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Mr. John Donnelly
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RE: Usal Redwood Forest Conservation Easement Project

Dear Mr. Donnelly,

On behalf of the staff, board of directors, and the membership of the Environmental Protection Information Center, I write to you to appreciate the distribution of the independent review of the appraisal of the Usal Forest and Shady Dell Properties. The independent review fully supports the validity of the existing appraisal. The reviewers finding that the appraisal meets the high standards required by the Wildlife Conservation Board should assure the general public and high profile stakeholders alike that the value of the Usal Forest conservation easement is reasonable and well supported.

As you know, the Usal Redwood Forest Conservation Easement Project enjoys significant support in the broader community of Northwest California. The membership of our organization has repeatedly expressed support for the project. Our organization is dedicated to advocating for the strict stewardship of water and forest resources in order to protect ecological integrity, biodiversity, and the potential for a sustainable and dignified wood products industry in the region. We wholeheartedly believe that the Usal Redwood Forest Project is a cornerstone initiative in achieving important conservation and economic objectives in the long term.

With this final review completed, we urge you to bring the Usal Redwood Forest Conservation Easement Project back before the WCB for a positive decision as soon as possible.

Thank you for your professionalism and commitment to forest conservation on the North Coast.

Sincerely,

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