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**Kirk Gothier Comments on Climate Adaptation Opportunities Workshop**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

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To: California Energy Commission (CEC)

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Subject: 7/24/15 CEC Workshop Comment (Docket 15-IEPR-11, TN# 205160)

Commissioners,

Your scheduled Workshop, on the “State of the Science to Deeply Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GGE) on California’s Energy System,” will yield valuable insight into how to reduce GGE and meet California’s energy system goals.

Unfortunately, the format and contents of previously prepared CEC Integrated Energy Policy Reports (IEPR) did not provide Commissioners with:

1. A concise and manageable description of California’s Existing Energy System,
2. An engaging vision of California’s Planned Energy System, and
3. A complete set of integrated energy system policies, with a clear path towards reducing GGE and delivering clean air and water, sustainable communities, and economic prosperity.

Consequently, I would urge your Commission to focus the Workshop input on updating the 2015 IEPR to include all of the above.

Having spent the past 4 decades in both the public and private sectors, helping build communities and small businesses, I couldn’t resist preparing the attached recommended 2015 IEPR format, for your consideration. I hope it helps!

Kirk

*P.S. It has also been my pleasure to connect with Millennials in the San Francisco Bay Area, who are disrupting our world in hugely inclusive and affirming ways. Please build on their insightful research and data in preparing the 2015 IEPR Update, (<http://thebreakthrough.org/index.php/issues/energy/renewables-and-nuclear-at-a-glance>), listen to what they are saying about modernizing our energy system, and engage in the discussion they recently initiated with the release of this document: <http://www.ecomodernism.org/manifesto/>*

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# ATTACHMENT A: DRAFT 2015 IEPR UPDATE FORMAT

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# ATTACHMENT B: RESUME

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## KIRK GOTHIER

### Experience

Prior to retirement from public service in March of 2007, I held numerous increasingly responsible positions within the Humboldt County Community Development Services Department. During this rewarding career, I developed life-long relationships with elected officials, agency staff, and industry leaders.

I also created and built North Coast Concepts, a wholesale gift business, managing every aspect of this business for 20 years including: product development, marketing and sales. Our most popular product was Adopt a Baby Redwood.

I currently invest in equities, mentor local agency staff, serve as President of the Ferndale Museum, and write poetry for the North Coast Journal. Following are some examples of my relevant experience.

**County of Humboldt-Planner:** Directed the delivery of local planning services in Humboldt County in a variety of positions, including Assistant Planning Director and LAFCo Executive Officer.

In 1994 I was promoted to the position of Assistant Planning Director. In this position I worked directly with the County Board of Supervisors, Local Agency Formation Commission, City and District Managers, City Council and District Board Members, Legal Counsels for all local agencies, and Department Heads. I also managed a staff of 21 in delivering local planning services.

**North Coast Concept-Business Owner:** Built a business as a creative outlet for the development and marketing of wholesale gift products. As a wholesale manufacturer and distributor for 20 years, I was responsible for all aspects of managing and building a small business: product development, marketing, sales, and management of contract labor. Our most popular product was "Adopt a Baby Redwood," and we typically sold 10-20,000 redwood seedlings a year, primarily through gift stores and mail order catalogues.

**College of the Redwoods-College Instructor:** I taught a 3-unit class titled "The Planning Permit Process" for 3 semesters.