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Fort Bragg City Council  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Re: the matter 8d on the agenda for Mar 27 2023

We applaud the effort of Fort Bragg City Council to ensure water supplies for the citizens. Water quality and quantity must be safeguarded, whether scarcity or flood.

Sierra Club Mendocino Group in the past has expressed its concern for the Mendocino Cypress Pygmy Woodlands and we continue to do so. This habitat and biological phenomenon is exceedingly rare and sensitive. Soil disturbance destroys it. There is no repair. The Mendocino Cypress Woodlands are unique in all the world and these soils are far older than the oldest Old Growth. This complex is found only here, in areas surrounding Fort Bragg, around Little River Airport, portions of Albion, and bits near Gualala. It is loosely characterized as "forestland" in the 8d documents. It is not forestland. Sierra Club has documented this Pygmy presence on the property under review for acquisition. We will be monitoring future actions toward development very closely.

We are grateful for the opportunity to comment.

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Chair  
Executive Committee, Sierra Club Mendocino Group