

23 March 2010

Sean McLaughlin, Executive Director
Access Humboldt
P.O. Box 157
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Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

Redwood Alliance, a local environmental organization, wholeheartedly supports Access Humboldt's "Humboldt Community Access Network" ("HCAN") BTOP grant application.

Access to the Internet and electronic communications for the underserved will greatly enhance the quality of Humboldt County life, and that improved emergency communications will help save lives, property, and the environment in our many and large rural areas.

The HCAN project embodies the spirit and the purpose of the Recovery Act in general, and BTOP comprehensive community infrastructure projects in particular: It will create jobs, improve educational achievement, and bring broadband access to vulnerable populations including our least served communities.

HCAN will encompass creative public-private partnerships and enable private last-mile providers to deliver service to currently unserved residents and businesses.

HCAN will be locally owned and accountable to open transparent governance, which is how communication networks should be.

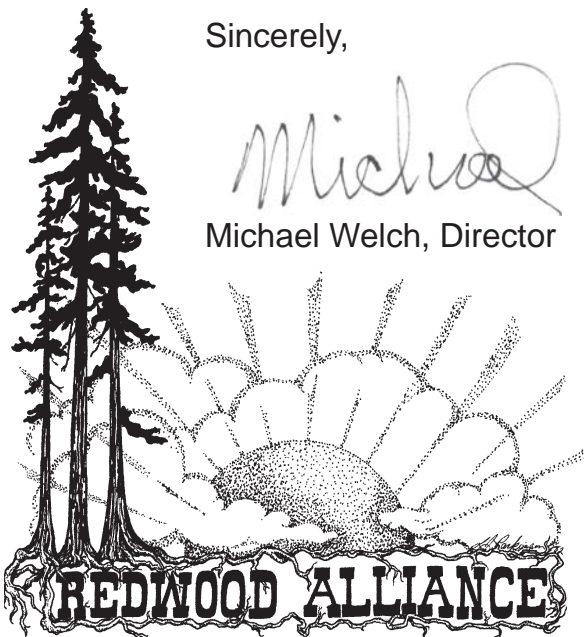
Your commitment that all public funds for HCAN will be used to create public benefit assets that will be managed and maintained for public, education, and government (PEG) purposes is particularly important.

Again, we support your BTOP grant application wholeheartedly.

Sincerely,



Michael Welch, Director



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