

ATTACHMENT 5

Referral Agency Comments and Recommendations

The project was referred to the following referral agencies for review and comment. Those agencies that provided written comments are checked off.

Referral Agency	Response	Recommendation	Location
Building Inspection Division	✓	Comments	Attachment 5A
Division Environmental Health	✓	Approval	Attachment 5B
Public Works, Land Use Division	✓	Comments	Attachment 5C
CAL FIRE	✓	Comments	Attachment 5D
California Department of Fish & Wildlife		No Response	
Northwest Information Center	✓	Further study	On file and confidential
Hoopla Valley Tribe	✓	Conditional approval	On file and confidential
Tsungwe Council	✓	Further study	On file and confidential
Regional Water Quality Control Board		No Response	
Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District		No Response	
Humboldt County Sheriff		No Response	
Humboldt County Agricultural Commissioner		No Response	
Humboldt County District Attorney		No Response	
North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District		No Response	
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board		No Response	
State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Water Rights		No Response	
United States Forest Service -Six Rivers National Forest		No Response	

ATTACHMENT 5A

Building Inspection Division Referral Response



HUMBOLDT COUNTY
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT
CURRENT PLANNING DIVISION
3015 H STREET, EUREKA, CA 95501 ~ PHONE (707) 445-7541

PROJECT REFERRAL TO: Health and Human Services Environmental
Health Division

Project Referred To The Following Agencies:

Building Inspection Division, Public Works Land Use Division, Health and Human Services Environmental Health Division, County Counsel, CalFire, California Department of Fish And Wildlife, Northwest Information Center, Hoopa Valley Tribe, Tsnungwe Council, Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District, Humboldt County District Attorney, Humboldt County Agriculture Commissioner, Humboldt County Sheriff, SWRCB- Division of Water Rights, Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District

Applicant Name South Fork River Ranch LLC Key Parcel Number 524-114-005-000

Application (APPS#) 13164 Assigned Planner Cannabis Planner (CPOD) (707) 445-7541 Case Number(s) CUP16-1018

Please review the above project and provide comments with any recommended conditions of approval. To help us log your response accurately, please include a copy of this form with your correspondence.

Questions concerning this project may be directed to the assigned planner for this project between 8:30am and 5:30pm Monday through Friday.

County Zoning Ordinance allows up to 15 calendar days for a response. If no response or extension request is received by the response date, processing will proceed as proposed.

If this box is checked, please return large format maps with your response.

Return Response No Later Than Planning Commission Clerk
County of Humboldt Planning and Building Department
3015 H Street
Eureka, CA 95501
E-mail: PlanningClerk@co.humboldt.ca.us Fax: (707) 268-3792

We have reviewed the above application and recommend the following:

Approval

Comments:

Response Date: 9/24/2018 Recommendation By: Adam Molofsky

ATTACHMENT 5B

Division Environmental Health Referral Response



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT
CURRENT PLANNING DIVISION
3015 H STREET, EUREKA, CA 95501 ~ PHONE (707) 445-7541**



12/18/2017

PROJECT REFERRAL TO: Building Inspection Division

Project Referred To The Following Agencies:

Building Inspection Division, Public Works Land Use Division, Health and Human Services Environmental Health Division, County Counsel, CalFire, California Department of Fish And Wildlife, Northwest Information Center, Hoopa Valley Tribe, Tsnungwe Council, Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District, Humboldt County District Attorney, Humboldt County Agriculture Commissioner, Humboldt County Sheriff, SWRCB- Division of Water Rights, Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District

Applicant Name Ryan Holcomb **Key Parcel Number** 524-114-005-000
Application (APPS#) 13164 **Assigned Planner** Cannabis Planner (CPOD) (707) 445-7541 **Case Number(s)** CUP16-1018

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 3015 H Street
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E-mail: PlanningClerk@co.humboldt.ca.us **Fax:** (707) 268-3792

We have reviewed the above application and recommend the following (please check one):

- Recommend Approval. The Department has no comment at this time.
- Recommend Conditional Approval. Suggested Conditions Attached.
- Applicant needs to submit additional information. List of items attached.
- Recommend Denial. Attach reasons for recommended denial.

Other Comments: _____

DATE: 1-3-18 PRINT NAME: Gustin Dunkel

524-114-005

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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT
BUILDING DIVISION

3015 H STREET EUREKA CA 95501
PHONE: (707) 445-7245 FAX: (707) 445-7446

Building Division's Referral Comments for Cannabis Operations:

Application No.: 13164 (45504)
Parcel No.: 524-114-005
Case No.: CUP 16-1018

The following comments apply to the proposed project, (check all that apply).

- Site/plot plan appears to be accurate.
- Submit revised site/plot plan showing all of the following items: all grading including ponds and roads, location of any water course including springs, all structure including size and use and all setbacks from the above stated to each other and property lines.
- Existing operation appears to have expanded, see comments: _____

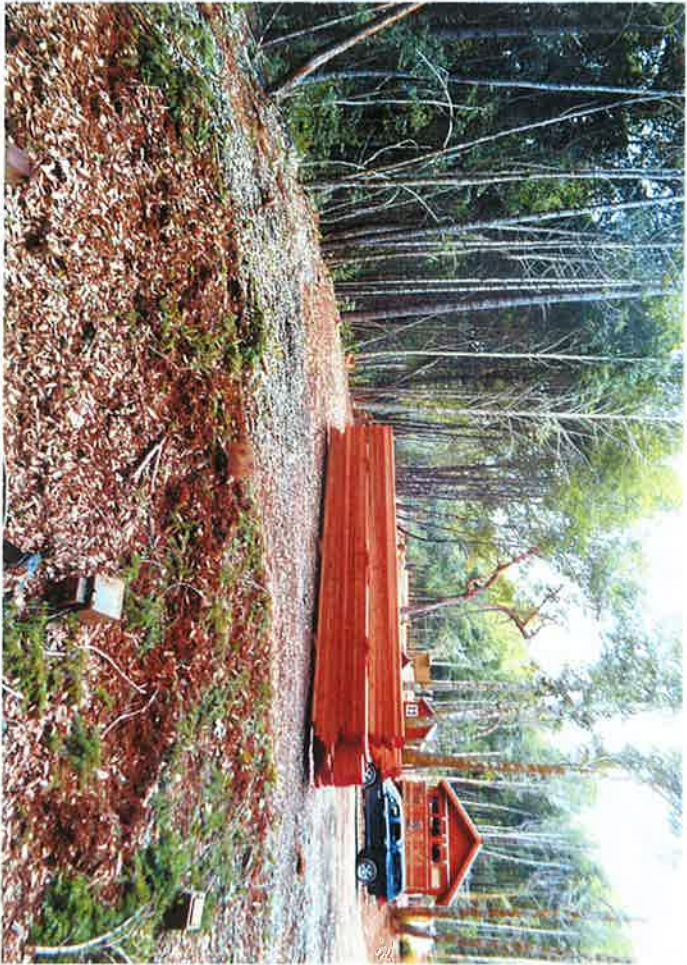
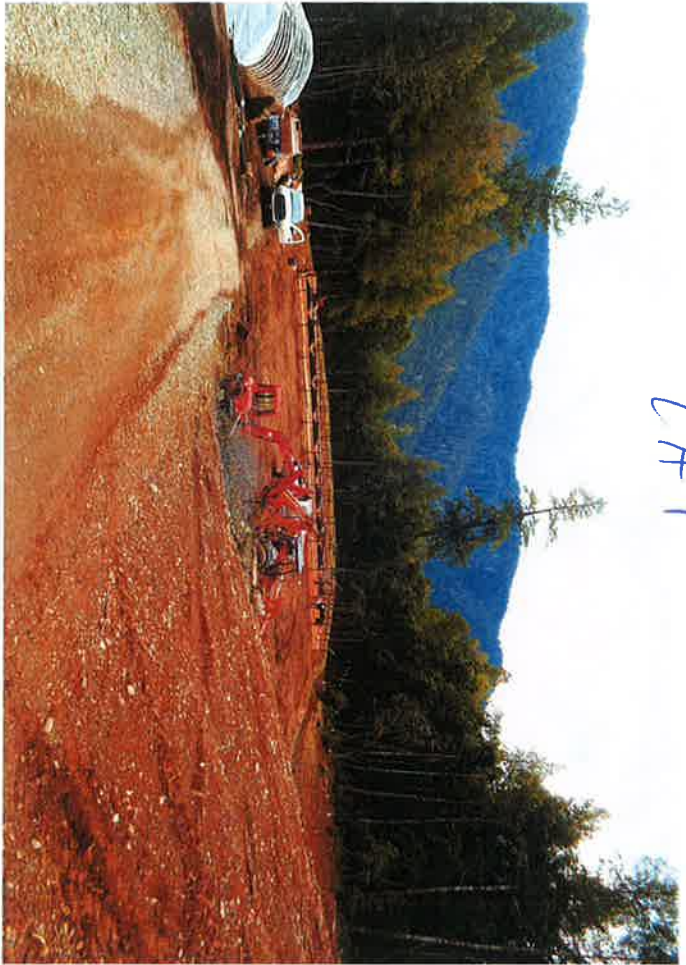
- Existing structures used in the cannabis operation shall not to be used/occupied until all required permits have been obtained.
- Proposed new operation has already started.
- Recommend approval based on the condition that all required grading, building, plumbing electrical and mechanical permits and or Agricultural Exemption are obtained.
- Other Comments: See photos @ CUP 16-1018 - folder 524-114-005
- Minor Revisions to plot plan needed, show all structures
- No photos of CA 2 near river

Name: Custin Dunbar

Date: 1-3-18

Note: Remember to take photographs and then save them to the Planning's case number. File location J, Current Planning, Projects, (CUP, SP, ZCC) Case number.

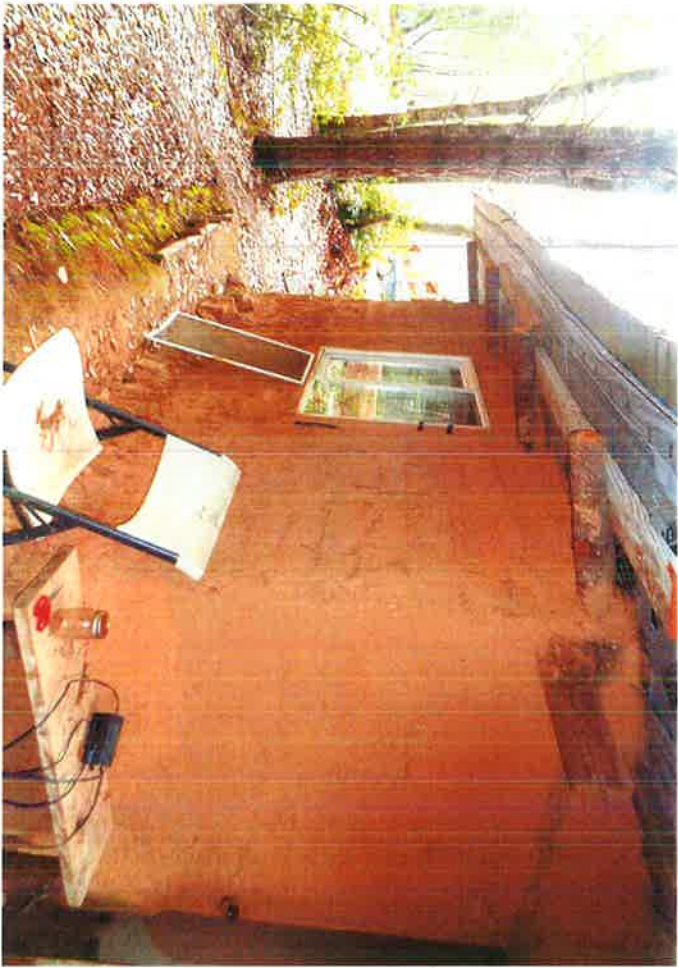
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Detached Kitchen w/ Deck w/ shower

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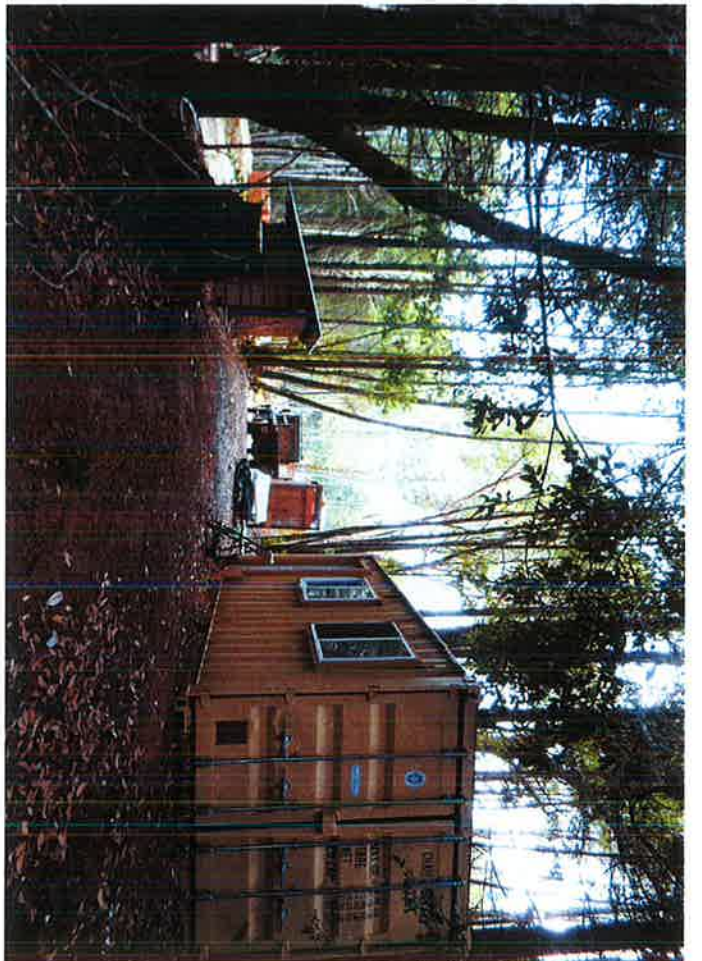
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Creek / SMA N. of CA 1
 Could be called Alternate Road channel / from city flood.



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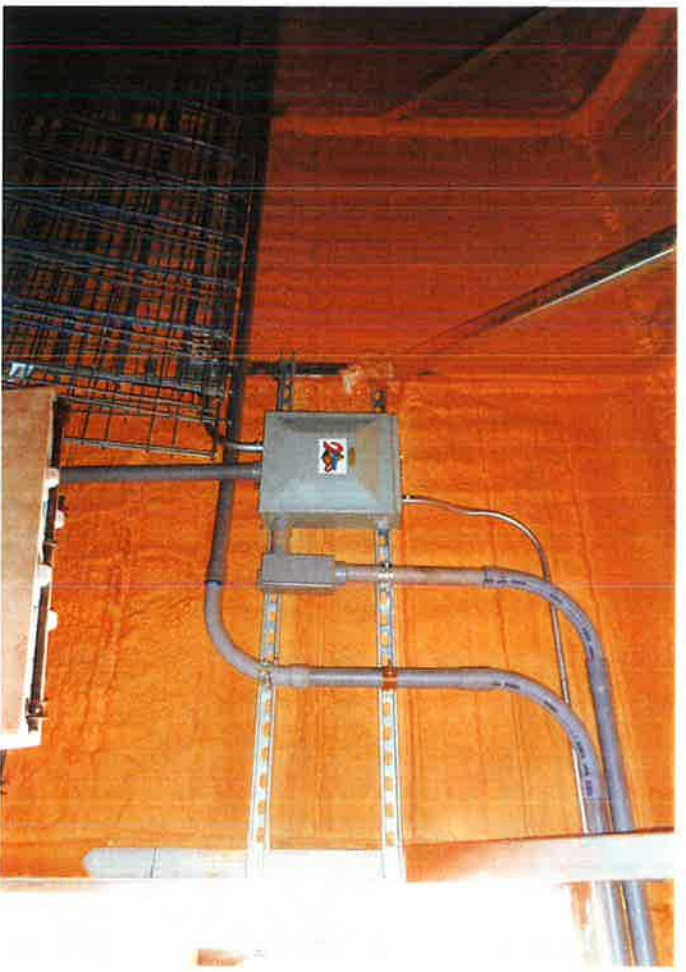
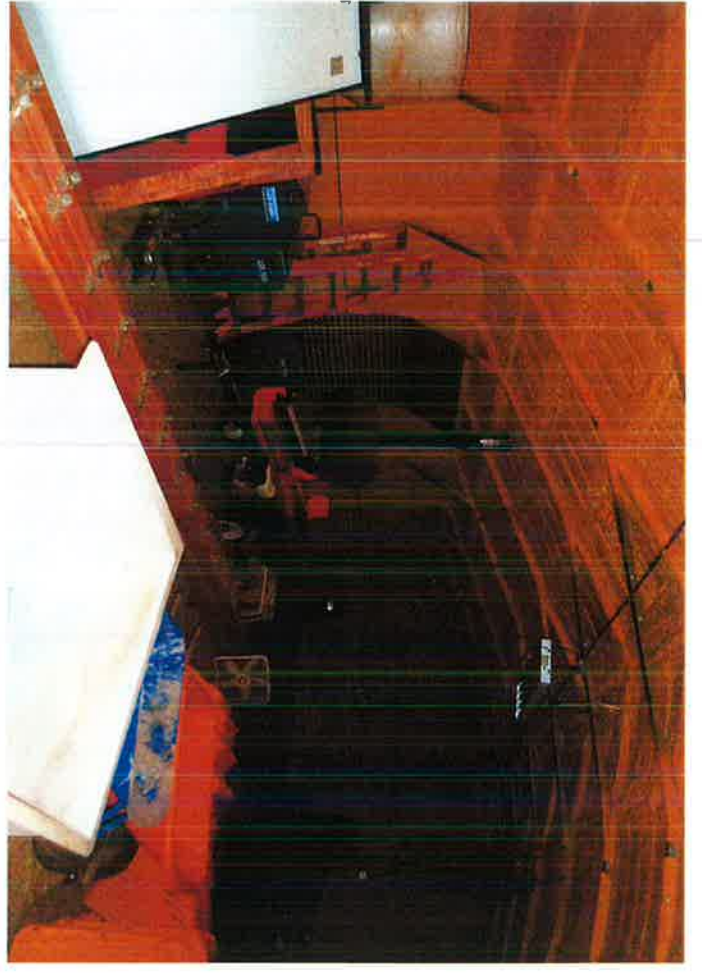
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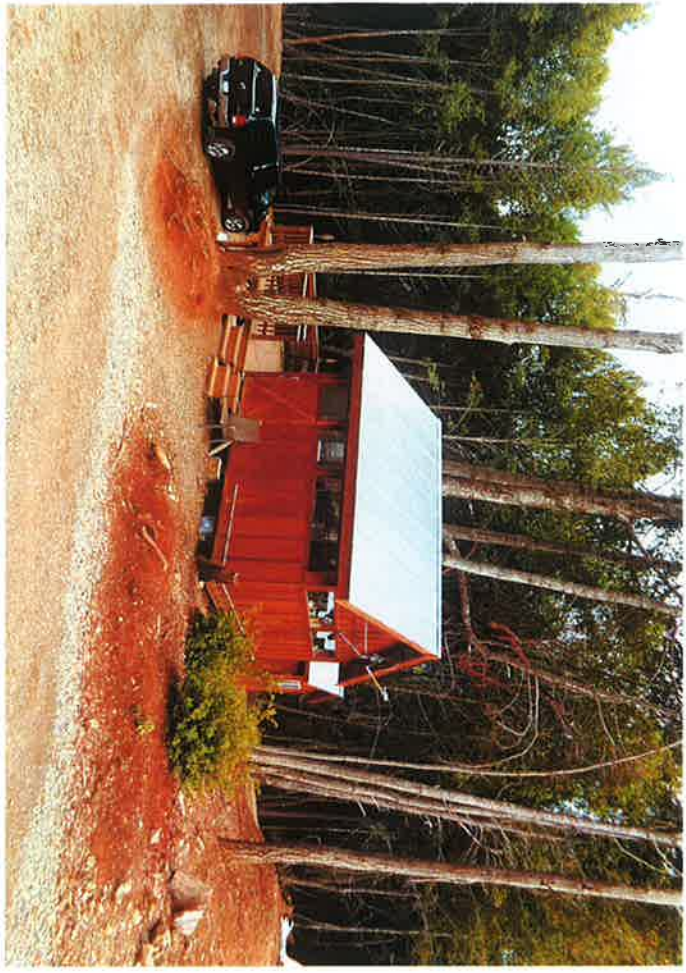
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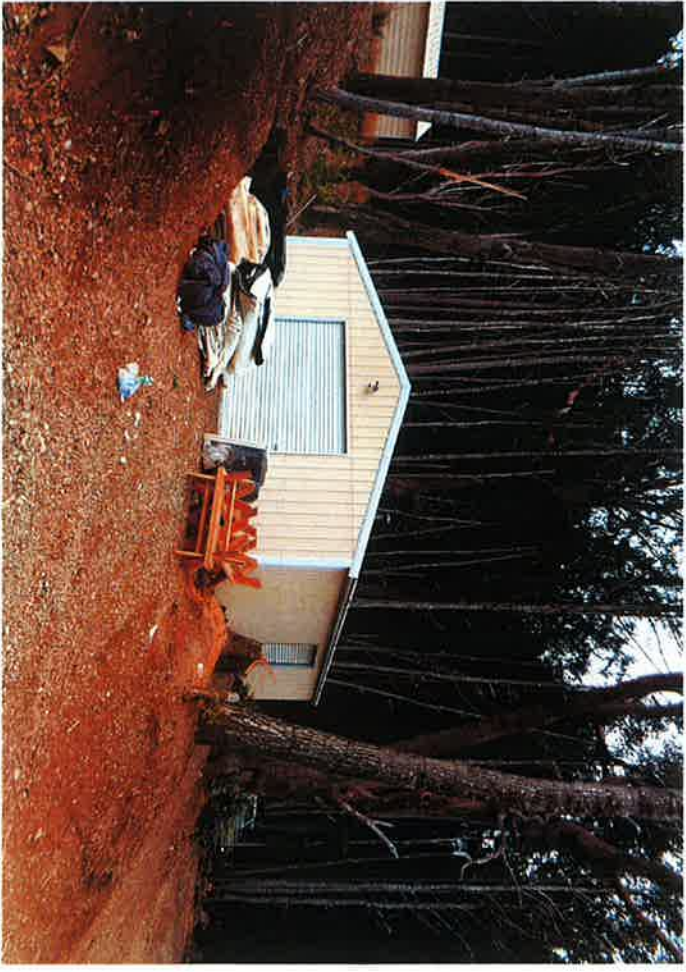
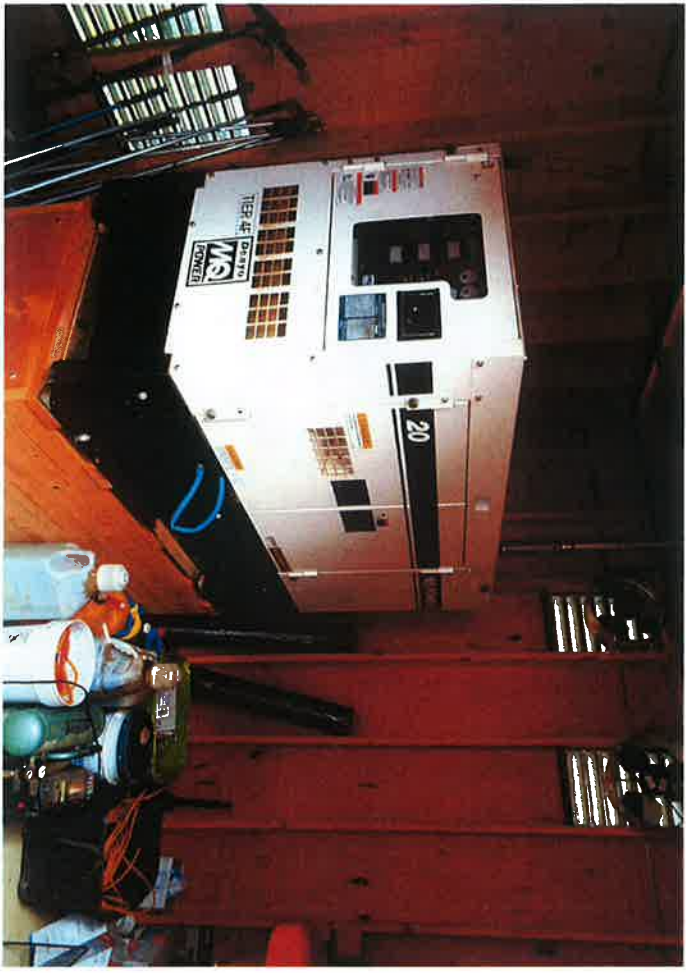
Storage Shed (1)



Detached Kitchen

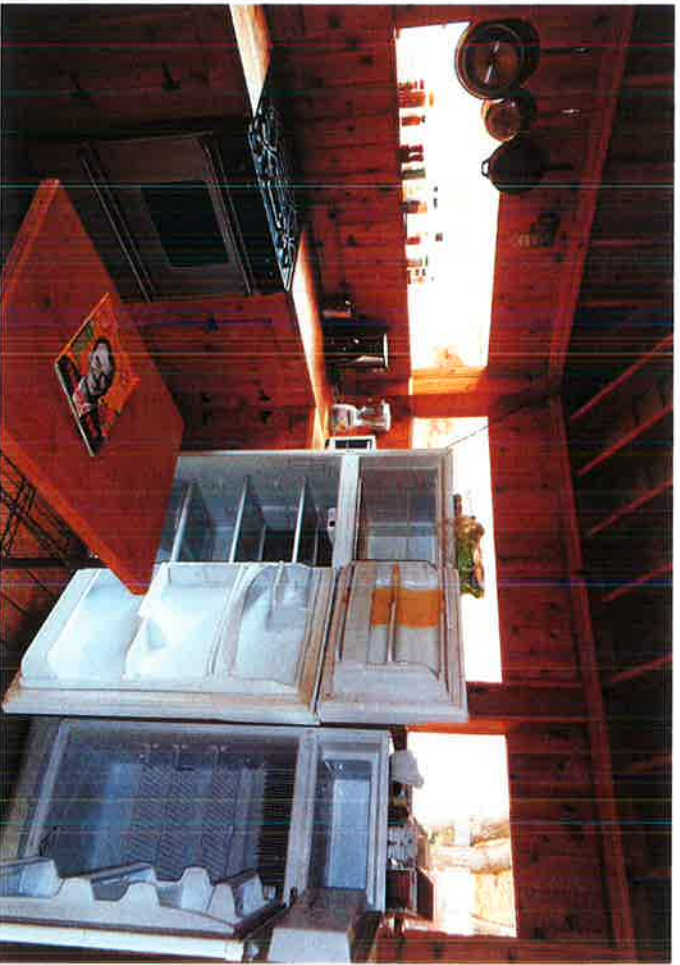
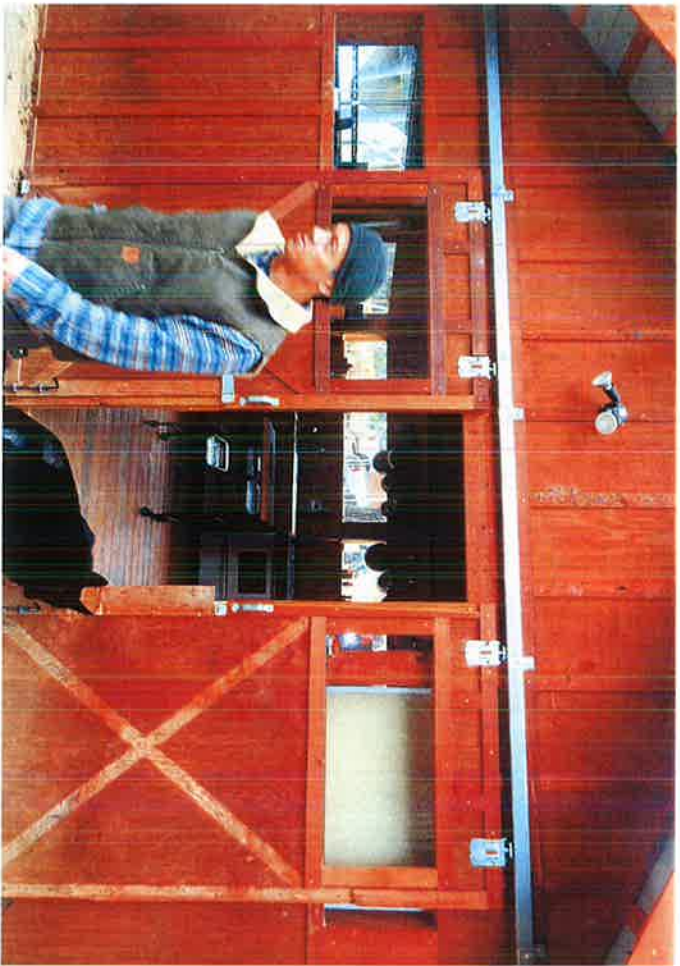
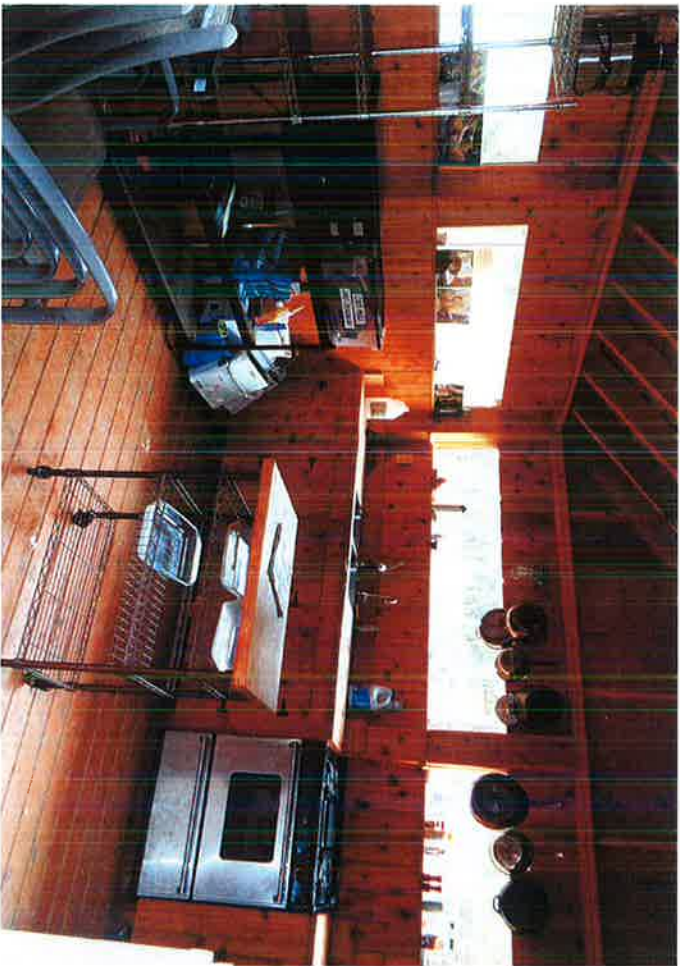


Proposed House Site



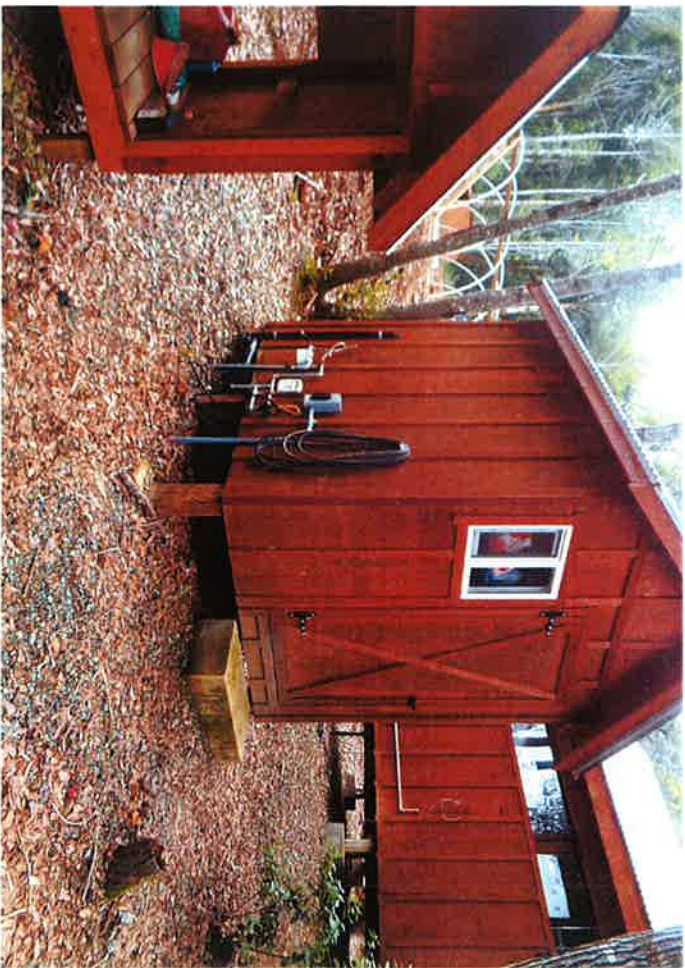
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Storage Shed (2)



Kitchen

1/3/18 584-114-005 Utility Room Detached



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mud hut



ATTACHMENT 5C

Public Works, Land Use Division Referral Response

Megan Marruffo

From: Freed, Ken <KFreed@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 9:11 AM
To: Megan Marruffo
Cc: Johnson, Cliff; Meghan Ryan
Subject: RE: South Fork River Ranch (APPS #13164; APN 524-114-005) - DPW Comments
Attachments: Road Evaluation Report Form (2020-02-20).pdf

Megan

It appears that the applicant has submitted a road evaluation, stamped received by the Humboldt County Cannabis Services on December 21, 2020. The road evaluation did not include the required Road Evaluation Report Form developed by the Public Works Department. Once the form is submitted the Department will require that all of the recommendations on the submitted report by Omsberg & Preston be completed.

Find attached the Departments Road evaluation report form.

Kenneth M. Freed
Assistant Engineer II
Humboldt County Department of Public Works – Land Use Division
3015 H Street Eureka, CA 95501
Ph (707)445-7205 Fax (707) 445-7388



From: Megan Marruffo <marruffom@lacoassociates.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 7:58 AM
To: Freed, Ken <KFreed@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Cc: Johnson, Cliff <CJohnson@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Meghan Ryan <ryanm@lacoassociates.com>
Subject: South Fork River Ranch (APPS #13164; APN 524-114-005) - DPW Comments

Caution: This email was sent from an EXTERNAL source. Please take care when clicking links or opening attachments.

Good morning, Ken,

I am reaching out regarding the South Fork River Ranch project (APPS #13164; APN 524-114-005) located in the Willow Creek area, for which a Conditional Use Permit is sought for 18,200 square feet (SF) of existing outdoor cultivation and 1,600 SF of ancillary propagation. The project was referred in December 2017, and comments were provided by the Department of Public Works (DPW) in August 2018. A copy of DPW's comments is attached for your reference. DPW's comments note that a Road Evaluation Report was needed for the project. Since that time, a Road Evaluation Report has

been prepared (prepared by Omsberg & Preston in July 2019) – please find attached a copy of the report. The project was referred to the U.S. Forest Service in January 2022; however, no response has been received to date.

I wanted to follow up with you to close the loop and see if DPW has any project-specific comments or conditions for the project. We're anticipating this project to go to hearing for decision by the Planning Commission in November.

Thank you,
Megan



Megan Marruffo
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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AREA CODE 707

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SECOND & L ST., EUREKA
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CLARK COMPLEX
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AVIATION 839-5401

ADMINISTRATION 445-7491
BUSINESS 445-7652
ENGINEERING 445-7377
FACILITY MAINTENANCE 445-7493

NATURAL RESOURCES 445-7741
NATURAL RESOURCES PLANNING 267-9540
PARKS 445-7651
ROADS & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 445-7421

LAND USE 445-7205

LAND USE DIVISION INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Michelle Nielsen, Senior Planner, Planning & Building Department

FROM: Kenneth M. Freed, Assistant Engineer *KMF*

DATE: 08-20-2018

RE:

Applicant Name	<i>Ryan Holcomb</i>
APN	<i>524-114-005</i>
APPS#	<i>13164</i>
CASE#	<i>CUPI6-1018</i>

The Department has reviewed the above project and has the following comments:

- The Department's recommended conditions of approval are attached as **Exhibit "A"**.
- Additional information identified on **Exhibit "B"** is required before the Department can review the project. **Please re-refer the project to the Department when all of the requested information has been provided.**
- Additional review is required by Planning & Building staff for the items on **Exhibit "C"**. **No re-refer is required.**
- Road Evaluation Reports(s)* are required; See **Exhibit "D"**. **No re-refer is required.**

*Note: Exhibits are attached as necessary.

Additional comments/notes:

Review Item #2 on exhibit "C"

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Additional Review is Required by Planning & Building Staff

APPS # 13164

All of the following questions are to be answered by Planning and Building Department staff. No further involvement with the Department of Public Works is required for these items; however Public Works staff is available to answer any questions that may arise.

- 1. ROADS – PART 1. Does the project take access from a series of non-county maintained roads that connect directly to a State Highway (36, 96, 101, 255, 299, etc...)?

[] YES [] NO

If YES, the project does not need to be referred to the Department. Include the following requirement:

All recommendations in the Road Evaluation Report(s) for non-county maintained road(s) shall be constructed/implemented to the satisfaction of the Planning & Building Department prior to commencing operations, final sign-off for a building permit, or approval for a business license. A grading permit may be required; check with the Building Division of the Planning and Building Department for any permit requirements.

- 2. ROADS – PART 2. Does the project take access from a series of non-county maintained roads that connect directly to a Caltrans State Highway, US Forest Service Road, BLM Road, or a City road?

[] YES [] NO

If YES, the Department recommends that prior to the project presented to the Planning Commission or Zoning Administrator, that the project should be referred to the affected road agency(ies).

- 3. ROADS – PART 3. Does the project take access or use a county maintained road that does not have a centerline stripe or is not on the "approved list" of known category 4 roads? [] YES [] NO

If YES, a Road Evaluation Report must be done for the County road(s) that do not have a centerline stripe or are not on the "approved" list. The project along with the road evaluation report(s) for the County maintained road(s) must be referred to Public Works for review to ensure that the Department supports the findings in the report. If the road is on the "not approved" list, then Part B of the Road Evaluation Report form must be completed.

- 4. Deferred Subdivision Improvements. Does the project have deferred subdivision improvements? [] YES [] NO

How to check: Method 1: Planning and Building Department staff review the legal description for the subject property in the deed. If the deed reads similar to "Parcel __ of Parcel Map No. ___" then there may be deferred subdivision improvements; further research will be needed. Method 2: Planning and Building Department staff need to review the title report(s) for the subject property(ies) to see if a "Notice of Construction Requirements" document is listed. If the document is listed, then there are deferred subdivision improvements.

If YES then the subject property has deferred subdivision improvements. The project cannot be presented to the Zoning Administrator or the Planning Commission until the deferred subdivision improvements are completed. The applicant should be directed to the Department of Public Works regarding the deferred subdivision improvements.

- 5. AIRPORT- PART 1 (ALUCP). Is the project located within Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) Zone A, B, B1, B2, or B3 as shown on the ALUCP GIS layer? [] YES [] NO

If YES, include the following requirement:

The applicant shall cause to be dedicated to the County of Humboldt an Avigation Easement. The avigation easement shall be on the form prescribed by the Department of Public Works. This condition shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works prior to commencing operations, final sign-off for a building permit, or Public Works approval for a business license.

Additional Review is Required by Planning & Building Staff

The applicant shall conduct all operations consistent with the ALUCP and in a manner that does not attract flocks of birds. Open ponds shall not be permitted.

6. **AIRPORT – PART 2 (County Code Section 333).** Is the project is located within the County Code Section 333 GIS layer **AND** is the project proposing to construct (or permit) a fence, building or other structure? YES NO

If **YES**, the applicant shall submit a completed *Airspace Certification Form* prior to the project being presented to the Zoning Administrator or the Planning Commission for approval.

7. **AIRPORT – PART 3 (Height Restrictions).** Planning & Building Staff shall review the completed *Airspace Certification Form* as follows:
- If Box 1 is checked **NO**, the applicant shall either modify the project to comply with County Code Section 333-4 or the applicant shall request a variance pursuant to County Code Section 333-8. The project shall not be presented to the Zoning Administrator or the Planning Commission for approval until the variance is approved by the Board of Supervisors, or the project was modified to comply with County Code Section 333-4.
 - If Box 2 is checked **YES**, the applicant shall submit form FAA 7460-1 to the FAA for review and comment. The project shall not be presented to the Zoning Administrator or the Planning Commission for approval until the FAA supports the project.
 - If Box 3 is checked **YES**, then the project cannot be permitted and must be modified to conform to the easement. As an alternative, the applicant may wish to seek approval from both the County and the FAA to quitclaim a portion of the easement to allow the project to be permitted.
 - If Box 1 is checked **YES** and Box 2 is checked **NO** and Box 3 checked **NO or NA**, then Planning & Building staff shall signoff on the project in the "county use only" section of the form. In the "pre-construction" right of way (or "post construction" right of way if the building exists), check the approval box; date and initial your work.

Note that if the proposed structure is close to the imaginary surface (within 5 feet), then require a post construction certificate to be filed. By including the following requirement:

Applicant shall file a post construction *Airspace Certification Form* to ensure that the proposed structures are in compliance with County Code 333-3. This shall be completed within 90 days of completion of construction or prior to building final, whichever occurs first.

Submit a copy of all processed *Airspace Certification Forms* to the Land Use Division.

8. **MS4/ASBS Areas.** Is the project located within MS4 Permit Area as shown on the GIS layer? YES NO

If **YES**, include the following requirement:

The applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Planning & Building Department that the project is in compliance with MS4/ASBS requirements.

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ATTACHMENT 5D

CAL FIRE Referral Response

**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

Humboldt – Del Norte Unit
118 Fortuna Blvd.
Fortuna, CA 95540
Website: www.fire.ca.gov
(707) 726-1272



Ref: 7100 Planning
Date: December 19, 2017

John Ford, Director
Humboldt County Planning and Building Department – Planning Division
3015 H Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Attention: Cannabis Planner
Applicant: Holcomb, Ryan
APN: 524-114-005-000
Area: Willow Creek
Case Numbers: CUP16-1018

Humboldt County Application #: 13164
Type of Application: Conditional Use Permit
Date Received: 12/19/2017
Due Date: 1/2/2018

Project Description: An application for a Conditional Use Permit for 41,200 square foot (SF) of existing outdoor medical cannabis cultivation. Water source is a 100,000 gallon pond. Water storage onsite is 105,000 gallons between the pond and two (2) hard tanks. Drying would take place onsite with all other processing being performed by a third part offsite. Power source is a generator.

Mr. Ford,

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) provides these standard project review comments on the above noted project for the following subject matter:

- Fire Safe
- Resource Management
- Cannabis

The following pages address these concerns directly.

If CALFIRE staff develops additional comment on this project, it will be forwarded in an additional response letter.

By: Planning Battalion
CALFIRE Humboldt – Del Norte Unit

For **Hugh Scanlon**, Unit Chief

FIRE SAFE

General:

CALFIRE has responsibility for enforcement of Fire Safe Standards as required by Public Resources Code (PRC) 4290 and 4291. However CALFIRE is not the lead agency in planning development and project permitting. CALFIRE provides input as a contributing agency, generally limited to plan review, and is not the approving agency for these projects.

Local Responsibility Areas:

Should this project include Local Responsibility Area (LRA) lands, CALFIRE has no direct fire safe input on those parcels. However, in those areas with LRA parcels adjacent to State Responsibility Area (SRA) land, CALFIRE recommends that local standards be applied that are consistent with those CALFIRE makes for SRA lands.

State Responsibility Areas:

Should this project include State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands, the following are CALFIRE's Fire Safe minimum input and recommendation for any and all development.

1. In Humboldt County, developments must meet minimum fire safe standards by constructing the project in conformance with County Fire Safe Ordinance 1952, which the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection has accepted as functionally equivalent to PRC 4290. The County Fire Safe Ordinance provides specific standards for roads providing ingress and egress, signing of streets and buildings, minimum water supply requirements, and setback distances for maintaining defensible space.
2. New buildings located in any Fire Hazard Severity Zone within State Responsibility Areas shall comply with the 2007 California Building Code (CBC) Section 701A.3.2. This requires roofing assemblies, attic and eave ventilation, exterior siding, decking and deck enclosure, windows and exterior doors, and exposed under floor areas that are approved "ignition resistive" in design.
3. All development, especially commercial or industrial development, should be designed to comply with the most current versions of the following standards:
 - a) California Fire Code (CFC) — for overall design standards
 - b) Public Utilities Commission (PUC) General Order 103 — for design of water systems
 - c) National Fire Protection Association Standards (NFPA) for fire flow minimums and other design questions not specifically covered by CFC and PUC
 - d) Housing and Community Development Codes and Standards —for mobile home parks and recreational camps
4. For Department of Real Estate reporting purposes, fire protection coverage in SRA is generally described as follows:
 - During the declared fire season (usually June through October) CALFIRE responds to all types of fires and emergencies in SRA.
 - During the remainder of the year (winter period), CALFIRE responds to emergency requests with the closest available fire engine, if a response can reasonably be expected to arrive in time to be effective. A fire engine is usually available somewhere in the Unit, but may have an extended response time.
 - There are many hazards confronting fire protection agencies in most subdivisions on SRA lands. Steep terrain and heavy wildland fuels contribute to fire intensity and spread. The distances from fire stations and road grades encountered usually create an excessive response time for effective structure fire suppression purposes.
 - Subdivisions increase fire risks from additional people and increase probable dollar losses in the event of fire due to added structures and improvements.
5. If the project expects to produce densities consistent with a major subdivision, the impacts on all infrastructures should be mitigated. Local government more appropriately provides the responsibility for high-density area protection and services. Annexation or inclusion into Local Responsibility Area should be studied as well.

6. CALFIRE does not support development in areas where there is no local agency fire service for structure fires and emergency medical response. Fire services should be extended into service gap areas as a condition of development. New development can adversely impact existing fire services. Careful consideration must be given where development may overload the local fire service's ability to respond.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

CALFIRE has enforcement responsibility for requirements of the Z'berg—Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973. CALFIRE is also the lead agency for those parts of projects involving the scope of the Forest Practice Act. The following basic input will cover the majority of projects. Each project will be reviewed with additional input sent at a later date, if needed.

The following comments reflect the basic Resource Management policies of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection and CALFIRE on CEQA review requests. These policies apply to both Local and State Responsibility Areas.

1. If this project reduces the amount of timberland, by policy, the Board of Forestry and CALFIRE cannot support any project that will reduce the timberland base of California. "Timberland" means land which is available for, and capable of, growing a crop of trees of any commercial species used to produce lumber and other forest products, including Christmas trees regardless of current zoning (PRC 4526). However, if the zoning and intended use are consistent with the county's general plan; and if no land other than timberland can be identified to site the project; then CALFIRE may choose not to oppose the project.
2. If **any** commercial timber operations are involved with a project, the timber operations cannot be conducted without a CAL FIRE permit. Commercial timber operations include the cutting or removal of trees offered for sale, barter, exchange, or trade or the conversion of timberlands to land uses other than the growing of timber (PRC 4527). Contact your nearest CAL FIRE Resource Management office for guidance on obtaining the necessary permits.
3. If **any** timberlands are being converted to a non-timber growing use by this project, the conversion operations cannot be conducted without a CAL FIRE permit (PRC 4621). Conversion of timberland takes place when trees are removed and the land use changes, even without the sale, barter, exchange, or trade of the trees. Contact your nearest CAL FIRE Resource Management office for guidance on obtaining the necessary permits.
4. If timberland is in the viewshed of a project, the current and future owners should be overtly notified that changes will occur to their views due to timber management activities. Further, no project should be allowed to negatively affect access to timberland for timber management purposes; neither on the project parcel(s) nor any other timberland parcels.
5. If timber harvesting has occurred and post-harvest restocking and prescribed erosion control maintenance obligations have not been met on a parcel, future owners should be overtly notified (14 CCR 1042). The current owner of a parcel is responsible for restocking requirements and maintenance of roads whether or not they were involved in the actual harvest plan.
6. If the project involves the development of parcels zoned as Timber Production Zone (TPZ), CALFIRE cannot support the project. Dividing TPZ land into parcels of less than 160 acres requires a Joint Timber Management plan prepared by a Registered Professional Forester (RPF), recorded as a deed restriction for a minimum of 10-years on all affected parcels, and approved by a four – fifths vote of the full board (Govt. Code 51119.5). TPZ may be rezoned using a "Ten Year Phase Out," which precludes the need for a Timberland Conversion Permit. CALFIRE opposes immediate rezoning of TPZ land.

CANNABIS PROJECTS

Local Responsibility Areas:

CAL FIRE is the primary command and control dispatch center for many local agency fire districts and departments. Potential life hazard threats associated with a project must be identified and documented for the protection of the public and first responders. Projects which include timber harvesting or conversion of timberland are subject to the Forest Practices Act and Rules, regardless of wildland fire responsibility area.

State Responsibility Areas:

Should this project include State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands, the following are CAL FIRE's minimum input.

Conversion of timberland to a non-timber producing use is subject to permit from CAL FIRE. Commercial timber harvesting operations to facilitate cannabis cultivation and processing are subject to permitting and regulation under the Forest Practice Act and Rules. Please refer to the RESOURCE MANAGEMENT comments.

General Recommendations:

The following recommendations are made by CAL FIRE with the understanding that most areas of Humboldt County do not have a paid fire department providing fire prevention services.

1. Cannabis growing operations shall have easily accessible safety data sheets (SDS) for all chemicals and hazardous materials on site. Commercial operations must have a current Hazardous Materials Business Plan on file with Humboldt County Environmental Health, where applicable.
2. California Health and Safety Code (HSC 11362.769.) Requires that indoor and outdoor medical marijuana cultivation shall be conducted in accordance with state and local laws related to land conversion, grading, electricity usage, water usage, water quality, woodland and riparian habitat protection, agricultural discharges, and similar matters.
3. Cannabis growing and extraction shall be in accordance with Chapter N101.1 of the International Fire Code, the International Building Code, and the International Mechanical Code. Hazardous materials shall comply with Chapter 50. Compressed gases shall comply with Chapter 53. Cryogenic fluids shall comply with Chapter 55. Flammable and combustible liquids shall comply with Chapter 57. LP-gas shall comply with Chapter 61 and the International Fuel Gas Code. All applicable California State Fire Marshal standards and regulations for the designated occupancy must be met.
4. Growing and processing of cannabis is generally an agricultural operation. However, manufacture of marijuana extracts and concentrates are commercial or industrial activities, and may be subject to the county's SRA Fire Safe Ordinance. Any new residential units associated with cannabis cultivation and processing may also be subject to the SRA Fire Safe Ordinance. All materials hazardous and non-hazardous associated with the extraction process shall be utilized in conformance of the law and fire safe codes.
5. Humboldt County Ordinance 55.4.11(u) (a) states; "Those cultivators using artificial lighting for mixed-light cultivation shall shield greenhouses so that little to no light escapes. Light shall not escape at a level that is visible from neighboring properties between sunset and sunrise." Failure to shield artificial light during the night creates a light pollution that is easily mistaken for a fire. As a result, a CAL FIRE wildland fire response may be initiated and ultimately terminated as a false alarm. This false alarm may result in citation and/or fine to the violator.



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Unpermitted timberland conversions exist on this parcel and CAL FIRE cannot support this project at this time.

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