

Minutes

August 26, 2024 Meeting

I. Attendance

FRC Members Present: Jim Able, Mark Andre, Thomas Blair, Mark Distefano, Kurt McCray, Mike Lommori, Elicia Goldsworthy

FRC Members Absent: Erin Kelly, Yana Valachovic

Staff Present: Trevor Estlow, Planning and Building Department, Steve Lazar, Planning and Building Department, Rodney Yandell, Planning and Building Department, Cliff Johnson, Planning and Building Department, Audrey Hanks, Assessor's Office

The Committee welcomed guests: Kimberley Clark, Mark Pera, Niels Stander, Eric Doricko

II. Public Appearances: None.

III. Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2024.

Mark Andre requested the addition of County Staff in the discussion of the Climate Action Plan. These edits were included in the final minutes. On a motion by Kurt McCray, seconded by Mark Distefano, the minutes of the March 7, 2024 meeting were approved by a vote of 7-0.

IV. New Business:

- 1. Stander/Green Diamond Resource Co. General Plan Amendment, Zone Reclassification and Lot Line Adjustment;** Record Number: PLN-2024-19011; Assessor Parcel Numbers 500-071-012, 500-081-002; Fickle Hill area.

Steve Lazar provided the staff report and staff recommendations. The project involves a General Plan Amendment, and Zone Reclassification to facilitate a Lot Line Adjustment to remedy an encroachment onto Green Diamond property.

At this time, the Chair opened the meeting to public comments. Audrey Hanks mentioned the recoupment fee and wanted the owner to be aware. Mark Andre inquired whether or not the owner was aware of the encroachment at the time of purchase. Craig Compton stated that the encroachment was identified later after Green Diamond purchased the lands. Kurt McCray stated that CALFIRE does not support conversion of timberlands, regardless of area. The Chair then closed the meeting to public comments and returned the discussion to the Committee.

On a motion by Mark Andre, seconded by Jim Able, the Stander/Green Diamond project was approved by a vote of 6-0 (Elicia Goldsworthy abstained).

- 2. Green Diamond Resource Co. Lot Line Adjustment and Joint Timber Management Plan;** Record Number: PLN-2024-19021; Assessor Parcel Numbers 510-011-023 et. seq.; McKinleyville area.

Rodney Yandell provided the staff report and staff recommendations. The project involves a Merger and Lot Line Adjustment (LLA) for remnant parcels resulting from the McKinleyville Community Forest acquisition.

At this time, the Chair opened the meeting to public comments. Thomas Blair and Mark Lommori inquired about the rationale for the eastern and western boundaries. Craig Compton stated that an existing road was used for one boundary and a creek for the other. He also mentioned that access easements to the remaining lands has been retained. The Chair then closed the meeting to public comments and returned the discussion to the Committee.

On a motion by Mike Lommori, seconded by Thomas Blair, the Green Diamond project was approved by a vote of 5-0 (Elicia Goldsworthy and Kurt McCray abstained).

3. Benson, Welliver and Pinto Lot Line Adjustment and Joint Timber Management Plan; Record Number: PLN-2024-19040; Assessor Parcel Numbers 405-341-012, 405-341-013; Freshwater area

Rodney Yandell provided the staff report and staff recommendations. The project involves a Lot Line Adjustment (LLA) between two parcels resulting in two parcels.

At this time, the Chair opened the meeting to public comments. Kurt McCray asked if the barn was permitted. Rodney Yandell stated that he had not yet determined the status of the barn. It was stated that the timber wasn't compromised with the Lot Line Adjustment. The Chair then closed the meeting to public comments and returned the discussion to the Committee.

On a motion by Thomas Blair, seconded by Mark Distefano, Benson, Welliver and Pinto project was approved by a vote of 6-1 (Kurt McCray opposed).

4. Kelly/Johannesen Lot Line Adjustment and Joint Timber Management Plan; Record Number: PLN-2024-19057; Assessor Parcel Numbers 216-141-009, 216-144-017, 216-144-018, 216-144-019; Garberville area

Rodney Yandell provided the staff report and staff recommendations. The project involves a Lot Line Adjustment between three parcels resulting in three parcels.

At this time, the Chair opened the meeting to public comments. Kurt McCray inquired about road access. There was discussion regarding both interior roads and off-site roads and whether or not adequate access existed. It was also mentioned by staff that the Lot Line Adjustment should not create a nonconforming situation, nor increase the severity of a pre-existing nonconformance. The Chair then closed the meeting to public comments and returned the discussion to the Committee.

On a motion by Kurt McCray, seconded by Mike Lommori, the Kelly/Johannesen project was approved by a vote of 7-0.

5. Potential Subdivision and General Plan Policy Discussion; Record Number: PLN-2024-19059; Assessor Parcel Number 108-012-009; Ettersburg area

Trevor Estlow provided information regarding General Plan requirements when lands that are planned Timberland are subdivided below 160 acres. The key issue is a requirement that the subdivision improve the ability to manage the parcel for improved forest health and productivity. There was a brief discussion, however, it was determined that a JTMP was prepared for the site, however, it was not included in the packet prior to the meeting. Therefore, a motion was made by Kurt McCray to

continue the project to the next hearing to have time to review the JTMP. The motion was seconded by Mark Andre and approved by a vote of 7-0.

V. Future Agenda Items

Trevor Estlow mentioned that Supervisor Madrone would like to discuss a letter of support regarding the frequency of reporting to the Department of Forestry. The item will be agendaized for the next meeting.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.