



Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council (RVMAC)
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Senator Mike McGuire
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Dear Senator McGuire,

We at the Redwood Valley MAC are in support of the Great Redwood Trail's benefits to the Redwood Valley community and the public. We believe a great benefit to the usefulness and quality of the Great Redwood Trail would be a stop off park in our community, at the closed Redwood Valley School site, 700 School Way, Redwood Valley, CA 95470, Mendocino County parcels 163-060-15 and 163-060-35.

At a recent Townhall meeting regarding the Great Redwood Trail, I understood that a large tract of land north of us, along the Eel River, had been acquired as a stopover for the project. I also learned that \$10 million has been allocated for this project. Please consider a State purchase or a Great Redwood Trail Organization purchase of the closed Redwood Valley School for a stop over park. Just north of Ukiah by about 7 miles, the closed school site has parking, and adjoins both the railroad tracks and the Russian River.

On 10-13-22, the Ukiah Unified School District (UUSD) Trustees adopted Resolution 6, 2022-2023, declaring the Redwood Valley School property as exempt surplus land and directed the UUSD Administration to offer the property for sale or lease to educational and governmental public agencies for a period of time, 60-90 days, after which may begin a competitive proposal bid process.

We believe recreational and educational use is the best purpose for this land, benefitting many Californians who wish to utilize the Trail from a rural scenic point, in an area that includes a market and gas station nearby. Please view the attached map and consider making this gem part of the Trail, before it is sold at a later date for commercial purposes. The community and public will thank you for this.



Sincerely,

Dolly Riley, Jini Reynolds, Katrina Frey, Chris Boyd, Sattie Clark, Marybeth Kelly, Patricia Ris-Yarbrough, Adam Gaska, Fran Laughton

This correspondence is the voice of the RVMAC on a matter of concern for the community, and not necessarily the opinion of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors.

Cc: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, Ukiah Unified School District, Great Redwood Trail Organization