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Greetings Director Julia Krog and Nash Gonzalez,

The Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council (RVMAC) submitted to you a completed Redwood Valley Community Action Plan (CAP) and Design Review six months ago, on August 18, 2022. We would like to hear the outcome of your 2nd review after we made amendments. The original Plan was composed in 2 years with 4 community meetings from 2017 to 2019, and was sent to you July 2020 and received back from you February 2022 with corrections. Last year, our CAP subcommittee met 7 times to revise, and resubmitted to you in August of 2022.

A brief history: In 2003 the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors (Supervisors) requested funds to prepare a Community Action Plan for Redwood Valley. The Plan was adopted by the community in 2004, but never approved by the Supervisors (for reasons unknown to the RVMAC). Since that time, the community has identified many additional issues and changes in priorities: drought, fire, and water shortages, etc. The RVMAC was formed in 2016, and we immediately began to work on an updated CAP.

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 16-057, dated May 3, 2016, states the RVMAC may advise the Board of Supervisors on the following: (A. Duties) (a.) Review of rezoning, land use, general plan amendments, use permits, and subdivisions; (b.) Review, revision and implementation of the Redwood Valley Community Plan, etc. From several meetings with PBS staff and other experts over the course of years, we recognize that the way to ensure that the community character, natural beauty, rural nature, and biodiversity of Redwood Valley are preserved and enhanced is to work with County staff to revise both the General Plan and Zoning regulations to reflect the intent of the Redwood Valley CAP.

Why does it matter? The people of Redwood Valley had to watch as an unsightly and unwelcome storage facility was built on a prime commercial site in the center of our small community. Even though the Redwood Valley component of the General Plan identified that site for local commercial businesses such as a drugstore, hardware, or feed store, possibly with some residential sited above, the storage units were approved with no requirement for public input or hearings. Once approved, our 2022 CAP and other regulations could enable greater examination

and public participation in development decisions. Citizens throughout Mendocino County, and in so many other communities, want far greater ability to participate in community improvements, rather than have undesirable developments dumped on us. Please review our hard work and assist us toward the adoption of our Community Action Plan and Design Review.

Respectfully,

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cc: 1st Dist. Supervisor Glenn McGourty

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