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Jeanine Townsend,  
Clerk to the State Water Board

I live and work in the North Fork of the Elk River watershed. I have been extensively intimate with the North Fork of Elk River since the early 1980s, playing, swimming, and exploring the river channel since I was a child. Even prior to acquiring a Masters in Geology I understood the shape of the river geometry, behavior, and seasonal flow differentiation. Since my education, I can better convey the technical side of fluid dynamics, river morphology, and know my relation to the history of this region, both physically and politically.

The Regional Water Board, by sanctifying even more sediment to be redeposited in and from the Upper Elk watershed, will securely allow the destruction of our area's core strengths: nature and it's diverse contributions to our economy. By allowing the Upper Elk River Sediment TMDL in its current form, the Water Board will continue to hinder the growth of our local economy by stealing opportunity from the future. A strong economy is diverse and complex. By discrediting the other beneficial uses of the ecosystem the Water Board is signing away the future of a prosperous and healthy local economy for Humboldt residents.

Please, do not allow any more harm to come to those who have endured for so long already. The current Action Plan requires revision prior to implementation. Not until revision can the plan contribute to total watershed system reform and reduce flooding to 1987 levels.

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