

**RESOLUTION OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

Resolution Number: 24-

Records Number: PLN-11372-CUP

Assessor's Parcel Number: 529-053-004

Resolution by the Zoning Administrator of the County of Humboldt certifying compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and denying the Ericson Pride, Inc. Conditional Use Permit.

WHEREAS, Ericson Pride, Inc., submitted an application on October 28, 2016, for a Conditional Use Permit for an existing 35,250 square foot outdoor cannabis cultivation operation: total existing outdoor cultivation will be 22,207 square feet, total existing relocation outdoor cultivation will be 13,043 square feet, and total decommissioned cultivation area totals 10,828 square feet. Irrigation water is sourced via surface water diversion from an on-site stream and administered by time and metered drip irrigation. Water storage totals 40,000 gallons with plans to increase to an 80,000-gallon storage capacity with the addition of ten (10) 4,000-gallon HDPE storage tanks. All processing will take place at a third-party processing facility; and

WHEREAS, the applicant was generally unresponsive to requests for information necessary to review and analyze the proposed application; and

WHEREAS, the project is statutorily exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines (projects which are disapproved); and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Zoning Administrator held a duly noticed public hearing on November 21, 2024 and reviewed, considered, and discussed the application for a Conditional Use Permit, and reviewed and considered all evidence and testimony presented at the hearing.

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Zoning Administrator makes all the following findings:

- 1. FINDING:** **Project Description:** A Conditional Use Permit for an existing 35,250 square foot outdoor cannabis cultivation operation: total existing outdoor cultivation will be 22,207 square feet, total existing relocation outdoor cultivation will be 13,043 square feet, and total decommissioned cultivation area totals 10,828 square feet. Irrigation water is sourced via surface water diversion from

an on-site stream and administered by time and metered drip irrigation. Water storage totals 40,000 gallons with plans to increase to an 80,000-gallon storage capacity with the addition of ten (10) 4,000-gallon HDPE storage tanks. All processing will take place at a third-party processing facility.

EVIDENCE: a) Project Files: PLN-11372-CUP

2. FINDING: **CEQA.** The requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act have been complied with. The project is statutorily exempt from CEQA as it is a project which is not approved.

EVIDENCE: a) Section 15270 of the CEQA Guidelines

FINDINGS FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

3. FINDING: The proposed development is not consistent with the requirements of the CMMLUO Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.

EVIDENCE: a) Additional information necessary to determine consistency with the ordinance has not been submitted. Requests for information were sent to the applicant and the County did not receive the requested information. Correspondence on file with the applicant indicated that unless a response was received the application would be prepared for hearing with the information currently available in the file, which would likely result in a recommendation of denial. No response has been received to date.

DECISION

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the above findings and evidence, the Humboldt County Zoning Administrator does hereby:

- Adopt the findings set forth in this resolution; and
- **Deny** the Ericson Pride, Inc. Conditional Use Permit based upon the Findings and Evidence; and

Adopted after review and consideration of all the evidence on **November 21, 2024**.

I, John H. Ford, Zoning Administrator of the County of Humboldt, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct record of the action taken on the above-entitled matter by said Zoning Administrator at a meeting held on the date noted above.

John H. Ford, Zoning Administrator,
Planning and Building Department