

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 99

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT, CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, AND REZONING LANDS FROM AGRICULTURE
EXCLUSIVE WITH A SPECIAL BUILDING SITE COMBINING ZONE SPECIFYING A 160-ACRE
MINIMUM PARCEL SIZE AND UNCLASSIFIED TO TIMBERLAND PRODUCTION ZONE**

WHEREAS, the owners submitted an application and evidence in support of approving the Zone Reclassification; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended the Tomasini Zone Reclassification to the Board of Supervisors for approval on August 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Division has reviewed the submitted application and evidence and has referred the application and evidence to involved 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, a public notice was sent via mail to all owners and occupants of property within 300 feet of the boundaries of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors held a public hearing, *de-novo*, on September 10, 2024 and reviewed, considered, and discussed the application for a Zone Reclassification; and reviewed and considered all public testimony and evidence presented at the hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors makes all the following findings:

- 1. FINDING:** **Project Description:** A Zone Reclassification to rezone one legal parcel of approximately 120 acres (APN 316-195-002 and 316-196-007) from both Agriculture Exclusive with Special Building Site combining zone specifying a 160-acre minimum lot size (AE-B-5(160)) and Unclassified (U) into Timberland Production Zone (TPZ). The General Plan designation is Agricultural Grazing (AG), which is consistent with TPZ and does not need to be changed. The parcel is currently managed for timber production as part

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of a larger land unit that includes APN 316-196-004. APN 316-196-004 is currently zoned TPZ and AE-B-5(160) and is not part of the rezone. The parcel is approximately 159 acres in size. It is included in the project description because the applicant is a joint owner, and the parcel is managed under the same Forest Management Plan.

EVIDENCE: a) Project File: PLN-2024-18912

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

2. FINDING: The requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) have been met. The Humboldt County Planning Commission has considered the project and finds the proposed Zone Reclassification statutorily exempt from environmental review per Section 15264 of the CEQA Guidelines.

EVIDENCE: a) The Zone Reclassification will adopt Timberland Production Zone, which is statutorily exempt from environmental review.
b) No development is proposed and there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project will have a significant effect on the environment.

ZONE RECLASSIFICATION

3. FINDING: The amendment is in the public interest.

EVIDENCE: a) The Zone Reclassification will be consistent with the existing and intended future use for timber production. The Forester Letter and Forest Management Plan detail the ability to conduct timber production on the subject parcel.

4. FINDING: The amendment is consistent with the County General Plan.

EVIDENCE: a) The AG designation is applied to dry-land grazing areas in relatively small land holdings that support cattle ranching or other grazing supplemented by timber harvest activities that

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are part of the ranching operation, and other non-prime agricultural lands.

- b) The TPZ zone is consistent with the AG designation as indicated in the Zoning Consistency Matrix (Table 4-H) of the General Plan.
- c) Rezoning the parcel to 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.

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 parcel was not included in the residential land inventory of the Housing Element and the amendment will not prohibit future residential development of the parcel.

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 Forest Management Plan and Forester Letter has been submitted and conditionally approved by the Forestry Review Committee on March 7, 2024. The conditions required that the forester's name and the road access be corrected in the Forester Letter. These conditions have been satisfied.

c) Per the Forester Letter, the site provides very good timber soils that would be capable of growing an average annual volume of wood fiber well in excess 15 cubic feet per acre.

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- d) The areas to be rezoned are contained within the same ownership and are contiguous with the other TPZ parcel in the ownership.
- e) The land to be rezoned TPZ is 120 acres and has a "Site III" TPZ Value as defined in Section 434 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- f) The areas proposed for rezoning have been historically managed for timber production.

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Dated: September 10, 2024



Supervisor Rex Bohn, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors


Adopted on motion by Supervisor Bushnell, Seconded by Supervisor Madrone, and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors: -- Bohn, Bushnell, Wilson, Madrone, Arroyo
NAYES: Supervisors: --
ABSENT: Supervisors: --
ABSTAIN: Supervisors: --

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
County of Humboldt

I, Tracy Damico, 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