

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting July 11, 2023**

RESOLUTION NO. 23-109

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND MAKING FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL OF THE KNAPEK ZONE RECLASSIFICATION, RECORD NO. PLN-2022-17796**

**WHEREAS**, Humboldt County adopted Ordinance 2723 on July 11; and

**WHEREAS**, Brent and Karla Knapek, submitted an application and evidence in support of approving a Zone Reclassification (ZR) to reclassify approximately 75 acres from Agriculture Exclusive with a 160-acre minimum parcel size (AE-B-5(160)) to Timberland Production Zone (TPZ); and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Building Department reviewed the application and supporting evidence and referred the application materials to applicable reviewing agencies for site inspections, comments and recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the application was reviewed by referral agencies including the County's Forestry Review Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 1, 2022, the Planning Commission considered the application, and adopted a Resolution which recommending the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors find the Zone Reclassification is in the public interest and approve the Zone Reclassification; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors held a public hearing, *de-novo*, on July 11, 2023 and reviewed, considered, and discussed the application for a Zone Reclassification; and reviewed and considered all public testimony and evidence presented at the hearing; and

**NOW; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors makes all the following findings:

- 1. FINDING:** The applicant requests a Zone Reclassification to rezone approximately 75 acres on two properties from Agriculture Exclusive with a 160 acre minimum parcel size (AE-B-5(160)) into Timberland Production Zone (TPZ). The parcels have a total acreage of 120 acres (Parcel 107-091-007 is 80 acres and Parcel 107-096-002 is 40 acres).

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Presently 40 acres of Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 107-091-007 is zoned AE-B-5(160) and all of APN 107-096-002 is zoned AE-B-5(160). After the proposed zone reclassification parcel 107-091-007 will be rezoned with 75 acres of TPZ and 5 acres of AE-B-5(160) and parcel 107-096-002 will be fully rezoned TPZ.

**EVIDENCE:** a) Project File: PLN-2022-17796

**2. FINDING:** **CEQA.** The project is statutorily exempt from environmental review per Section 15264 of the CEQA Guidelines.

**EVIDENCE:** a) The Zone Reclassification will adopt Timber Production Zone, which is exempt from requiring submission of an EIR or Negative Declaration.

b) No development is proposed and there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project will have a significant effect on the environment.

**FINDINGS FOR ZONE RECLASSIFICATION**

**3. FINDING** The proposed Zone Reclassification is in the public interest.

**EVIDENCE** a) The Zone Reclassification is consistent with the existing and projected use of the property for timber production.

b) The aerial imagery on the County's webGIS shows the property is stocked with large trees and the Timber Management Plan documents the commercial tree species composition.

**4. FINDING** The amendment is consistent with the County General Plan. Rezoning the property to Timberland Production Zone (TPZ) meets Forest Resources Goals of the General Plan to actively protect and conserve timberlands for long-term economic utilization and to actively enhance and increase county timber production capabilities.

**EVIDENCE** a) RA40 and RA160 designations are applied to more remote, steep and high hazard areas or where appropriate to ensure compatibility with adjacent resource production and open space uses.

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- b) The TPZ Zone is consistent with the Residential Agriculture (RA) land use designation according to Table 4-H of the General Plan.
- c) The aerial imagery on the County's web GIS shows the property is stocked with large trees and qualifies as timberland.
- d) A Timber Management Plan has been prepared documenting the commercial tree species composition.

**5. FINDING** 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.

**EVIDENCE** a) The property is not included in the residential land inventory of the Housing Element.

**6. FINDING** The amendment is consistent with the requirements of Section 312-50.8 of the Humboldt County Code, Supplemental Timberland Production Zoning Procedures.

**EVIDENCE** a) Maps have been prepared showing the assessor's parcel numbers for the properties desired to be zoned Timberland Production Zone.

b) A timber management plan has been submitted and approved by the Forestry Review Committee on February 8, 2023.

c) The areas to be rezoned are contained within the same ownership and are contiguous with other TPZ parcels in the ownership.

d) The areas proposed for rezoning have been managed for timber and grazing for over 100 years.

e) The site provides very good timber soil that would be capable of growing an average annual volume of wood fiber of at least 15 cubic feet per acre.

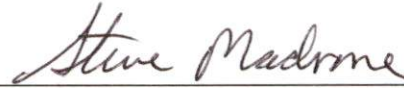
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**NOW, THEREFORE**, based on the above findings and evidence, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors does hereby:

1. Approve the rezoning of approximately 75 acres out of AE-B-5(160) into TPZ on APN's 107-091-007 and 107-096-002; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to record a Notice of Timberland Production Status.



Steve Madrone, Chair of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor Wilson seconded by Supervisor Bushnell and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Bohn, Bushnell, Wilson, Madrone, Arroyo  
NOES: Supervisors  
ABSENT: Supervisors  
ABSTAIN: Supervisors

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )) SS. County of Humboldt

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.

NIKKI TURNER Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California

