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Planning & Building Services

To: Mendocino County Coastal Permit Administrator,

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Re: Case #CPD 2021-0036

I am the President of the Board of Trustees of the Mendocino Unified School District. I am writing as an individual because we had no notice of this intended action before July 7th and no opportunity to put it on an agenda for discussion. It was brought to our attention by a concerned community member. I am joined in this letter by our Superintendent, Jason Morse. He has had no contact with PG&E and learned about it last Thursday as well.

How it is that PG&E can plan to cut 69 trees on a neighbor's property without consulting them? This is very like the situation the County faced in Faulkner Park.

We ask that you delay action on this item until after the Board has spoken to its attorneys and met to plan a course of action. We seek the opportunity to meet with PG&E before you act.

As it stands, we also wish to point to the following concerns:

- 1) The PG&E consultant's report (page 30) states: "These trees have been deemed hazardous to the safety of operating the substation." Deemed by whom? May we see the report that makes this judgment so that we can understand the basis of it?
- 2) As noted on page 4 of the staff report "The dense tree stand that runs the length of the substation eastern perimeter fence/wall that presumably provides a visual screening between the school/public and the PG&E substation." We also note the photos on pages 57-61 and 65. It is clear that the visual impact will be great. Why is there no condition to mitigate that?
- 3) Taking out 69 trees in a well watered wetlands habitat only means the regrowth will occur. The consultant states (page 30) "We would ... annually maintain it in years to come." Why is there no condition that commits PG&E to do just that? Otherwise the school district will be doing this work at our expense.

We urge the Administrator to delay action on this item. PG&E and the District need to meet and the conditions of the permit need to be strengthened.

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