



MINUTE SHEET

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020

Regular Meeting

The Honorable Zoning Administrator of the County of Humboldt held a regular meeting on the above date within the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department at 3015 H Street in Eureka, California. The Zoning Administrator and the Zoning Administrator Clerk of the County of Humboldt hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct record of the actions taken on the above-entitled matters by said Zoning Administrator at the meeting held on date noted above.

  
Suzanne Lippre  
Zoning Administrator Clerk

  
John H. Ford  
Zoning Administrator

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

JOHN H. FORD  
Director, Planning and Building



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**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
Planning and Building Department  
3015 H St.  
Eureka, CA 95501**

**ACTION SUMMARY**

Thursday, February 6, 2020

10:00 AM

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

*John Ford called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.*

**B. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

*Item C-2: Supplemental information provided.*

*Item C-5: Supplemental information provided.*

*Item C-6: Supplemental information provided.*

**C. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Sunny Shadows, LLC Variance and Zoning Clearance Certificate  
Application Number: 15619  
Record Number: PLN-2019-15619  
Assessor Parcel Number (APN): 210-051-080  
33096 Highway 36, Bridgeville Area

Project Description: A Zoning Clearance Certificate to authorize 9,375 square feet of existing mixed light cannabis cultivation. A Variance is also sought to facilitate a reduction of the rear setback from 20 feet to 4 feet for an existing 100,000 gallon concrete water tank. The cultivation will occur within three greenhouses and the applicant expects to harvest two cycles a year. Estimated annual water use for the cultivation operation is 90,450 gallons. The irrigation water source is a rainwater catchment system that captures water from the roofs of the residence, the multi-use building, and the generator shed building into the 100,000-gallon concrete tank. Power is provided by a solar system, with a back up generator. Processing will occur offsite at a license facility. No employees will be requested.

***Action: The Zoning Administrator has considered the Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report adopted for the Commercial Cannabis Land Use Ordinance pursuant to Section 15164, and makes all of the required findings for approval of the Zoning Clearance Certificate and Variance based on evidence in the staff report, and adopts the Resolution approving the proposed Sunny Shadows, LLC projects subject to the recommended conditions.***

2. Bob Howard Special Permit  
Record Number: PLN-15221-SP  
Assessor's Parcel Number: 223-044-010  
Benbow area

Project Description: A Special Permit for 9,375 sf of existing outdoor commercial cannabis cultivation of which, 5,850 square feet of cultivation will occur within greenhouse structures utilizing light deprivation techniques, with permeable floors and footpaths. There will be a maximum of two cultivation cycles annually. The proposed project includes relocation of two historic cultivation sites to one consolidated environmentally superior location. The applicant estimates 228,270-gallons of water is required annually. Irrigation water for cultivation is sourced from an onsite rainwater catchment pond with an estimated capacity of 1,466,000-gallons. The applicant proposes to obtain plant starts from a licensed nursery and supplement when necessary with a 900 SF greenhouse utilized for nursery starts as needed for the second round of cultivation. Cannabis will be processed off site at a licensed processing facility. The applicant anticipates the need for up to four (4) employees to handle operations onsite. Power for the project is provided by a solar system with supplemental generator use from November through January for domestic use. The project also includes a Special Permit for restoration of the riparian corridor associated with a Class III watercourse where a pre-existing cultivation site and two water storage tanks were located.

***Action: The Zoning Administrator has considered the Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report adopted for the Commercial Cannabis Land Use Ordinance pursuant to Section 15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines, makes all of the required findings for approval of the Special Permits based on the evidence in the staff report and supplemental information provided at the meeting, and adopts the Resolution approving the proposed Skyhawk Farm, LLC, project subject to the recommended conditions.***

3. Homefield, LLC Special Permit  
Record No.: PLN-12013-SP  
Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 216-191-004 & 216-301-018  
245 Seward Drive, Fort Seward area

Project Description: A Special Permit for existing 10,000 square feet of outdoor cannabis cultivation. Water for irrigation is sourced from shallow well subject to the terms of a lake or streambed alteration agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Water storage onsite includes three 5,000-gallon tanks and four 20,000-gallon bladders for a total of 95,000 gallons for cultivation activities. Drying and curing would occur on-site in an existing structure. Further processing would be performed off-site at a permitted third-party facility. Electricity is sourced from PG&E

***Action: The Zoning Administrator has considered the Addendum to the adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Commercial Medical Marijuana Land Use Ordinance (CMMLUO) as described by Section §15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines, makes all of the required findings for approval of the Special Permit based on evidence in the staff report and adopts the Resolution approving the Homefield, LLC, Special Permit as recommended by staff subject to the recommended conditions.***

4. Skyhawk Farm, LLC Special Permits  
Record Number: PLN-2018-15280  
Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 215-172-044  
Whitethorn area

Project Description: A Special Permit for 12,790 square feet of existing outdoor cannabis cultivation. There will be a maximum of three cultivation cycles annually. The proposed project includes relocation of two historic cultivation sites. The applicant estimates 135,000 gallons of water is required annually. Water for irrigation is sourced from rainwater catchment from greenhouses and out-buildings and will be stored in a 135,000-gallon cistern. Total water storage will be 157,000 gallons. The proposed project includes relocation of the historic cultivation area to an environmentally superior location on the subject parcel. Processing activities will occur offsite at a permitted third-party processing facility. The applicant anticipates the need for one employee to handle operations onsite. Power for the project is provided by P. G. & E. The project also includes a Special Permit for stream restoration of 125 linear feet of the riparian coordinator associated with a Class III watercourse where an historic cultivation site was located.

***Action: The Zoning Administrator has considered the Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report adopted for the Commercial Cannabis Land Use Ordinance pursuant to Section 15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines, make all of the required findings for approval of the Special Permits based on the evidence in the staff report and adopt the Resolution approving the proposed Skyhawk Farm, LLC, project subject to the recommended conditions.***

5. Epstein Coastal Development Permit, Special Permit and Variance  
Case Number PLN-2019-15743  
Assessor Parcel Number: 111-231-057  
895 Lower Pacific Drive, Shelter Cove Area

Project Description: A Coastal Development Permit to authorize the construction of a three (3) bedroom, two and a half (2.5) bath single-family residence with an attached 269 square foot single car garage. The first floor of the residence will be no greater than 1,079 square feet, and the second floor no greater than 475 square feet. A 72 square foot uncovered deck is proposed on the front of the residence, and a 345 square foot deck is proposed on the rear of the residence. A Special Permit is required for Design Review within the Coastal Zone pursuant to Section 313-19.1 of the Humboldt County Code. The height of the proposed residence is 23 feet. A Variance to reduce the front yard setback from 20 feet to 10 feet pursuant to Section 312-3.2 is requested to allow development outside of the VE Flood Hazard Zone. A Special Permit for a parking exception to reduce the required four parking spaces to three spaces due to site specific constraints pursuant to Section 109.1.2.12. A parking lane will be constructed along the frontage of the lot to accommodate two parking spaces. The vacant parcel is served community water and sewer by the Shelter Cove Resort Improvement District #1.

***Action: The Zoning Administrator finds the proposed project consistent with Section 15303 (Categorical Exemption) of the CEQA Guidelines and makes all of the required findings for approval of the Coastal Development Permit Special Permit, and Variance based on evidence in the staff report and any public testimony, and adopts the Resolution approving the proposed Epstein project subject to the recommended conditions.***

6. Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District (HBHRCD) Coastal Development Permit Modification  
Application Number 15901  
Case Number CDP 17-028M  
Parcel Number 108-171-023  
533 Machi Street, Shelter Cove area

Project Description: A Modification to a Coastal Development Permit (CDP-17-028) which approved development of a three-phased project including 1) relocate and replace the existing fish waste disposal system with a new, approximately 2,500 square foot structure which would house the new fish cleaning facility consisting of a cold storage freezer, ice machine, and an area for a fish buyer, 2) covered tractor work bays with an office/maintenance shop/storage and, 3) a market/retail space. The District subsequently determined that the proposed operation of freezers to hold fish carcasses may be cost prohibitive in the long term because the operation would require continual electricity to power the freezers. As an alternative to the freezers, the Modification to the CDP proposes to install a fish waste composter to process (compost) the fish carcasses at the Shelter Cove Marina site. No other changes are proposed.

***Action: The Zoning Administrator makes all the required findings, based on evidence in the staff report, supplemental information provided at the meeting, and any public testimony, and approves the proposed HBHRCD project modification subject to the recommended conditions.***

7. King's Peak, Special Permits  
Application Number: 11298  
Case Number: SP16-195  
Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 221-201-026 and 221-211-016  
5015 Ettersburg-Honeydew Road, Ettersberg area

Project Description: A Special Permit for the continued operation of an existing 8,600 square-foot cannabis cultivation site using mixed light in existing greenhouses. The project includes existing ancillary structures used for nursery operations, for drying, and for storage. The water source is a point of diversion from an unnamed Class II stream. The applicant anticipates 3 cultivation cycles per year and estimates that they will use 92,500 gallons of water annually. There is 98,500 gallons of hard tank storage on the site. The power source is PG&E. A maximum of two employees will work on the parcel. Drying will occur on site. Processing will occur off site at a licensed third-party facility. The project includes a Special Permit for development within the Streamside Management Area to allow for continued use of a point of diversion.

***Action: The Zoning Administrator has considered the Addendum to the adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Commercial Medical Land Use Ordinance (CCMLUO) as described by Section §15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines, makes all of the required findings for approval of the Special Permits based on evidence in the staff report and adopts the Resolution approving the King's Peak, Special Permits as recommended by staff subject to the recommended conditions***

8. King Range Sky Farm, LLC, Special Permit  
Record Number: PLN-11896-SP  
Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 108-024-011  
12755 Kings Peak Road, Kings Range/Ettersburg area

Project Description: A Special Permit is requested for a 10,000-square-foot mixed-light, existing cannabis cultivation operation. There are two harvests annually. On-site propagation will occur in a proposed 1,000 square foot nursery. Annual water use for irrigation is 162,000 gallons. Water for irrigation is sourced from a well. Storage totals 53,600 gallons in nineteen (19) hard-sided tanks. Domestic water is obtained from a spring and diversion is suspended during the forbearance period. Processing occurs on-site and four employees are required during peak operations. Power is provided by generators. A Special Permit is included for stream restoration necessary to bring the cultivation into compliance.

*Action: The Zoning Administrator has considered the Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted for the Commercial Medical Marijuana Land Use Ordinance pursuant to Section 15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines, makes all of the required findings for approval of the Conditional Use Permit based on evidence in the staff report, and adopts the Resolution approving the proposed King Range Sky Farm, LLC, project subject to the recommended conditions.*

#### **D. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT**

*None.*

#### **E. ADJOURNMENT**

*John Ford adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.*