

*Humboldt Bay Harbor Working Group
Feedback – Lunch Forum July 30, 2014
Presenter: Larry Henderson*

1. Was the presentation informative?

YES: 17

No response: 1

2. Do you support the idea of One Plan developed collaboratively by the County Supervisors, Eureka City Council, Harbor District and Wiyot Tribal Council for revitalizing the harbor to create jobs and improve the local economy?

YES: 17

Suggestion: 1

"I wish the speaker had identified the political bodies whose coordination is critical to their success."

Why or why not?

- Scattered resources need to be combined.
- It can help create jobs
- Lean on the harbor District
- A single voice is needed
- We cannot redevelop our harbor/port without a unified plan; to get investment (public and private) there must be a written vision.
- Need to show political will.
- It is the only way to move forward. All agencies need to promote development by the same plan.
- The RR goal appears troubled at best. Unclear what products there are to be shipped. Government subsidizes road transportation, Caltrans, oil industry. There is no short-haul shipping.
- Unity and collaboration are absolutely necessary for success.
- It's the only way it will work.
- This does have deliverables and should be adapted as action plan for HBWOC.
- Must happen
- As discussed, any investors/stakeholders will want to see a unified plan.
- Thousands of reasons!

3. What challenges do you see to the development of that plan?

- Need to make a positive statement that "yes, we can achieve big things."
- Political stupidity.
- Rail is necessary for full use of the harbor...funding for feasibility study is necessary!!
- Local environmental groups
- These are objectives. Is there an implementation plan? Is there a project yet to write an implementation plan? Public will fight against shipping coal to China, LPG, etc.
- No growth people do not want change
- Members of the harbor Commission, a Supervisor...
- I don't agree with bringing back railroad.

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Challenges, continued

- Our Harbor District commissioners are frightened of what we are proposing and are avoiding it.
- Potential for frivolous lawsuits; small factions trying to stalemate/stall plan approval.
- The Harbor District Commissioners are the biggest obstacle to revitalizing our harbor.
- Convincing all agencies to come together for 1 plan.
- Collaboration!
- The Harbor District---and no connection to the national rail network.
- RR construction.

4. What suggestions do you have for dealing with those challenges?

- Further develop the unified plan as presented
- Vote
- Huge turn-out for Eureka City Council race...NOW!
- Draw an org chart of who is going to make decisions, then figure out why these things haven't been achieved yet, really.
- Educate the entire public about the jobs and benefits which would result.
- Vote them out.
- Trucking.
- Massive public outcry for the need for action for jobs!
- Decision makers must prove they have backbone.
- Elect Harbor Commissioners that share this vision.
- Change the Harbor District elected officials and rally the business community for the E/W rail feasibility study.
- Concentrate on a RR. This is the key.
- This group should endorse like-minded candidates for public office.