

Rex Bohn, Supervisor District 1
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 5th Street
Eureka, Ca 95501

Supervisor Bohn:

We are writing to express our concerns about the ongoing target shooting and illegal dumping activities at Fernbridge. We firmly believe that the County needs to take action to address these activities.

We support the suggestion by Alexandre Family EcoDairy Farms for the County to develop an ordinance to address the target shooting. However, we would like to see any ordinance developed encompass a wider scale than just the immediate Fernbridge area. We have lived on family property adjacent to the Lower Eel River approximately 2 miles downstream of Fernbridge for over 20 years. We have witnessed people shooting protected shorebirds, shooting high-powered rifles towards our pastures with our livestock present, as well as illegal dumping of trash and abandoned vehicles, all on the river bar next to us. Developing an ordinance that only addresses the target shooting near Fernbridge may only serve to shift the heavy use downstream towards our property.

In regards to the communication from the Fish & Game Commission, we are concerned about their generalization about hunters being responsible with firearms. We did not see any information in their letter that they surveyed target shooters to determine if they had hunter safety cards or if they were or were not licensed hunters. While we believe many hunters are responsible, we have witnessed many who are not. We have had some poor interactions with waterfowl hunters near our property. On occasion, hunters have been so close to our home that pellets from their shotgun shells have landed on our roofs. Having a hunter safety card does not necessarily deem one responsible. We have also picked up hundreds of spent shotgun shells along the river bar after hunting seasons.

As far as the Fish & Game Commission recommendations, we believe placing signage in the area would not work. It is likely any signs would become handy targets for shooting practice. Also, signage assumes some level of literacy, and that cannot be assumed in this case. Their suggestion for camera surveillance also seems illogical to us. It is unclear what a camera would accomplish, and this issue is more wide-spread than what can be viewed through a camera lens.

To be clear, we support responsible use of firearms and believe that target shooters need access somewhere to do this, but it is clear that the Lower Eel River river-bar is not the appropriate area. We support an ordinance that would address target shooting along the Lower Eel River river-bar. We also offer the suggestion that County staff look at any and all potential sites under County control that would be better suited to this type of activity, where livestock and human lives are not threatened, and where more control of access to the site could be managed.

Sincerely,

Bruce & Frances Tjarnstrom
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(707) 499-0080 cellular (Bruce)

Hayes, Kathy

From: Bohn, Rex
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 7:54 AM
To: Hayes, Kathy
Subject: FW: Fernbridge

-----Original Message-----

From: Jennifer Jones [<mailto:jen27jones@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 11:29 PM
To: Bohn, Rex
Subject: Fernbridge

Rex,
I know the board is going to discuss the Fernbridge shooting range, and it was just yesterday I was driving across Fernbridge and thinking how that riverbed looked like the adhoc dump that I saw when traveling in Guatemala. It looks like a garbage dump down there. While I didn't grow up here, I've been a resident for 16 years, and when we shot our guns in SoCal we shot them at gun ranges where we paid for someone to clean up our shot or on a friend's property where we cleaned it up so we didn't have to live in a dump. I'm saddened and disgusted by this illegal gun range and I hope you will speak out to control it and create a cleaner and safer place for us all! Please, they are tarnishing the Second Amendment rights for all.

Jennifer Jones
Ferndale

Believe in the goodness of others!

Hayes, Kathy

From: Bohn, Rex
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 7:55 AM
To: Hayes, Kathy
Subject: FW: FW: Fernbridge and Eel Riverbar Shooting and Trash Issues - Agenda Item for November 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

From: Stephanie Alexandre [<mailto:stephanie@ecodairyfarms.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 5:34 PM
To: Bohn, Rex
Cc: chris@ecodairyfarms.com
Subject: FW: FW: Fernbridge and Eel Riverbar Shooting and Trash Issues - Agenda Item for November 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Res, Please see Dr. Shin's letter below. Thank you Rex!

Stephanie Alexandre

From: Michael Shin [<mailto:drshindds@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 5:19 PM

To: Stephanie Alexandre

Subject: Re: FW: Fernbridge and Eel Riverbar Shooting and Trash Issues - Agenda Item for November 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Thank you for creating this opportunity. Due to patient obligations, I am not able to attend the meeting. However I support you guys completely and please add my voice to yours.

Dear counsel,

I have experienced ricochet of bullets at my house on two occasions this year. I often wake up to gun shots in the middle of a night. My family fears the weapon discharges by individuals we don't even know if they are in a sound state of mind.

I am a lifetime NRA member who support gun rights. What goes on at Fernbridge and further down along the riverbar has nothing to do with gun rights but affects the area resident's right to live in peace.

I hope the counsel will adapt appropriate motions to address this issue as I see lives of people and livestock at risk.

Many acts of felonies occur at the riverbar that is subject to felony in the state of California including the use of high capacity magazine equipped firearms and automatic weapons.

I trust the counsel to act sweeply as our concerned voices have been loud for a long time.

Thank you.

Michael Shin and family.

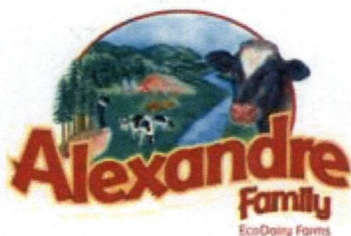
On Oct 29, 2015 11:01 AM, "Stephanie Alexandre" <stephanie@ecodairyfarms.com> wrote:

Hello Neighbors –

The Eel River Bar Shooting is issue is the first item on the agenda at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, November 3rd @ 9:00am. Please attend and feel free to comment at the meeting with any concerns. See emails below.

Thank you,

Stephanie Alexandre



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From: Hayes, Kathy [<mailto:KHayes@co.humboldt.ca.us>]

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 2:08 PM

To: 'chris@ecodairyfarms.com'; Nancy Kaytis-Slocum (nkaytis4@gmail.com); 'aj.bolton@wildlife.ca.gov'; Downey, Mike; Honsal, William

Cc: Bohn, Rex; Damico, Tracy

Subject: Fernbridge and Eel Riverbar Shooting and Trash Issues - Agenda Item for November 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Dear Staff, Fish and Game Commissioners, Sheriff Downey, Fish & Wildlife and Members of the Public:

Supervisor Rex Bohn has asked me to communicate with all of you to let you know that the Fernbridge/Eel Riverbar Shooting and Trash Issue will be on the November 3, 2015 Board Agenda. The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 825 5th Street, Eureka. Supervisor Bohn knows this is an extremely important issue and wants to make sure all of the stakeholders have an opportunity for input

before the Board on November 3rd. Also, please feel free to contact Supervisor Bohn directly at 707-498-2228, if you have any questions. Thank you.

Kathy Hayes

Administrative Support Manager/Clerk of the Board

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