



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 7/19/2022

File #: 22-918

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Planning and Building Department

Agenda Section: Public Hearing

SUBJECT:

Blanc Lot Line Adjustment and Zone Boundary Adjustment (4/5 vote required)
Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) 316-205-006, 316-206-002, 316-206-009, 316-212-003
Record No.: PLN-2021-16919
Korbel area

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Introduce Ordinance No. _____ (Attachment B) by title and waive further reading; and
2. Open the public hearing, receive and consider the staff report, the Planning Commission's findings and accept public comments; and
3. Close the public hearing; and
4. Find the project exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15305 and 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, and that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment; and
5. Make the necessary findings to approve the Lot Line Adjustment (LLA) and Zone Boundary Adjustment (ZBA) (Attachment A) and adopt by 4/5ths vote Ordinance No. _____ (Attachment B) amending Section 311-7 of the Humboldt County Code by reclassifying, through immediate conversion, approximately 3.09 acres from Timberland Production Zone (TPZ) to Agriculture Exclusive with a 160-acre minimum parcel size (AE-B-5(160)) to conform to the reconfigured lot lines approved with the LLA and rezone approximately 6.2 acres from Agriculture Exclusive with a 160-acre minimum parcel size (AE-B-5(160)) to Timberland Production Zone (TPZ); and
6. Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish a summary of the Ordinance within 15 days after adoption of the ordinance; and
7. Direct the Chair of the Board to sign and the Clerk of the Board to record a Certificate of Rezoning (Notice of Timberland Production Zone Status)(Attachment C); and
8. Direct the Clerk of the Board to give notice of the decision to the applicant/owner, the County Assessor's Office, the County Planning Department and any other interested party; and
9. Direct Planning and Building Department to file a Notice of Exemption pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Applicant Fees.

DISCUSSION:

This project consists of two parts: a Lot Line Adjustment (LLA) and a Zone Boundary Adjustment (ZBA). The LLA will adjust the boundary between three parcels to result in three parcels of approximately 10 acres, 146.5 acres and 179.5 acres. The purpose of the LLA is to move the parcel line to follow Guy Kerr Ranch Road and to provide a greater buffer and defensible space to the adjoining commercial timberlands. The ZBA will move the boundary between the Agriculture Exclusive with a 160-acre minimum parcel size (AE-B-5(160)) zone and the Timberland Production Zone (TPZ) zone to the adjusted property line, thereby rezoning approximately three acres out of Timberland Production Zone (TPZ) and into Agriculture Exclusive with a 160-acre minimum parcel size (AE-B-5(160)). The project will also rezone approximately 6.2 acres from Agriculture Exclusive with a 160-acre minimum parcel size (AE-B-5(160)) to Timberland Production Zone (TPZ), thereby resulting in no net loss to TPZ lands.

Required Findings

Section 312-50 of the Humboldt County Code Zoning Regulations, *Required Findings for All Amendments*, amendments may be approved only if the following findings are made:

1. The amendment is in the public interest;
2. The amendment is consistent with the County General Plan; and
3. The amendment does not reduce the residential density for any parcel below that utilized by the Department of Housing and Community Development in determining compliance with housing element law.

Planning Commission Recommendation: Based on the information contained in the Planning Commission staff report (Attachment E), the Planning Commission recommended that the required findings be made and the proposed Lot Line Adjustment and Zone Boundary Adjustment be approved. Furthermore, the project was found consistent with the Humboldt County General Plan. Specifically, the Planning Commission found:

- The Zone Boundary Adjustment is in the public interest, and is consistent with a comprehensive view of the General Plan; and
- That the project is exempt from environmental review per Section 15305(a) and Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and
- The findings necessary for approval of the project can be made as indicated in the Planning Commission staff report

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There will be no impact on the General Fund. The applicant is responsible for paying all costs involved in the processing of the application.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by enforcing laws and regulations to protect residents .

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The project was referred to responsible agencies and all responding agencies have either recommended approval or conditional approval.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your Board may choose not to approve the project. Planning Division staff believes that satisfactory evidence has been provided in the project record to support making the requisite findings. Therefore, further consideration of this alternative is not recommended.

ATTACHMENTS:

NOTE: The attachments supporting this report have been provided to the Board of Supervisors; copies are available for review in the Clerk of the Board's Office.

Attachment A: Resolution No. _____

Attachment B: Ordinance No. _____, Exhibit A (legal description), Exhibit B (map)

Attachment C: Certificate of Rezoning (Notice of Timberland Production Status)

Attachment D: Post-Adoption Summary of Ordinance

Attachment E: Copy of the Planning Commission Staff Report of July 29, 2021

Attachment F: Planning Commission Resolution No. 21-71

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A