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# Public Participation Plan

## Georgia-Pacific

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Fort Bragg, California

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## **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this Public Participation Plan (PPP) is to formally document community concerns regarding a site or facility and to identify specific public participation activities that will be implemented to ensure the community is involved in the DTSC decision-making process. This Public Participation Plan has been prepared by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to describe all activities undertaken or planned to inform and involve the community during investigation and clean-up of the Georgia-Pacific site (Site) in Fort Bragg, California. This plan also includes a description of the Georgia-Pacific site and relevant background information, a description of the surrounding community and a summary of their issues and concerns, and an outline of specific public participation activities to be conducted during the investigation and clean-up process.

### **Site Location**

The Site is located along the coastline in the City of Fort Bragg, 90 West Redwood Avenue, Fort Bragg, California, 95437, in Mendocino County. Located on approximately 415 acres west of Highway One, the Site is bounded to the south by Noyo Bay, to the west and northwest by open Pacific Ocean coastline, and to the northeast and east by the City of Fort Bragg.

### **Regulatory Involvement**

DTSC will provide regulatory oversight for the investigation and clean-up activities and will coordinate the input and involvement of other agencies. Georgia-Pacific will perform such investigation and cleanup activities and reimburse DTSC for costs related to its oversight.

### **Community Concerns**

Over 13,000 Community Surveys were mailed to the communities around the Georgia-Pacific site, with 1,029 completed and returned. In addition, 36 community members were interviewed to obtain a sample of the community's views. Community members generally seemed confident with DTSC's ability to manage the site cleanup process. Most concerns were related to the reuse of the property once the environmental cleanup was complete, followed closely by the potential human health and environmental impacts of contamination on the site.

### **Recommended Public Participation Activities**

DTSC has included a number of public participation activities in this PPP intended to continue its goal of ensuring that the local community is informed about the site investigation and cleanup activities and given an opportunity to ask questions about clean up and reuse activities that will be occurring at the Georgia-Pacific site. Some of these activities are: providing fact sheets to the community during key milestones; keeping public documents available for public review in the information repository; providing public meetings and workshops, as necessary; and advertising public comment periods in local news sources.

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Public Participation Plan (Plan) has been prepared by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to describe all activities undertaken or planned to inform and involve the public and all stakeholders associated with the investigation and cleanup of contamination at the former Georgia-Pacific Mill Site (Site) located at 90 West Redwood Avenue, Fort Bragg, California, 95437 in Mendocino County (see Figure 1, site location map on page 4). The Plan was prepared based upon the guidance presented in the DTSC Public Participation Manual. DTSC will use this Plan to identify any community concerns and issues, and to outline a strategy for keeping the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup process.

### 1.1 Organization of Plan

- Section 1.0** describes the purpose and contents of this Plan.
- Section 2.0** outlines location, surrounding land use, and the history of past Site activities.
- Section 3.0** explains the type of hazardous contamination found at the site and describes the investigations that have taken place.
- Section 4.0** summarizes public concerns, and describes the public outreach activities DTSC will implement during cleanup operation.
- Appendix A** includes a list of key contacts and DTSC's mandatory mailing list.
- Appendix B** contains a demographic profile of the surrounding community.
- Appendix C** contains sample community outreach documents
- Appendix D** contains the Community Survey and results.

### 1.2 Sources of information used

This Plan was developed with information gathered from community survey responses, interviews and demographic data available from the Internet.

### 1.3 Agency with oversight responsibilities

The North Coast Regional Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB) was the lead agency within the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) charged with the oversight of the site investigation. However, new information obtained by

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NCRWQCB, combined with data gathered over the past three years, led them to conclude that issues related to human health exposure need to be addressed at this site. The oversight Agency Selection Guidelines of the *Memorandum of Agreement on Oversight of Investigation and Cleanup Activities at Brownfield Sites* states that the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) should be the oversight agency if the primary concern is the risk posed to human health. Although the water quality issues remain, the NCRWQCB considered that the human health issues would be best addressed by DTSC. In July 2006, the NCRWQCB requested that the DTSC assume the role of lead oversight agency for the Georgia-Pacific mill site in Fort Bragg. The NCRWQCB will continue to participate in the review of materials to ensure protection of water quality and will provide input to the DTSC as the site investigation and cleanup continues.

## **2.0 FACILITY DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY**

### **2.1 Site description, location, and surrounding land use**

The Site is located along the coastline in the City of Fort Bragg, Mendocino County, California. Located on approximately 415 acres west of Highway One, the Site is bounded to the south by Noyo Bay, to the west and northwest by open Pacific Ocean coastline, and to the northeast and east by the City of Fort Bragg.

Adjacent to the mill site are a few residences to the north of the site along the fence line, the Glass Beach access road to the northwest, and various businesses along the eastern edge of the facility. The majority of the town of Fort Bragg is across Main Street/Highway 1 bordering the eastern edge of the Site. Most major public facilities such as hospitals, churches, and schools lie within ½ mile of the Site. Within the southernmost confines of the property is a small branch of the Pomo Native American community. In addition, there is a small sailor's cemetery.

Public access to the Site is prohibited. Security gates are located along the eastern fenced edge of the Site. Current site activities take place primarily in the northern half of the property, with a small amount of truck traffic along the main road from the southeast entrance.

Ongoing discussions continue to occur related to the proposed reuse of the Site once it is cleaned up. These discussions include a coastal trail, parkland, possible residential, etc. To date, no final decisions have been made regarding the reuse of the entire Site.

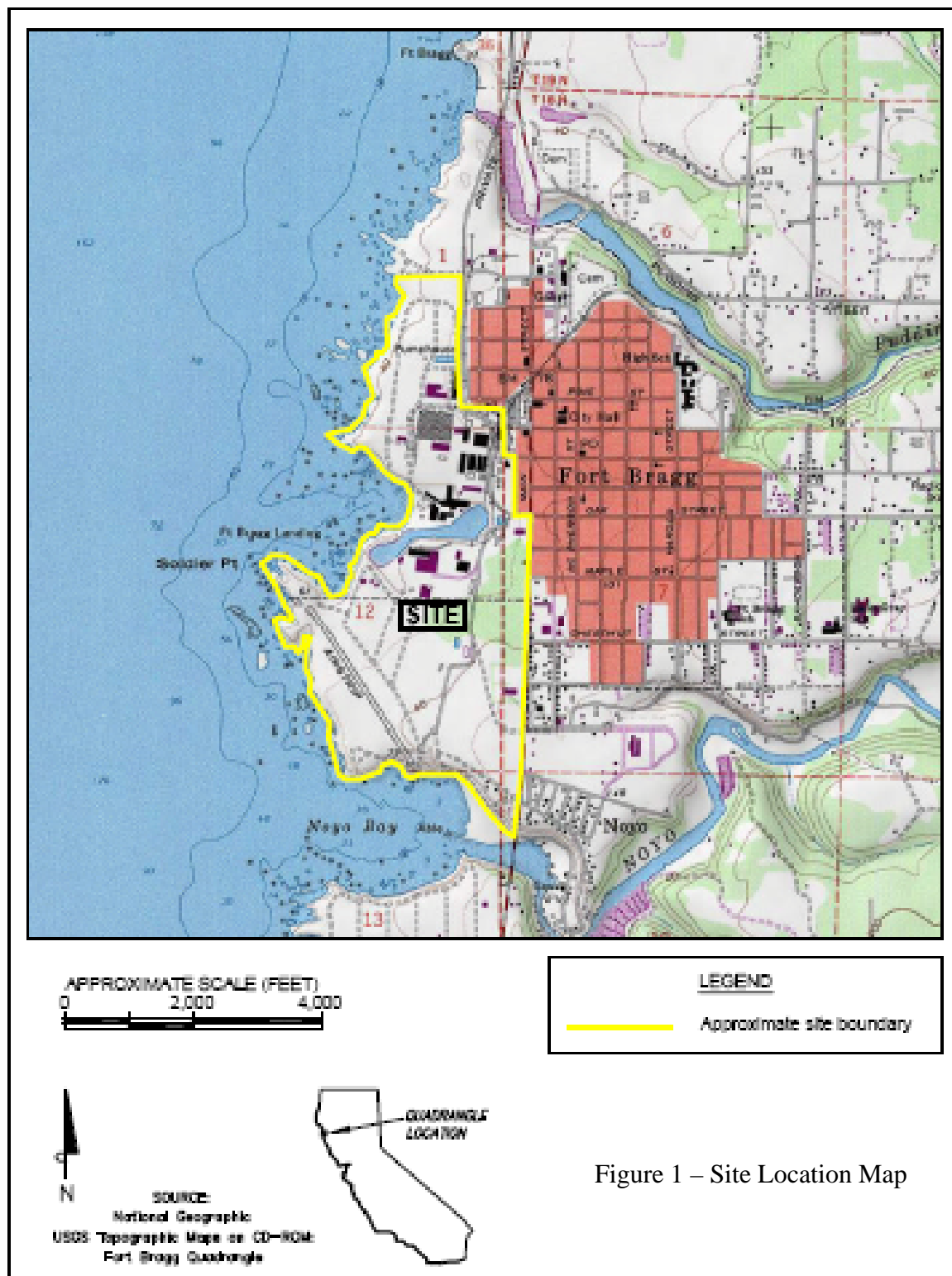
A site map (Figure 1) is presented on page 4.

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## 2.2 Site history

The saw mill at Fort Bragg began operations in 1885. Georgia-Pacific acquired the site in 1973 and officially ceased operations in November 2002. During plant operation, logs were received by truck, unloaded, and stored in log-storage areas. Logs were then removed from inventory, debarked, and milled. Milled lumber was shipped green, kiln dried, or air-dried on site. Finished lumber was transported by rail or flatbed trailers. Bark and wood refuse were transported to the power plant by truck, conveyor, or pneumatic system where they were burned to generate steam for electricity.

The site expanded to its current size over the course of 117 years. Figure 2 on page 5 shows the location of major buildings, ponds, and other features. Figure 1 on page 4 shows the mill site in relation to the City of Fort Bragg.



APPROXIMATE SCALE (FEET)  
0 2,000 4,000

**LEGEND**

— Approximate site boundary



SOURCE:  
National Geographic  
USGS Topographic Maps on CD-ROM:  
Fort Bragg Quadrangle

Figure 1 – Site Location Map





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### 3.0 SITE INVESTIGATION AND FINDINGS

During previous investigations, the Site was divided into ten parcels based on historical operations and land use. The parcels are designated as follows:

Parcel Number	Parcel Name
1	North Coast Zone
2	Resaw Plant
3	Industrial Parcel
4	Power Plant Parcel
5	Sawmill #1
6	Planer Parcel
7	Sawmill #2
8	Log Storage Parcel
9	Nursery Parcel
10	South Coastal Zone

Environmental documents related to Site investigations can be found on the NCRWQCB website ([www.swrcb.ca.gov](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov)) and on the DTSC website ([www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov)). To date, the extent of Chemicals of Potential Concern on the Site include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons Diesel (TPHd) in soil and groundwater samples, primarily in Parcels 3 through 6
- Metals (lead and antimony) in soil and groundwater samples, primarily in Parcels 3 through 6
- Polychlorinated biphenyls in a limited amount of soil samples, primarily in Parcels 3 through 6
- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, including benzo(a)anthracene, benzo(a)pyrene, benzene, and toluene in soil and groundwater
- Dioxin in soil, sediment, fly ash, and groundwater samples from locations related to the handling and management of fly ash resulting from boiler operations in the Powerhouse in Parcel 4. These locations include, but are not limited to, a soil and groundwater sample in Parcel 3, sediment samples underlying the North Pond, South Pond, and Ponds 6 through 8 in Parcel 4, sediment samples underlying Ponds 5 and 8 in Parcel 5, and fly ash stockpile samples and sediment samples underlying Ponds 1 through 4 in Parcel 7

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## **4.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND OUTREACH**

### **4.1 Community background**

Fort Bragg is a city in Mendocino County. In 1856, the Mendocino Indian Reservation was established at Noyo. It was 25,000 acres and extended from what is now Simpson Lane to Abalobadiah Creek and east to Bald Hill. A military post was established on the Mendocino Indian Reservation in 1857 and named after Captain Braxton Bragg, who later became a General. By 1867 the military outpost was abandoned and small lumber mills were being built in the nearby area. After the fort was evacuated, reservation land was offered for sale to settlers. In 1885, C.R. Johnson and partners moved their mill machinery from Mill Creek to Fort Bragg and incorporated as the Fort Bragg Redwood Company. In 1893 it was renamed the Union Lumber Company. The City of Fort Bragg was incorporated in 1889 with C.R. Johnson as its first mayor. In 1969 the Union Lumber Company was purchased by Boise Cascade and it, in turn, became Georgia-Pacific in 1973. In the wake of the declining lumber industry, tourism and commercial fishing became even more significant.

Commercial fishing played an important role in the formation of the economic base and history of the community. Noyo Bay, at the southern edge of Fort Bragg, provides a natural, convenient harbor, and fishermen began to land millions of pounds of salmon that were processed and marketed in Fort Bragg. Substantial salmon harvests continued in the Fort Bragg area until the mid 1990s. Despite the decline of the salmon industry, fishing remains a viable and important part of Fort Bragg's economy and community identity, and fishermen have developed alternative strategies to remain in the industry. Many boat owners offer private charter services for tourists and sport fishermen.

Lodging and hospitality services associated with Noyo Bay and coastal tourism are also revenue generators for the city. The rapidly developing tourist industry will help bolster and diversify the city's economy, which was greatly impacted by the closure of the Georgia-Pacific mill site. According to the 2000 Census, the population of Fort Bragg was 7,026. Estimated population for the year 2003 was 6,867—a decline of about 3%. The 2000 Census also indicates that 49.9% of the population were female, and 50.1% were male. The median age was in the 25-44 years bracket, and the average household income was \$28,539. Additional demographic information for the City of Fort Bragg is located in Appendix B of this Public Participation Plan.

### **4.2 History of community involvement**

Several community meetings have been held to date:

08/02/2003 – an update on environmental investigations, held at the Dana Gray Elementary School

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11/13/2003 – an update on the progress of the Land Use Study, held at the Fort Bragg Town Hall

08/07/2006 – an update on the status of ongoing environmental investigations, held at the Dana Gray Elementary School

Bus tours for the public were held on August 2, 2003, in conjunction with the meeting on November 13, 2003, and again on October 15, 2005 when the coastal trail was announced.

On September 12, 2006, DTSC's public participation program mailed a Community Survey to every address in the City of Fort Bragg and Westport (a total of 9,131 addresses) to assess the level of interest in the environmental cleanup activities at the Site. Respondents were asked to indicate whether they had any concerns about the Site and what those concerns might be, what the preferred method of information dissemination would be, whether they had contacted government officials about the environmental cleanup of the Site, etc.

In late September 2006, DTSC was requested to mail the Community Survey to outlying communities near the City of Fort Bragg. On October 2, 2006, the Survey was mailed to every address in the towns of Mendocino, Little River, Albion and Elk (a total of 4,086). This survey indicated that the recipients must request that their name/address remain on DTSC's mailing list for the Georgia-Pacific site or they would automatically be deleted and would no longer receive mailed information about the Site.

A total of 13,217 Community Surveys were mailed to the communities listed in the paragraph above. Of those, 1,029 completed surveys were returned to DTSC—a return rate of 8%. The mailing list was reduced to a current total of 8,771, based on undeliverable mail, those individuals who indicated they wanted their name removed from the mailing list, and those individuals who requested they remain on the mailing list. On an ongoing basis, DTSC will add names to the mailing list for those individuals who request it. An email list was also generated from the returned Community Surveys, consisting of 128 email addresses.

The Community Survey and survey results are located in Appendix D.

In November 2006, December 2006, and January 2007, DTSC representatives conducted telephone and in-person interviews with a total of 36 community members and public officials regarding the contamination and proposed remediation of the Georgia-Pacific site to learn more about community concerns.

In addition to the community involvement activities listed above, the local newspaper, *Fort Bragg Advocate News*, has published articles about the environmental cleanup of the Site. The local radio station KZYX has held segments on several aspects of the environmental cleanup of the Site.

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### **4.3 Community concerns**

The face-to-face and telephone interviewees basically reiterated the degree of understanding and concerns expressed in the community surveys, specifically:

- An awareness that logging industry activities can cause contamination to the soil, groundwater and possibly the ocean.
- The majority of the concern expressed related to properly cleaning up the property and how the property will eventually be redeveloped.
- Recent publicity about dioxin contamination on the property has raised a level of concern about possible health impacts; however, there is a high degree of confidence that the contamination will be properly cleaned up under the Department of Toxic Substances Control's oversight.
- Community members stated that they want contamination on the property to be "fully characterized" so all contaminants can be cleaned up. They want to be kept informed of contamination that is found on the property, and the cleanup plan and schedule.

### **4.4 Public participation strategy**

Ongoing communication with environmental groups, community leaders and elected officials will be maintained in order to promote the dissemination of accurate and timely information, and to foster a positive relationship between community members, business owners, the City of Fort Bragg, Georgia-Pacific representatives, and DTSC.

The main objectives of the public participation strategy will be to:

- Keep the community informed as the project advances;
- Gather information from the community to help guide the project; and
- Adequately document and respond to community concerns and questions in a timely and proactive manner.

### **4.5 Implementation of public participation strategy**

The public outreach strategy is designed to provide opportunities for the public to participate in the site investigation and cleanup process. Outreach will be developed based on information received from the community, and through communication with elected representatives and other community leaders.

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At a minimum, as required by state and federal laws, the following public outreach activities will be undertaken:

- **Mailing list**

A mailing list for the Georgia-Pacific project has been developed and will be maintained in the DTSC regional office in Sacramento, California. The mailing list includes local residents in the Fort Bragg, Westport, Mendocino, Albion, Little River, and Elk communities, businesses, city officials, and government agencies. The mailing list also includes individuals and organizations on DTSC's regional and statewide mailing lists. As of February 1, 2007, a total of 8,771 addresses are on the Georgia-Pacific mailing list.

The site mailing list will be used to notify interested individuals about sampling and cleanup activities at the Site and other off-site locations.

- **Public contact**

The DTSC Project Manager and Public Participation Specialist will respond in a timely manner to inquiries from members of the public. Fact Sheets or Frequently Asked Questions informational documents may be generated to respond to issues that are raised by multiple community members.

- **Public comment period**

As required by state and federal laws, DTSC will initiate public comment periods so the public can submit official comments on proposed draft cleanup documents, such as a Remedial Action Plan or a CEQA Initial Study.

- **Fact sheet**

DTSC will oversee the preparation, distribution, and mailing of fact sheets at major milestones, and at the beginning of formal public comment periods. The fact sheets will be mailed to all individuals on the Site mailing list. The fact sheets will include names and contact numbers of the DTSC project team as well as the locations and telephone numbers for the information repositories where the cleanup documents may be found for public review. The fact sheets will be produced in English and Spanish, based upon a review of the community demographics (see Appendix B for the demographics).

- **Public notice**

DTSC will oversee the preparation of a public notice that will be placed in the *Fort Bragg Advocate News*, and the *Mendocino Beacon*, based on the results of the Community Survey, on the start date of any public comment period for a proposed draft cleanup document (as required by state and federal laws), such

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as a Remedial Action Plan or a CEQA Initial Study. Public notices will be produced in English and Spanish.

■ **Work notice**

DTSC will prepare and disseminate Work Notices when off-site sampling activities occur, and when removal activities are occurring that would potentially impact the community (i.e., trucks hauling soil away from the site, etc.). The Work Notices will be produced in English, with contact information to obtain Spanish translation. A sample Work Notice is included in Appendix C.

■ **Information repositories**

Information repositories have been established so that the public can access and comment on technical documents related to proposed cleanup activities. These documents will be available at the following locations:

Mendocino County Library  
499 E Laurel Street  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437  
(707) 961-2623  
Sunday and Monday: closed  
Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

DTSC's regional office  
700 Heinz Avenue  
Berkeley, CA 94710-2721  
Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Please call (510) 540-2122 for an appointment

## **4.6 DTSC contact information**

If you have any questions about the site, please contact:

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## **Appendix A — Key Contacts and DTSC’s Mandatory Mailing List**

### **Key Contacts:**

Senator Patricia Wiggins  
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Congressman Mike Thompson  
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PO Box 2208  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Assemblymember Patty Berg  
50 D Street, Suite 450  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

### **Local Government**

City of Fort Bragg  
416 N. Franklin Street  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

- Mayor – Doug Hammerstrom
- Mayor Pro Tempore – Dave Turner
- Councilmember – Meg Courtney
- Councilmember – Dan Gjerde
- Councilmember – Jere Melo
- City Manager - Linda Ruffing
- Community Development Director – Marie Jones

### **Media Contacts**

Fort Bragg Advocate News  
The Mendocino Beacon  
450 N. Franklin Street  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

KOZT Radio  
110 South Franklin Street  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Press Democrat – Santa Rosa  
427 Mendocino Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

KSAY Radio  
PO Box 2269  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Press Democrat – Ukiah  
445 N. State Street  
Ukiah, CA 95482

KZYX Radio  
PO Box 1  
Philo, CA 95466

KFTY – TV 50  
533 Mendocino Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

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**Individuals and groups contacted to participate in the interview process,  
other than general members of the public:**

Superintendent Steve Lund  
Fort Bragg Unified School District  
312 So. Lincoln  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

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Mendocino Land Trust  
PO Box 1094  
Mendocino, CA 95460

Superintendent Catherine Stone  
Mendocino Unified School District  
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Mendocino, CA 95460

Noyo Hill House/  
Fort Bragg-Mendocino Coast  
Historical Society

Dr. Marvin Trotter  
Public Health Officer  
Mendocino County  
1120 So. Dora  
Ukiah, CA 95482

North Coast Action

Noyo Food Forest

Noyo Headlands Unified Design  
Group

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National Marine Fisheries Service  
777 Sonoma Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Mendocino Coast Audubon Society

Sierra Club

Assemblywoman Patty Berg  
104 W. Church Street  
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San Francisco, CA 94111-4704

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Fresno County Library  
Government Documents  
2420 Mariposa Street  
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Historical Resources Commission  
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U.S. EPA, Region 9  
Env. Management Division  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

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San Mateo, CA 94403

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California State Archives  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

California State Library  
Government Documents  
PO Box 942837  
Sacramento, CA 94237-0001

Cal/EPA DTSC Legislation  
PO Box 806  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0806

Council of State Governments  
PO Box 11910  
Lexington, KY 40578-1910

Library of Congress  
Government Documents  
101 Independence Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20540-4172

Bechtel  
50 Beale Street 45/26/A11  
San Francisco, CA 94105-1895

UCSD SER ACQ Dept. LIB CA  
9500 Gilman Drive 0175A  
La Jolla, CA 92093-0175

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
2800 Cottage Way, #W2605  
Sacramento, CA 95825-1888

State Clearinghouse  
PO Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

CSU Long Beach  
Government Documents  
1250 Bellflower Boulevard  
Long Beach, CA 90840-1901

Sierra Club  
1414 K Street, Suite 500  
Sacramento, CA 95814

UCLA Bruman Library  
Maps & Government Information  
PO Box 951575  
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1575

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UCB Library, Acq. Dept. Rec/Docs  
Berkeley, CA 94720-6000

Stanford University, Green Library  
Government Document Receiving  
Stanford, CA 94305-6004

San Francisco Public Library  
100 Larkin Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Sequoia Audobon Society  
PO Box 620292  
Woodside, CA 94062-0292

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400 West First Street  
Chico, CA 95929-0295

Los Angeles Public Library  
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630 W Fifth Street  
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Shields Library  
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## Appendix B — Demographic Profile

### Fort Bragg, California

(Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census; ePodunk.com)

<u>Population</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total Population	7,026	-
Female	3,503	49.9%
Male	3,523	50.1%

#### Household Income by Age

Average Household Income	\$28,539
Householder under age 25	30,694
Householder 25-34	40,764
Householder 35-44	30,982
Householder 45-54	41,667
Householder 55-64	27,667
Householder 65-74	25,000
Householder age 75 and older	17,871

#### Age

15 or younger	1,438	20.5%
16-24	946	13.5%
25-44	2,108	30.0%
45-64	1,557	22.2%
65+	977	13.9%

#### Race / Ethnicity

White	5,583	79.5%
Black or African American	73	1.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	130	1.9%
Asian	62	0.9%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific islander	10	0.1%
Some other race	847	12.1%
Two or more races	321	4.6%
Hispanic or Latino	1,596	22.7%

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### **Per Capita Income by Race or Ethnicity**

Per capita income	\$15,832
White	16,794
Black or African American	19,344
Native American	9,816
Asian	20,000
Native Hawaiian and Pacific islander	0
Some other race	10,161
Two or more races	14,398
Hispanic or Latino	8,575

### **Educational Attainment**

For population age 25 and older	4,585	-
High school graduates (includes equivalency)	1,507	32.9%
Some college, or associate's degree	1,586	34.6%
Bachelor's degree	386	8.4%
Master's, professional or doctorate degree	239	5.2%

### **School Enrollment**

Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	1,678	
Preschool and kindergarten	265	15.8%
Grades 1-12	1,103	65.7%
College	310	18.5%

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## **Appendix C — Sample Community Outreach Documents**



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# WORK NOTICE

## FIELD ACTIVITIES

*Georgia-Pacific Corporation  
Off-Site Sampling*

**Field work is scheduled to begin October 30, 2006 to sample soil at McGuire Ranch.**

**Si desea informacion en Espanol, comuniquese con Jesus Cruz,  
Especialista en Participacion Publica al 1 (866) 495-5651**

Under the oversight of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), Georgia-Pacific Corporation will begin soil sampling activities at McGuire Ranch on October 30, 2006.

Fly ash was generated at the former Georgia-Pacific California Wood Products Manufacturing Facility (Mill Site) in Fort Bragg, California, by burning of hog fuel (wood, sawdust, bark) at the powerhouse boilers. Historically, fly ash that was generated on the Georgia-Pacific mill site was taken to off-site locations for use as a soil amendment. Starting in 1992/1993, ash was taken to McGuire's Ranch. This activity was conducted under the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Waste Discharge Requirements. Georgia-Pacific has identified areas within McGuire's Ranch where fly ash was taken and used for soil amendment. Sampling will be conducted in those areas. DTSC will be overseeing the sampling activities.

The work will begin the week of October 30, 2006, and is expected to be completed within two to three days. Because of the process necessary to test the samples for dioxins, we anticipate the results of the sampling event to be available in January 2007.

The Sampling Workplan, attachments, and other environmental documents are available for viewing at the following locations:

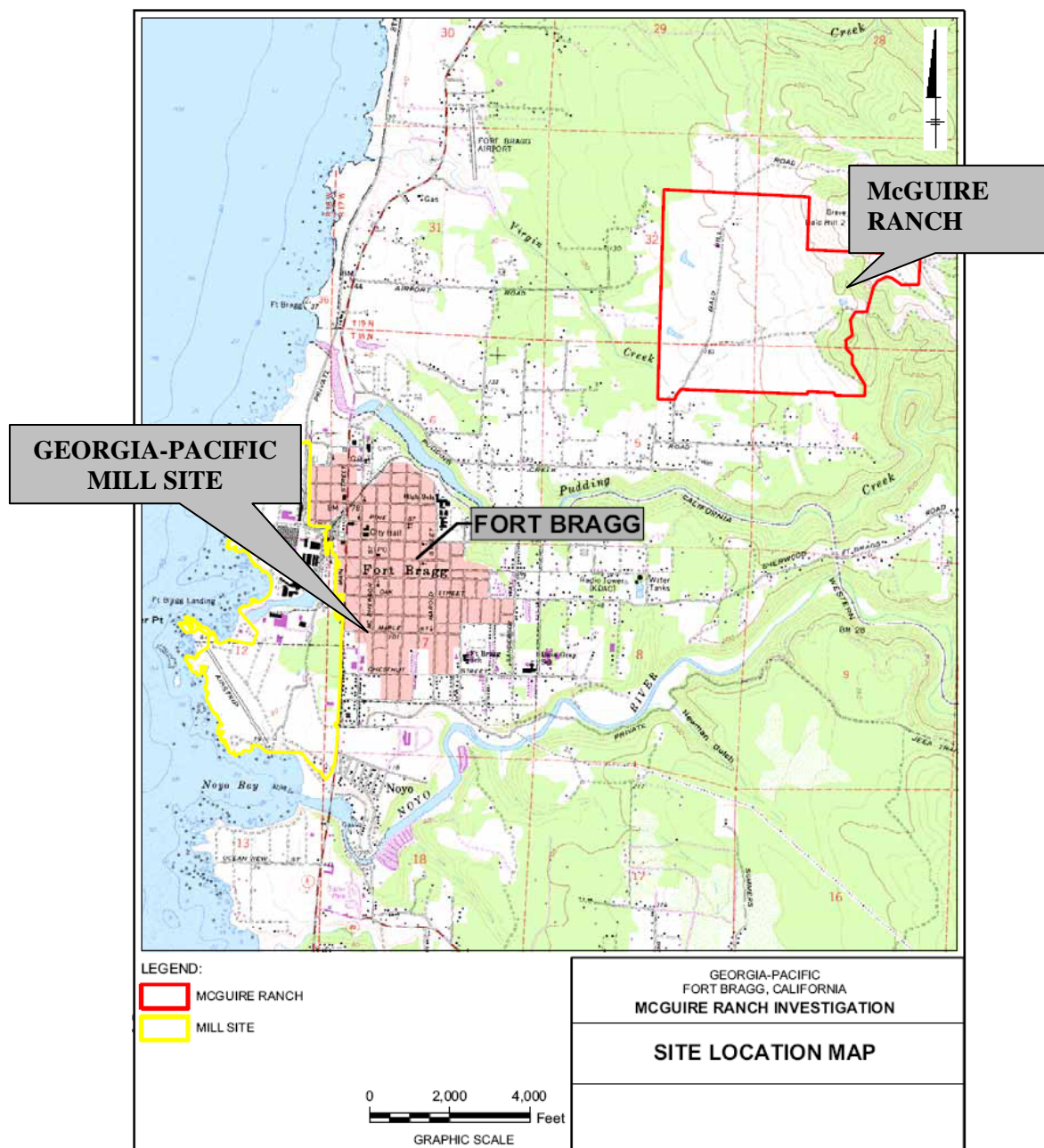
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# WORK NOTICE UPDATE

## FIELD ACTIVITIES

Georgia-Pacific Corporation  
Additional Off-Site Sampling

Additional samples will be taken at McGuire Ranch.

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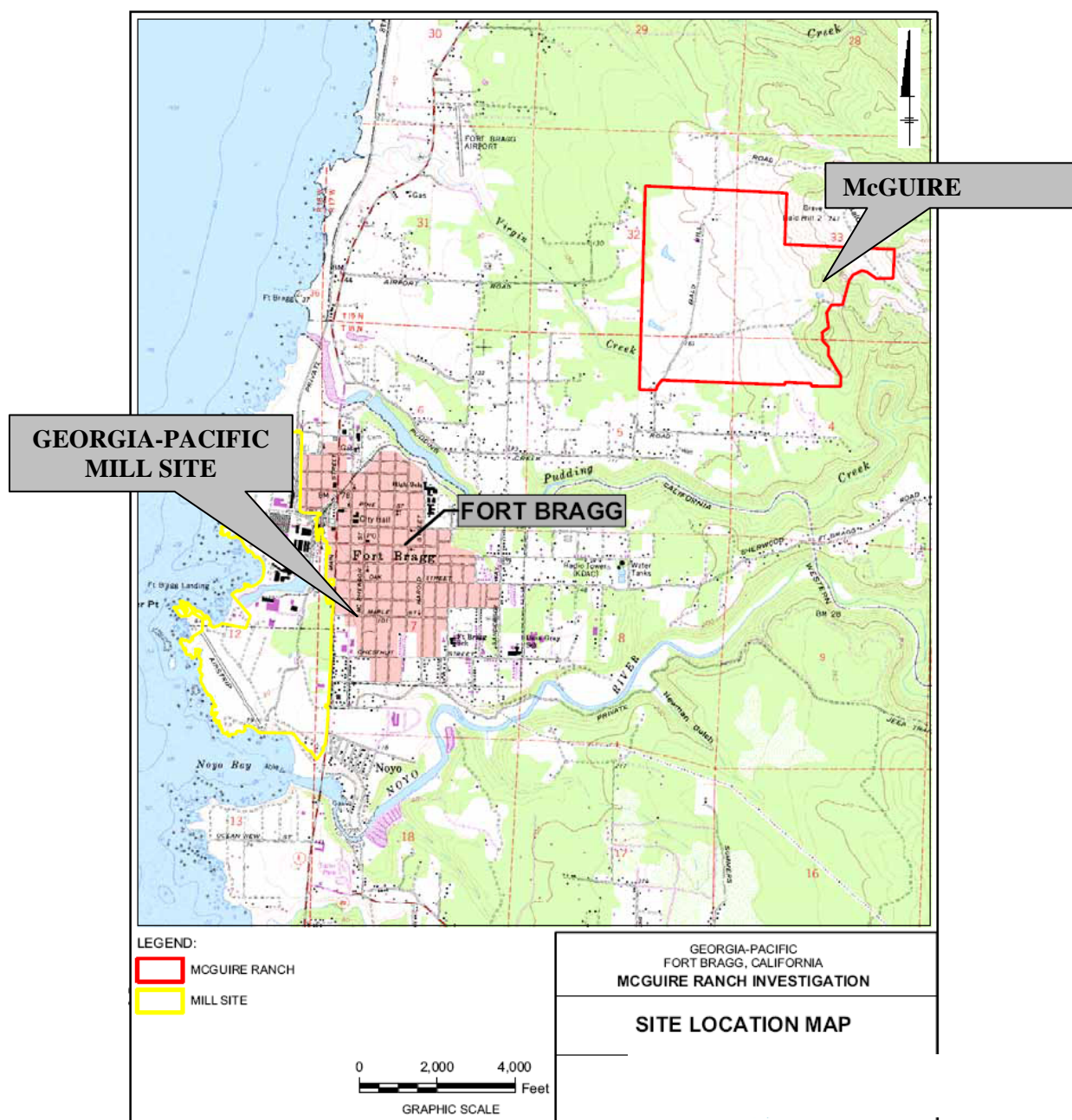
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## Appendix D — Community Survey and Results



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September 12, 2006

Re: **DTSC ASSUMES LEAD AGENCY ROLE IN THE GEORGIA PACIFIC CORPORATION SITE IN FORT BRAGG, CALIFORNIA AND RESPONSE ON THE ATTACHED COMMUNITY SURVEY**

Dear Community Member,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has been named the lead agency for overseeing the investigation and any required cleanup of the Georgia Pacific Corporation Site located at 90 West Redwood Avenue in Fort Bragg, California. This change was requested by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board); however, the Board will continue to remain involved in the project and will act as the permitting authority for water-related issues.

In assuming lead on this site, DTSC will follow the Health and Safety Code (HSC) Chapter 6.8, State Superfund cleanup process for this Site. This cleanup process requires specific public participation activities, including conducting a community survey to define the level of community interest. Your response to the brief survey that is enclosed will enable DTSC to determine the level of community interest in this project, conduct appropriate community outreach activities, and involve the community during any required clean-up activities.

We are beginning the standard community involvement activities—beginning with this community survey—prior to issuing an Order for the Georgia Pacific site that will supersede the current Water Board Order. The Order will outline tasks and schedules for completing the investigation and any required cleanup plan for the Site. Prior to DTSC's approval of any draft cleanup plan, residents will receive a fact sheet summarizing the proposed cleanup activities and an announcement of a 30-day public comment period to review the documents. There may also be a community meeting to discuss the draft work plan.

Thank you in advance for completing and returning the enclosed survey. If you have any questions regarding the investigation at this site, please contact DTSC Project Manager Ryan Miya at 510-540-3775 or DTSC's Public Participation Specialist, Linda Janssen at (916) 255-3594 or toll free at (866) 495-5651.



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Please return the community survey by **September 29, 2006**, to Ms. Linda Janssen at the address listed at the end of the survey.

**A total of 1029 completed surveys were received as of January 1, 2007. The totals and percentages are listed below in red. The black text is the original text in the survey. The percentages will not necessarily add up to 100 because not everyone who submitted a completed survey answered each question. A sample of the survey respondents' comments have been listed below.**

1. Please indicate your level of interest in this site.  
**34 (3%)** No Interest  
**328 (32%)** Some Interest  
**648 (63%)** Very Interested
2. Please indicate how active your community is in discussing this site. Please mark only one answer.  
**64 (6%)** No one I know talks about this site.  
**464 (45%)** I have heard some talk  
**483 (47%)** Everyone talks about it.
3. Do you have any concerns about this site? If so, what are they?  
**(The responses listed below are just a sample of the most typical comments received)**
  - Will the site be safe? Will the site be usable for growing things, or used by children? How long will it take to clean up? Who will pay? How will people be protected before the clean up?
  - I would like to see this site used for the benefit of all in the community. To make it a place we can all be proud of; with a park, affordable housing and industry of some sort that will give our citizens more job opportunities. It is a huge undertaking.
  - I am concerned that efforts to develop the site before thorough contamination analysis or clean up are managed will prevail. The public safety and health issues should be our priorities before any use or development strategies are pursued.
  - Whatever is done on this site, it should benefit the largest part of the city and county. It must bring in revenue to the local economy.
  - That the site be certified safe for human recreations use prior to any land acquisition. That all members of the community receive all necessary information to make decisions and to understand realistic timeframes.
  - Dioxins in soil and water—leaching to ocean—human exposure.

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- My principal concerns are in regard to the ultimate uses of the site.
  - That a full investigation of all aspects if possible contamination is done—that the sites that people talk about dumping materials are thoroughly checked—that the site not be covered over, but be completely cleaned up.
  - I am concerned that all toxins are located and removed before anything else is built. I'm concerned about any Native American sites being preserved.
  - I am concerned that the public is not prepared to understand the remediation process and cleanup levels. Without understanding there will be no trust.
  - That it be thoroughly cleaned up before being converted to other use.
4. Have you contacted any government or regulatory officials regarding your concerns?  
**156 (15%)** Yes  
**838 (81%)** No
5. Have these officials been responsive to your questions and/or concerns?  
**107 (10%)** Yes  
**67 (6%)** No  
**700 (68%)** N/A

Please explain: **(Sample comments are listed below)**

- It would appear that cleanup, open development, and future governance of the site are the major issues in the coming election.
- I have spoken to members of the city council.
- Felt like I received a boiler-plate reply to my concerns.
- Everyone is concerned about the future of the mill site. All questions/concerns are taken seriously whether agreed with or not.
- We called Mr. Ryan Miya after receiving the Work Notice regarding field work scheduled to begin September 18, 2006. He called back and was helpful with information and specific start date for ash pile removal.
- City officials have answered my email questions very quickly.
- I submitted some comments/ideas—no response received (none expected, either).

- The Water Board responded to my concerns but I think DTSC is in a better position to resist political pressure to redevelop prematurely.
- There are some difficulties in being heard at City Council meetings, although some people whom I hold in high regard are being heard.

6. Have you attended any community meetings about this site?  
**375 (37%)** Yes  
**616 (61%)** No
7. Would you attend future community meetings about this site? Please mark only one answer.  
**215 (21%)** I will attend as many meetings as possible  
**552 (54%)** I will attend some meetings  
**225 (22%)** No
8. Would you rather attend a meeting or receive written information to be kept abreast of activities at this site? Check one.  
**788 (77%)** I would rather receive written information  
**177 (17%)** I would rather attend a meeting
9. Are you aware of any groups that have formed because of this site?  
**538 (52%)** Yes  
**428 (42%)** No
  - a) Are you a member of this group?  
**29 (3%)** Yes  
**609 (59%)** No
  - b) If you are willing to allow us to contact this group, please give us the contact information: **(Eight environmental groups were identified in the survey responses.)**
  - c) If you would rather not provide the contact information, please ask the group to call us at 916-255-3594 or toll free at 866-495-5651.
10. Which media do you normally use for news information?  
 Newspapers:
 

<b>735 (71%)</b>	Fort Bragg Advocate-News
<b>386 (37%)</b>	Mendocino Beacon
<b>8 (1%)</b>	Mendocino Coast Sentinel
<b>24 (2%)</b>	Independent Coast Observer
<b>421 (40%)</b>	The Press Democrat
<b>8 (1%)</b>	La Voz
<b>61 (6%)</b>	San Francisco Chronicle
<b>14 (1%)</b>	Anderson Valley Advertiser

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Television:

**38 (3%) KFWU – TV**  
**80 (8%) KFTY – TV**  
**11 (1%) MCTV, Channel 3**

Radio:

**391 (38%) KOZT radio**  
**92 (9%) KSAY radio**  
**195 (19%) KMFB radio**  
**309 (30%) KZYY & KZYZ**  
**6 (1%) KMUD**  
**4 (1%) KUKI**

11. What language(s) are spoken in your home?

**994 (97%) English**  
**33 (3%) Spanish**  
**0 (0%) Vietnamese**  
**2 (0%) Russian**  
**0 (0%) Korean**  
**3 (0%) German**  
**4 (0%) Swedish**  
**3 (0%) Portugese**

12. We are planning on talking with community members to learn more about any issues concerning the environmental condition of this site. Would you be willing to talk with us? Please mark one answer.

☐ No **426 (41%) Yes**

We appreciate the time you have taken to fill out this survey for us. If you have questions or concerns regarding this site, please contact us. We want to hear from you.

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If you received this survey by hand-delivery instead of in the mail, please give us your name and address if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

**31 individuals requested they be added to the mailing list.**

If you would like to have your name removed from the Georgia Pacific mailing list, please write your name and address below.

**30 Individuals responded and requested their names be removed from the mailing list.**