakeholder meetings; 2) Communicate and coordinate with other jurisdictions in the North Coast Region; 3) Work with the U.S. Department of Energy on development of Wave Energy seminars; 4) Work with the City of Fort Bragg on the establishment of a "Wave Energy Developer's Deposit Account"; 5) Work with the City of Fort Bragg to organize a stakeholders "group-of-groups"; and 6) Consult with County Counsel regarding Green Wave Energy Solutions, LLC's Wave Energy permit application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**Discussion on Motion:** Supervisor Pinches, reflecting on the amount of time and resources expended on this issue, expressed concern with the lack of progress with regard to any number of other issues the County is facing, such as water issues.

*RECESS: 3:13 – 3:34 P.M.*

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6E – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PENDING SONOMA COUNTY GRAVEL EXTRACTION PERMIT REQUESTED BY A MENDOCINO-BASED QUARRY OPERATOR, BEDROCK, INC.**

**Presenter/s:** Mr. Tom Mitchell, Chief Executive Officer, referencing a previously submitted written report submitted by Mr. Ray Hall, Planning and Building Services Director, noted that the deadline to submit comment has been extended, therefore he requested that the item be continued to allow for further staff review, also noting that it is being addressed by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

Discussion ensued with Board members expressing differing viewpoints relative to the merits of transmitting a letter of support at this time, as opposed to later; the jurisdiction of Sonoma County; the economic and environmental impacts to Mendocino County; unintended consequences of the Board taking a formal position on the matter; individual Board members transmitting letters as an alternative to a letter from the Board; CEQA requirements; air quality issues; and related matters.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Marshall Sayegh.

Mr. Mitchell reiterated his recommendation that the matter be referred back to staff for further review, with Supervisor Colfax concurring and further recommending that the CEO consult with Planning and Building Services, Department of Transportation, and the Air Quality Management District.

**Board Action:** Upon motion by Supervisor Pinches, seconded by Supervisor Delbar, and carried (3/2, with Supervisors Smith and Colfax dissenting); IT IS ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors directs the Executive Office to draft a letter to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors commenting on the economic impacts on the South Coast of Mendocino County relative to Sonoma County's pending approval of the gravel extraction permit requested by Mendocino-based quarry operator Bedrock, Inc.

**Discussion on Motion:** Board members shared differing views as to the value of the County taking a formal position on the matter.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7C1 – PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES – DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Presenter/s:** Mr. Ray Hall, Planning and Building Services Director, previously transmitted a written report.

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