

7.0 RESPONSES TO COMMENTS FROM THE CITY OF EUREKA

The District finds that no substantial environmental points are raised in the City's comment letter, and no responses are required.

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RE: DEIR for the Humboldt Bay Management Plan (HBMP)

Dear Mr. Robinson,

The City of Eureka thanks the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District (District) for including a discussion of land use conflicts in the DEIR (contained in section 12.3.2.2 of the document) to address the issue regarding the combining water use districts we raised in our Notice of Preparation comments. While we understand that uses in overlay zones are generally recognized as being secondary to the uses allowed in the base zone, the language in the HPMP regarding the "preference" for uses that are consistent with the requirements of the overlay zones raised some concern in this regard.

We are pleased to see the clarification in the DEIR that the maintenance of coastal-dependent industrial uses along the City's bay margins is considered a priority by the HBMP, and that the recreational (and potentially conflicting) uses of the Marine Recreation overlay zone, which in some cases is located adjacent to land zoned for coastal-dependent industrial uses, will not override this focus.

Since the District's jurisdiction not only abuts, but in most cases overlaps the City of Eureka's land use jurisdiction where the City limits extend out into the bay, it is important that the HBMP and the City's Local Coastal Program are not in conflict. It appears that the City's land use designations and the District's water use designations are generally consistent. This fact, together with the HBMP policies directing the District to consult with the City regarding a variety of issues that will affect us, should minimize future conflicts.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this DEIR. We look forward to a continuing cooperative effort in managing Humboldt Bay.

Sincerely,

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