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To: Jocelyn Gonzalez-Thies; Julia Krog; Russell Ford
Subject: FW: Planning Commission Agenda Item 6a: Redwood Valley Community Action Plan
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Commissioners:

My name is Christine Boyd and I live in Redwood Valley. I've been on the RV Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) continuously since its inception in 2016, first as the Chair, and now as Vice Chair. On the advice of former Supervisor of the First District, Carrie Brown, and in coordination with former Supervisor Glenn McGourty, current Supervisor Madeline Cline, former Planning Director Nash Gonzalez, and other Planning and Building Services Staff, I've been part of a big team working since 2016. Our goal has been to update the 2004 Redwood Valley Community Action Plan (CAP) to better reflect the views of Redwood Valley and the changing environment of our community and the larger world. We strongly urge the CAP's incorporation into the General Plan and zoning regulations. Much has changed since 2004, and while our knowledge is more current, we see serious threats to our peaceful way of life.

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Thank you for this thoughtful comment, Chris. I'm grateful that you emphasize the immense amount of time that has passed since the public was able to voice visions for the future of Redwood Valley. Ten years later we are facing unforeseen changes in climate, water availability, our landscape, and quality of life, that would surely have been addressed if known. Now, a dated version is finally accepted, thanks to determined community leaders like you and Dolly Riley. Better this than nothing at all.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
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