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Clendenen Urges Board to Send Letter on Reorganization Plan

The Second District, more than others, has been severely impacted by the actions of Maxxam/PALCO over the last 20 years and now with a bankruptcy judge holding the future disposition of hundreds of thousands of prime timberland, again the Second District residents will be positively or negatively impacted by a decision from Texas. It is time for our Board of Supervisors to take a stand.

I strongly encourage the Board of Supervisors to send a letter to the bankruptcy court outlining the following points:

The reorganization plan must maintain the 200,000 acres of timberland in single ownership and as working forest.

The plan must allow for the regeneration of timber inventories to ensure long-term sustainable yields.

The Scotia sawmill needs to be successful for the long term since it also fulfills the needs of many small landowners in the county.

Any future owner needs to commit to honoring the Habitat Conservation Plan as part of the Headwaters Agreement.

We need to look at the long-term benefits to the community. In addition to a steady supply of good-paying jobs, a successful court decision will be pivotal in maintaining our working natural resources. Since the year 2000, over 600 jobs have been lost at PALCO. We can't afford to lose any more.

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