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LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY
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Lake County Planning Commission
255 N. Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

RE: Major Use Permit (UP 19-05) Bioenergy Production System at 7130 Red Hills Road, Kelseyville


The Buckingham Homes Association, LLC wishes to go on the record with respect to the Bioenergy Production System project proposed by the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians at 7130 Red Hills Road in Kelseyville. Over the years, it has been the policy of the BHA to express opinions on issues that have the potential to affect our community.

The BHA is concerned about a number of aspects of this project. Our biggest concern is that the project is an industrial operation and is therefore incompatible with the land-use of the general area. As a matter of principle, we oppose any practice that amounts to "spot zoning," on the belief that such practices pose a threat to property values in the region.

The BHA board also has aesthetic concerns about the project, which would be located at the major entrance to our community and to the communities of Clearlake Riviera and Riviera West.

While the BHA appreciates the need for biochar production facilities such as these, we do not feel that this location is appropriate. As a result, we must oppose the project. Thank you for taking the time to consider our comments.

Sincerely,


Bill Groody, President
Buckingham Homes Association

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Mark Roberts

From: Mark Barnes <mbarnes@clearlakepd.org>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:27 AM
To: Mark Roberts
Subject: [EXTERNAL]7130 Red Hills Road

Good Morning. My name is Mark Barnes and I live at 7140 Eagles Nest Lane which is about 1000 feet east of 7130 Red Hills Road. I received a notification from your office about the Red Hills Bioenergy Project. My biggest problem with the proposal is the noise factor. We have been listening to the extremely loud chipping project from the PG&E that was allowed at 7130 Red Hills Road. I believed the PG&E work would be temporary so I did not voice my concerns to the County. When the grinding is going on it sounds like it is in my side yard. It is extremely loud. This noise sometimes goes on for six to seven hours a day. I understand the chipper being used by PG&E is very large and does make a lot of noise. So I guess my question is, how large is the chipper going to be when the bioenergy plant is in operation? From reading the information on the website it appears chipping will only happen for two to three hours a day. Could you provide any additional information regarding how much noise the project will produce? That would be greatly appreciated.

Also, there has been a fifth wheel travel trailer abandoned on Eagles Nest Lane since the Valley Fire. It has been tagged by the CHP but has not been removed by the county. I would appreciate any assistance in abating this trailer from Eagles Nest Lane. I was told that Eagles Nest Lane was not a county road, however according to the information on file with the county it is a designated county road. Any help would be appreciated. Thank you, Mark Barnes. 707-972-8768

Mark Roberts

From: Yvonne Gahaghan <yjaramil@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Mark Roberts
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Red Hills Bioenergy Project

Good Morning,

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> I realize this is the weekend. I am emailing to express concerns regarding the Red Hills Bioenergy Project.
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> I have a few concerns. Please ensure that the water source for Clearlake Riviera is protected from PAHs and Dioxins. Polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and dioxins are toxic and can be present in chars and bio-oils produced during pyrolysis. How will this facility avoid getting these toxins in the environment and in our watershed? Already we have multiple wineries that "do not use harmful pesticides". I am suspicious of these claims through life experience. I know too many people that have died too young from chemical uses in the agricultural industry.
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> Air pollution is also a huge problem due to wildfires, worldwide industrialization, and deforestation. How will Lake County ensure that biochar production does not contribute to poor air quality and GHG? Where will the biomass come from? We should not contribute to deforestation in our region, as this will further complicate the quality of the environment and our lives reducing beautiful Lake County to a dryer climate, polluting the waterways with silt, and eliminating vibrant forested hills that clean our air and improve our ambient temperatures. Environmental sustainability should be a concern in such a project. This land is not on a reservation and should be subject to environmental regulations including adherence to CEQA.
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> For many residents, drinkable water is difficult to get. Please do not ruin the long term sustainability of your citizen's fresh water source for the short term gains of select individuals. While I am happy that local industry is moving forward, please consider that clean water should not be a concern heaped on top of the stressors that most of us already have in this time of economic uncertainty. Pandemics, rising costs of utilities, rising costs of food, rampant fires, and loss of fire insurance. I could keep going. Please don't make this a worry for us on top of everything else. I am no expert, but I am always a sceptic where industry is concerned since I am certain this energy production will not benefit the local residents.
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> Thank you for your time. I appreciate it very much.
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> With respect,
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> Yvonne Gahaghan
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> Kelseyville, CA
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