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Subject: Follow-up on Brookings Ordinance

I have been informed that there will be no County meetings this Wednesday, and I will be out of town on 12/5/18.

Therefore, I am requesting that a public "thank you" to BOC Chair, Sue Gold, be extended at the next BOC meeting.

Despite multiple efforts to obtain assistance and/or advocacy from county employees for those of us living in the unincorporated areas above Lone Ranch, and/or within the Cape Ferrelo Fire District, Commissioner Gold is the only individual who took the time and effort to address a proposed Brookings City Ordinance that could have had significant negative impacts.

The proposed Ordinance not only misrepresented the listed streams themselves; the boundaries of the annexed Rio Tinto/Borax property; but also stated that, "energy sources and water withdrawals" would be allowed on the portions of these fish-bearing waterways which traverse the annexed property.

I have attached a copy of the presentation I made to the City Planning Commission for your information and documentation. This, preceded by Commissioner Gold's verbal testimony, which clearly indicated concerns for potential negative impacts on our Fire District, county property owners, and herself (living in the area), led to the Planning Commission's agreement to omit the words regarding "energy and water withdrawal" sources, as well as revisions for accuracy.

It is my sincere hope that a process be implemented within the County to address citizens' concerns regarding special governmental district entities and/or incorporated areas within our county, and that process be made public.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Catherine Wiley

City of Brookings Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m.-11/6/18 Mid-term Election Day

Commissioners:

In order to adhere to time limitations, this presentation will only deal with selective concerns/issues related to tonight's "proposed" adoption of a riparian overlay zone and an accompanying ordinance (purportedly consistent with Goal V-Safe Harbor).

I am formally requesting that approval of this Overlay Zone and/or accompanying Ordinance be delayed unless and until issues specifically related to four of the creeks listed be assessed, documented and verified. Lone Ranch Creek, Duley Creek, Ram Creek and Taylor Creek begin in unincorporated county land; supply essential water to existing homeowners and/or property owners above the annexed Rio Tinto property. These streams were identified as fish bearing at the time of annexation. Except for Duley Creek which falls into Lone Ranch Creek, the remaining three flow to the ocean through Boardman State Park.

This proposal allows (p.4,) "Water dependent: that these streams can be used for ...energy production, or source of water."

There are no studies indicating impacts/effects on essential water supplies to existing county property owners; the related watersheds; potential increases in fire hazards; as well as any environmental impacts, including Lone Ranch State Park.

P.2- "Native Vegetation"... "Plants identified & naturally occurring and historically found within the *City of Reedsport*."

"Riparian corridor (significant)" "A fish-bearing riparian resource"..includes, "...upland areas that serve to protect water quality and the habitat functions of the water body."

The "Riparian Protection Overlay Map", p.19 is an inaccurate and incomplete representation of the annexed Rio Tinto property and the relevant creeks impacted. As examples: Ram Creek commences way above

the property, closer to Carpenterville Rd. and runs through the annexed land. There are no indications of fish habitat, except for Taylor Creek.

There are no flow studies presented to document the average flows of these creeks.

Innumerable county property owners are dependent on these creeks and their watersheds.

- Exhibit "A"; Policy 3: the Planning Commission & City Council are, "...responsible for considering the effects of a decision on the entire community ...".

There are no studies ensuring that county residents and/or property owners dependent on potable water, irrigation sources, fire protection and/or watershed resources from four of the creeks listed: Lone Ranch; Duley; Ram and Taylor.

- P.2, Goal 6: "City's policy to ensure that... (will not) degrade air, land and water areas needed for watersheds and their water quality."

Does this take adjacent, unincorporated areas into consideration?

- Findings: p.3, "unduly restrict land development or inflate costs of new and existing housing"

Does this "finding" include the county properties above the annexed Rio Tinto property?

- Consistency With State Planning Goals: Goal 1; Citizen Involvement

This is the first opportunity for members of the public to address these proposals. It is questionable that encouraging citizen involvement includes scheduling such a significant issue on the date of national, mid-term elections.

- P.7, "The plan and implementing ordinances shall clearly identify those conflicting uses....".

Has there been any assessment regarding conflicting uses by those outside of City limits, yet dependent on the water from these creeks?

- 660-023-0060 – Notice and Land Owner Involvement
“Local governments shall provide timely notice to landowners and opportunities for citizen involvement during the inventory and ESEE process. Notification and involvement of landowners, citizens, and public agencies should occur at the earliest possible opportunity...”

Neither Curry County officials, the Cape Ferello Fire District nor county property owners were notified.

Your consideration of these representative issues is appreciated, and hopefully will lead to more inclusive assessments of the uphill and adjacent properties, as well as increased accuracy in reports for your decision-making.

Thank you.

Catherine Wiley

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