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February 13, 2018

Mr. Mark Benzinger MCMP, LLC

Via email: mbenzinger@mercerfraser.com

Re: MCMP Comments and Revised Operations Plan

Dear Mr. Benzinger,

I am writing on behalf of the District in response to your comments and revised operations plan that you provided to us via email on January 26th. We appreciate the time you took to meet with our Board President Sheri Woo, Supervisor Ryan Sundberg and myself on January 23rd. As you know, since our initial meeting, we have filed an appeal to the Planning Commission's decision to grant a Special Permit for your project. Our objections stem from a number of fatal flaws with this project at the 90 Glendale Drive property, which are enumerated in our appeal document and will be expanded upon when the appeal and zoning change are considered by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.

Our Board also continues to question the proposed zoning change from AG to Heavy Industrial. There are other possible zoning possibilities for this parcel that would provide continuing your current operations consistent with the IR designation under the County's General Plan. Specifically, the AE zone would allow for this. In addition to the lack of notice, lack of environmental review and analysis, lack of consideration of alternatives and mitigation measures, and other defects associated with the project, we also object to the misleading description of the rezone as being necessary to comply with the County's General Plan.

In the interest of protecting the environment and the public health and welfare for the drinking water of 2/3rds of the County's population, and given the overwhelming public protest over siting this project on the Glendale property, our Board can only support the AE zone which would not expand any industrial activity at the proposed site.

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We had hoped that you or another representative from MCMP, LLC would have attended our monthly board meeting last week to discuss this issue.

Respectfully

John Friedenbach, General Manager

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