

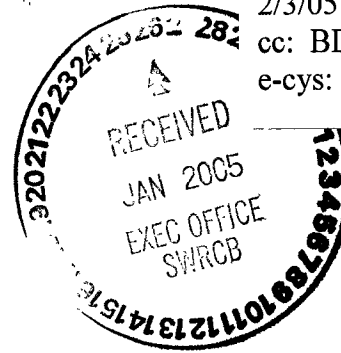
SPECIAL HEARING

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Public Hearing, February 3, 2005. Reissuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Discharge of Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activities (Industrial General Permit)

Re: Randall Sand & Gravel (NOI / WDID 1 12I018770)
PO Box 339
214 west River Lane
Garberville, Ca. 95542

Dear State Water Resources Control Board Members,

Thank you for giving our family the opportunity to make a public comment about this very important issue.

My parents purchased our home the summer of 1966 (2nd new home built in the River Crest Subdivision Lot 4) approx 1 mile out of Garberville, off Sprowl Creek Rd, just north of the Moody Bridge, overlooking the South Fork of the Eel River. At the time they purchased our new home (summer of 1966) the only thing on the river bar below our property were Tooby Ranch cattle grazing and people enjoying the tranquil river. It was a wonderful place to play, explore, grow up, fish, swim and learn about life, and can be again.

The in-stream surfacing mining of the time was operating approx 1 mile up stream and 1/2 mile down stream from our home. The Cement Plant was operated by a Fortuna owned business, 1 mile around the bend and down stream (current PG&E location) until the late 70's. The old one lane wood & steel Briceland/Moody Bridge had a weight limit (6 tons) No Heavy Gravel and Ready Mix truck traffic. The New Moody Bridge was not built nor open until 1981. The Humboldt County General Plan for Garberville, Redway, Benbow and Alderpoint did not come into being until the mid 80's. Bringing with it Randall Sand & Gravel and County zoning for Heavy Industry just below our home and property, on the River bar. (20 years after our home was built)

Since the mid 80's our family has strongly objected to the Humboldt County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (finding of no significant adverse environmental effect) for Randall Sand & Gravel's past and present Conditional Use Permit, Surface Mining Permit, & Reclamation Plan application, CUP-02-41, SMP-02-04 & RP-02-04, in the Garberville area, on the South Fork of the Eel River, below our home.