

Although the heading of this Resolution says it is by the Potrero Community Planning Group – as a Planning Group member I was not allowed to participate in the creation of this document that Mr. Hammers will be presenting at the July 12, 2007 meeting. Much of the information provided is incorrect. I cannot and will not sign off on this document without revision and a review of an updated Blackwater Project Description which I requested on June 21, 2007 from Mr. Hammers and which has not been provided as of July 11, 2007.

Jan M. Hedlun
Potrero Planning Group Elected Official
Potrero Resident

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**RESOLUTION OF THE POTRERO COMMUNITY
PLANNING GROUP CONCERNING BLACKWATER
MAJOR USE PERMIT PO6-069, FORM 534**



Whereas, at our meeting of October 12, 2006, Blackwater made a presentation to the Community Planning Group concerning its plans for a training academy for small arms, emergency driving and first responder training for law enforcement, fire departments and military units requiring this same training at the Round Potrero Ranch, and

Whereas, the meeting was well attended and the overwhelming majority of those present indicated support for the project. And,

Whereas, Blackwater subsequently submitted an application for a Major use permit for the academy and we received our copy of this application in time to review it at our December 14 meeting. And,

Whereas, the Blackwater Academy was well advertised in the October, November and December Hotline and the December 14 meeting was well attended by historical standards with over 20 residents in attendance, and

Whereas, the local residents in attendance showed overwhelming support for the project, but expressed concerns about the noise and traffic, the planning group voted limited support for the project and indicated on the Form 534 its concern and asked for a live fire noise test to verify the consultant's predictions that noise would not be heard in the community. And,

Whereas, a group of community planning group members visited the main Blackwater facility in Moyock, N.C. on April 20 to make a first hand evaluation of the benefits and disadvantages to Potrero and this report at the May 10 meeting was favorable to the project, and

Whereas, a group opposed to Blackwater circulated a petition requesting that we reconsider our vote of December 14 and raised issues, not supported by the facts, concerning, training of mercenaries, helicopter operations and training, environmental issues and others and this petition was presented to this board at our May 10 meeting. And,

Whereas, this board agreed to reconsider the December 14 vote at our July 12 meeting. And,

Whereas, Blackwater has furnished additional documentation and modification of its application to meet the noise standards and other environmental concerns, and

Whereas, Economic Impact Models on Community Economic Development all indicate that this project would greatly benefit this community greatly benefit this community. And,

Whereas, the community planning group has worked very hard to keep large housing developments out of Potrero and the Blackwater Academy would use one of the more desirable locations for its academy and thereby helping to keep housing development out.

NOW THEREFORE, the Potrero Community Planning Group hereby resolves:

1. That a live fire noise test be conducted to validate the consultant's computer model indicating that no noise will be heard by neighbors to the project.
2. A traffic management program be developed that will limit Blackwater generated traffic to little more than historical norms.
3. That wind studies be conducted to make sure the academy operations will not impact the environmentally sensitive communities of Potrero.
4. That Economic Impact Models be presented to the community showing the potential benefits to the community.
5. That preference will be given to Potrero residents for jobs hiring.
6. A public promise to the Potrero residents that the academy will be used for the stated purpose only and that no helicopter or mercenary training will be allowed at the academy.
7. That Blackwater form a community liaison committee to work with in resolving all issues that may develop between it and the community.
8. That copies of all environment studies be shared with the community planning group as they are developed so that we can review and judge their validity and share those finding with all concerned as early as possible in the process.

Motion made by _____ . Seconded by _____ and carried by the following roll call vote.