

# Letter to the editor.

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## Access plan had bogus analysis

Editor, *The Herald*:

After reading Robert Cleveland's letter to the editor last week, I realized he must be getting his facts straight from his friend, Port of Tahuya Commissioner Cynthia Olsen.

First, his letter ignores the community's rejection of the wide-reaching Port of Tahuya Public Access Plan. The community was infuriated that they had only learned about the plan by accident. They quickly understood exactly what the plan would do to their pocket book and quality of life. Picnic tables costing \$14,000 and playground sets costing \$168,000 were not typos! The worst part of all was that the

"Plan" provided the bogus analysis showing we not only wanted, but needed all the recreational projects. I think this was done so that the community could not reject other private or government agencies from implementing the projects.

Second, his letter ignores the laws for which Olsen and the previous commissioners were found guilty of violating.

Finally, his letter does not address the fact that state law is very clear about the fact that *port districts cannot establish park and recreational facilities solely for recreational purposes!*

Implementation of items in the now nullified public access plan

which Mr. Cleveland refers to as the "menu" are the responsibility of county and state, not our port. Since this plan was uncovered two years ago, two of the three commissioners have been replaced and Commissioner Olsen is in the process of being recalled. Additionally, the port was sued twice by members of the community. These lawsuits found the two ex-commissioners and Olsen failed to follow the law when engaging in port business. Olsen and a previous commissioner are currently being sued for violating the Open Meetings Act.

Finally, with a judgment in hand and two new port commis-

sioners, Jim Christen and Dan McPhee, Olsen's "Plan" was officially removed from the port's comprehensive plan.

Considerable time, effort and money have been spent to learn and inform the community with accurate information. The results are clear. The community of Tahuya does not want to create and maintain park and recreational facilities. They want less taxes, traffic, etc., not more! They will not tolerate public servants who willfully violate the law and refuse to allow dialogue.

Mr. Cleveland, who rarely attends port meetings, needs to read the last two years of port meeting minutes, the citizen advisory committee report, lawsuits and the public access plan. After reading these documents, I am confident (assuming he can separate friendship from performance) that he will see things the Tahuya way. Mr. Cleveland can keep his friendship, but should be objective about Olsen's performance.

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## Items of Note

Club ready to host annual yard-sales

Grapeview will host a rummage sale for

on Friday, April 29, at the fire hall. Organizers also note that donated clothing items will not be accepted for the upcoming auc-

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