

A Policy of the Gualala Municipal Advisory Council

(Adopted 1 July 2010)

Policy Regarding Tracking, Public Announcement and Discussion of Proposed Timber Harvest Plans (THP):

One of the specifically enumerated advisory powers of the Gualala Municipal Advisory Council (GMAC) is “Planning.” in the Gualala area. Resolution Number 97-03 5 of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors specifically states that GMAC is to “advise the Board of Supervisors on current and long term planning and development projects.”

Timber Harvest Plans within or adjacent to the lands with the Gualala Town Plan or GMAC’s sphere of influence have historically created substantial public controversy.

Since GMAC is at times consulted as a referral agency, and;

The GMAC members wish to adopt a formal and consistent protocol for such instances for purposes of transparency, clarity, and to diminish any suggestion of conflicts of interest. Therefore, Council members will adhere to the following:

- 1) Allow the applicant or representative one half (1/2) hour to present the THP to the GMAC and the public.
- 2) Encourage public participation in the THP review.
- 3) GMAC will always consider the Coastal Act in reviewing any THP.
- 4) GMAC will advise the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors as to any findings that would be in addition to State policies, County ordinances, and environmental impacts not seen by the ordinary review standards.
- 5) GMAC will ask questions of the applicant regarding the impacts on the watershed that is involved.
- 6) This policy will be reviewed and revised as necessary.