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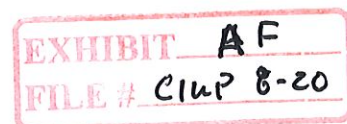
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Dear Mr. Nobel;

In reference the the proposed Klamath County Solar ordinance I have one objection. I do not feel it is right for the county to hold C agricultural water users to the exclusive farm use zoning. Since it fairly obvious that we are in the middle of a drought that could last decades, I don't believe that the county should limit land owners ability to maintain the cash flow their land. Restricting C water users options will only exacerbate the water issue in the county. This is because you are leaving them with only one option and that is to tap into precious ground water resources.

Thanks for your attention,
Quintin McBain

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Dear Mr. Nobel,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the County's proposed ordinance.

I have a few comments and observations regarding the matter.

First, I disagree that Class III soils should be excluded from Solar Development. According to the USDA, "*Class III soils have severe limitations that reduce the choice of plants or require special conservation practices, or both.*" You would be remiss by not including the definition of the three soil types mentioned in the proposal under **XX.010 - Definitions**.

If you accept the USDA's definition of Class III soil, then I see no reason not to allow solar farms on such a location.

Having lived in the Gatewood area for 25 years, I've seen the alfalfa field across the bypass rezoned for "Light commercial." It seems the council is okay with removing productive farm land for light commercial uses, but not for solar farms. That makes me wonder if this proposal is aimed at stopping one particular person rather than setting guidance for future applications.

Given the choice, I'd rather have a solar farm across the street than a sheet metal shop, so I don't believe it is proper to exclude solar based on any soil class. Any land taken out of production for solar would remain fertile and could be returned to agriculture at any point in the future.

Section XX.030, Part 8, deals with minimizing the solar plant from public view. Chain link fences, currently in use at Solar Farms in the county, do not shield the site from view and should not be allowed.

It would also be foolish to site a facility in a location that the reflected rays from the solar panels would blind or be a hinderance to motorists at any time of day or season and the easiest way to do that would be to plant trees, such as the Lombardy Poplar, as a screen outside of the security fence.

Thank you for giving my comments consideration.

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