

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
Division Environmental Health	✓	Approval	Attachment 5A
Public Works, Land Use Division	✓	Conditional Approval	Attachment 5B
CalFIRE	✓	Comments	Attachment 5C
Northwest Information Center	✓	Comments	On file and confidential
Bear River Band THPO	✓	Comments	On file and confidential
California Department of Fish & Wildlife	✓	Conditional Approval	Attachment 5D
McKinleyville Community Services District	✓	Approval	Attachment 5E
US Army Corps of Engineers	✓	Comments	Attachment 5F
Federal Aviation Association	✓	Approval	Attachment 5G
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board	✓	Comments	On-file
McKinleyville Union School District	✓	Denial	Attachment 5E
Building Inspection Division		No response	
Wiyot Tribe		No response	
Arcata Fire Protection District		No response	
Humboldt County Sheriff		No response	
Humboldt County Agricultural Commissioner		No response	
Humboldt County Counsel		No response	
Humboldt County District Attorney		No response	
North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District		No response	
Division of Water Resources		No 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, Bear River Band Rohnerville Rancheria, Blue Lake Rancheria, Wiyot Tribe, Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Humboldt County District Attorney, Humboldt County Agriculture Commissioner, SWRCB, Division of Water Rights, Humboldt County Sheriff, McKinleyville Community Services District, Arcata Fire Protection District, McKinleyville Union School District

Applicant Name Austin Gomm Key Parcel Number 511-261-026-000

Application (APPS#) 12284 Assigned Planner Cannabis Planner (CPOD) (707) 445-7541 Case Number(s) ZCC16-413
SP16-471

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
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Eureka, CA 95501
E-mail: PlanningClerk@co.humboldt.ca.us Fax: (707) 268-3792

We have reviewed the above application and recommend the following:

Conditional Approval

Comments:

Need More Information for Approval: Provide written assessment from a qualified septic consultant confirming a minimum of Tier 0 status for the existing onsite waste treatment system serving the dwelling.

*This review and recommendation is for the Land Use aspects of the planning project and does not include or imply compliance with all DEH programs. Although DEH recommends the approval of the Planning project, Solid Waste and HazMat Program requirements need to be addressed directly with staff from those programs.

Response Date: 5/17/2018 Recommendation By: Adam Molofsky



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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ARCATA-EUREKA AIRPORT TERMINAL
McKINLEYVILLE
FAX 839-3596

PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING
SECOND & L ST., EUREKA
FAX 445-7409

CLARK COMPLEX
HARRIS & H ST., EUREKA
FAX 445-7388

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

DATE: 5-04-2018

RE:

Applicant Name	Austin Gomm
APN	511-261-026
APPS#	12284
CASE#	ZCC16-413, SP16-471

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.** MATHER RD & KEMP AVE

*Note: Exhibits are attached as necessary.

Additional comments/notes:

Review items 4, 6, and 7 on Exhibit "C".

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Exhibit "A"

Public Works Recommended Conditions of Approval

(All checked boxes apply)

APPS # 12284

☐ **COUNTY ROADS- FENCES & ENCROACHMENTS:**

All fences and gates shall be relocated out of the County right of way. All gates shall be setback sufficiently from the County road so that vehicles will not block traffic when staging to open/close the gate. In addition, no materials shall be stored or placed in the County right of way.

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.

☐ **COUNTY ROADS- DRIVEWAY (PART 1):**

The submitted site plan is unclear and/or shows improvements that are inconsistent with County Code and/or Department of Public Works policies. The applicant is advised that these discrepancies will be addressed at the time that the applicant applies to the Department of Public Works for an Encroachment Permit. If the applicant wishes to resolve these issues prior to approval of the Planning & Building permit for this project, the applicant should contact the Department to discuss how to modify the site plan for conformance with County Code and or Department of Public Works policies. Notes:

☐ **COUNTY ROADS- DRIVEWAY (PART 2):**

Any existing or proposed driveways that will serve as access for the proposed project that connect to a county maintained road shall be improved to current standards for a commercial driveway. An encroachment permit shall be issued by the Department of Public Works prior to commencement of any work in the County maintained right of way. This also includes installing or replacing driveway culverts; minimum size is typically 18 inches.

- If the County road has a paved surface at the location of the driveway, the driveway apron shall be paved for a minimum width of 18 feet and a length of 50 feet.
- If the County road has a gravel surface at the location of the driveway, the driveway apron shall be rocked for a minimum width of 18 feet and a length of 50 feet.
- If the County road is an urban road, frontage improvements (curb, gutter, and sidewalk) shall also be constructed to the satisfaction of the Department. Any existing curb, gutter or sidewalk that is damaged shall be replaced.

The exact location and quantity of driveways shall be approved by the Department at the time the applicant applies to the Department of Public Works for an Encroachment Permit.

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.

☐ **COUNTY ROADS- DRIVEWAY (PART 3):**

The existing driveway will require substantial modification in order to comply with County Code. The applicant may wish to consider relocating the driveway apron if a more suitable location is available.

☐ **COUNTY ROADS-PARKING LOT- STORM WATER RUNOFF:**

Surfaced parking lots shall have an oil-water filtration system prior to discharge into any County maintained facility.

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.

☒ **COUNTY ROADS- DRIVEWAY & PRIVATE ROAD INTERSECTION VISIBILITY:**

All driveways and private road intersections onto the County Road shall be maintained in accordance with County Code Section 341-1 (Sight Visibility Ordinance).

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.

☒ **COUNTY ROADS- PRIVATE ROAD INTERSECTION: AT BAIRD RD**

Any existing or proposed non-county maintained access roads that will serve as access for the proposed project that connect to a county maintained road shall be improved to current standards for a commercial driveway. An encroachment permit shall be issued by the Department of Public Works prior to commencement of any work in the County maintained right of way.

 If the County road has a paved surface at the location of the access road, the access road shall be paved for a minimum width of 20 feet and a length of 50 feet where it intersects the County road.

- If the County road has a gravel surface at the location of the access road, the access road shall be rocked for a minimum width of 20 feet and a length of 50 feet where it intersects the County road.

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.

☐ **COUNTY ROADS- ROAD EVALUATION REPORT(S):**

All recommendations in the *Road Evaluation Report(s)* for County maintained road(s) shall be constructed/implemented to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department prior to commencing operations, final sign-off for a building permit, or approval for a business license. An encroachment permit shall be issued by the Department of Public Works prior to commencement of any work in the County maintained right of way.

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Additional Review is Required by Planning & Building Staff

APPS # 12284

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 takes 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 takes 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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Exhibit "D"

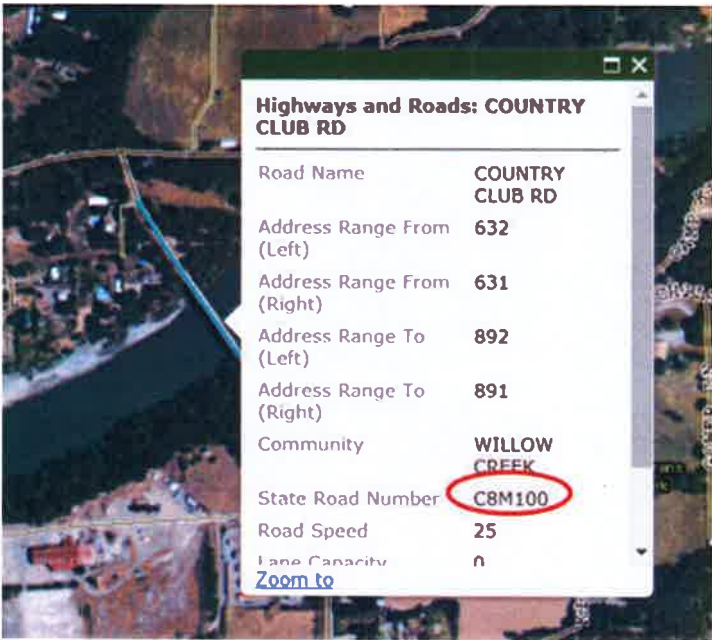
Road Evaluation Reports

1. **ROADS – Road Evaluation Reports.** Planning and Building Department staff shall request that the applicant provide Road Evaluation Reports for the project. The particular roads that require a Road Evaluation Report is to be determined by following the guidance shown below.

The Department has developed a Road Evaluation Report form so that an applicant can address the adequacy of the various roads used by their project. Most projects will require that a Road Evaluation Report form be completed.

When viewing the project site on google earth, if the County maintained road (or other publicly maintained road) has a centerline stripe, the road is adequate. If there is no centerline stripe, then the roads leading from the nearest publicly maintained road with a paved centerline stripe (or a known category 4 road) must be evaluated. A separate Road Evaluation Report form is needed for each road. This applies to all roads regardless if they are publicly or privately maintained. The Department has prepared a "approved list" of known County maintained roads that are category 4 (or are equivalent to category 4) standards for cannabis projects. The Department has also prepared a list of roads that are known to not meet road category 4 of equivalent. Both of these lists will be updated as the County information regarding the County maintained roads becomes available.

The Road Evaluation Report form needs to be provided to applicants to complete. It is important that Planning and Building Department staff provide the applicant with a map that has the roads to be evaluated highlighted. This will most likely include a combination of County maintained roads and non-County maintained roads. This will give the applicant clear direction on which roads need to be evaluated.



Above: screenshot from the WebGIS showing County Road Number circled in RED.

A County maintained road will have a 5 or 6 character identifier. The general format is ABCDDD where:

- A is an optional identifier for the functionality of the road (A=Arterial, C=Collector, F=Federal Aid)
- B is a grid identifier number for the X-axis of a "battleship" style grid that was drawn on a county map to divide the county into a series of squares.
- C is a grid identifier letter for the Y-axis for the grid.
- DDD is a three digit road identification number within a particular grid. Each grid can have up to 999 roads in them

Examples:

ABCDDD	
A 3 M 0 2 0	Murray Road
F 6 B 1 6 5	Alderpoint Road
6 C 0 4 0	Thomas Road

Exhibit "D"

Road Evaluation Reports

The Department is working towards identifying which County maintained roads meet (or are equivalent to) Road Category 4 standards for cannabis projects. Two lists are being prepared: the first list with the green heading shows which roads (or portions thereof) meet or are equivalent to Road Category 4 standard (AKA "Approved List"); and the second list with the red heading shows which roads (or portions thereof) that do not meet or are not equivalent to Road Category 4 standards. These lists will be updated as information becomes available. **This list will be updated frequently. Make sure you are using the most up to date list.**

On occasion there may be more than one road that has the same name; in these instances check the road number to ensure that you are referencing the correct road. Until such time as the GIS roads layer has been proofed by the Department, the GIS is not to be used for this task. Use the paper road maps to check road numbers.

If the subject property takes direct access from a road on the "approved list", no further road evaluation needs to be done.

"APPROVED LIST"		
List of County Maintained Roads that meet (or are equivalent to) Road Category 4 standards for Cannabis Projects		
Road Name	Road Number	Range meeting (or equivalent to) Road Category 4 standard
Alderpoint Road	F6B165	All
Bair Road	C6L300	All
Bair Road	6L300	All
Bald Hills Road	F4R300	All
Benbow Drive	6B180	Oakcrest Drive to State Hwy 101
Blue Slide Road	F2G100	All [Grizzley Bluff Rd to City limits of Rio Dell]
Brannon Mountain Road	7M100	State Hwy 96 to Creekside Lane
Briceland Thorne Road	F5A010	All
Burrell Road	3D030	From Mattole Rod to P.M. 067
Cathey Road	6D050	State Park to P.M. 0.87 [End of County maintained]
Chemise Mountain Road	C4A030	Shelter Cove Road to P.M. 3.0
Eel Rock Road	7D010	All
Eighth Avenue	4N080	All
Ettersburg Honeydew Road	F5A010	All
Fickle Hill Road	C5J040	PM 1.55 [end of centerline stripe] to P.M. 8.00
Fieldbrook Road	C4L760	All
Freshwater Road	F6F060	All
Friday Ridge Road	8L100	State Hwy 299 to PM 3.37[End of County maintained] then becomes USFS Road
Greenwood Heights Drive	C4K160	All
Grizzley Bluff Road	F2G100	All [City limits of Ferndale to Blue Slide Rd]
Jacoby Creek Road	C4K230	Old Arcata Road to P.M. 2.50
Jacoby Creek Road	4K230	From P.M. 2.5 to P.M. 2.69
Kneeland Road	F6F060	Freshwater Road to Mountain View Road
Maple Creek Road	5L100	All
Mattole Road	F3D010	All
Mattole Road	F3C010	All
McCann Road	6D090	Dyerville Loop Road to P.M. 1.0
McCellan Mtn Road	7F010	State Hwy 36 to P.M. 3.57[End of County maintained]
Mountain View Road	6H010	All
Murray Road	C3M020	All
Old Three Creeks Road	6L250	State Hwy 299 to P.M. 2.8 [End of County maintained]
Panther Gap Road	4D010	Mattole Road to P.M. 1.83[End of County maintained] continues as a non- County maintained road
Patterson Road	C3M130	All
Salmon Creek Road	6C030	Hwy 101 to P.M. 5.39 [Gate]
Shelter Cove Road	C4A010	All
Sprowel Creek Road	C6B095	PM 0.0 to PM 2.11
Sprowel Creek Road	6B095	PM 2.11 to PM 4.00
Thomas Road	6C040	Salmon Creek Road to P.M. 4.03 [End of County maintained] continues as a non- County maintained rd
Titlow Hill Road	7K100	Hwy 299 to PM 4.7[End of County maintained] then becomes USFS Road
West End Road	5L010	PM 0.0 at Arcata City Limits to Warren Creek Road
Wilder Ridge Road	C5B010	All

Exhibit "D"

Road Evaluation Reports

List of County Maintained Roads that do not meet (or are not equivalent to) Road Category 4 standards for Cannabis Projects		
Road Name	Road Number	Range not meeting (or not equivalent to) Road Category 4 standard
Bark Shanty Road	9R105	All
Benbow Drive	6B180	Oakcrest Dr to end of County maintained
Brannon Mountain Road	7M100	Creekside Lane to PM 5.0 [End of County maintained] then becomes USFS Road
Burrell Road	3D030	P.M. 067 to P.M. 2.22 [End of County maintained]
Butte Creek Road	6H020	All
Chemise Mountain Road	C4A030	P.M. 3.0 to P.M. 4.09 [Mendocino County Line]
Essex Lane	C4L780	P.M. 0.2 to P.M. 0.9 [End of County maintained]
Fickle Hill Road	C5J040	P.M. 8.0 to P.M. 11.72
Kings Peak Road	C4A020	P.M. 1.0 to P.M 12.20
McCann Road	6D090	P.M.1.0 to P.M.2.6 [End of County maintained]
Mill Street	3G305	Country Club Estates to P.M. 0.49[End]
Old Eel Rock Road	7D025	All
River Bar Road	4G010	Hwy 36 to P.M. 1.76 [End of County maintained]
Salmon Creek Road	6C030	P.M. 5.39 to P.M. 5.88[End of County maintained]
Sprowel Creek Road	6B095	P.M 4.00 to PM 7.22 [End of County maintained]
Stapp Road	7H010	P.M 0.00 to 3.25[End of County maintained]
Warren Creek Road	5L740	P.M 0.0 to PM 0.95 [End of County maintained]
Williams Creek Road	2G045	All

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Laney, Megan



From: HUU CEQA@CALFIRE <HUUCEQA@fire.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 3:41 PM
To: Planning Clerk
Subject: FW: Gomm, special permit and zoning clearance certificate, 511-261-026-000, McKinleyville,

Chris Ramey
Battalion Chief, Fire Planning

CAL FIRE

Humboldt-Del Norte Unit
C: 707-599-6442
Duty Days: Tues-Fri

From: Brent, Heather@CALFIRE
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 10:34 AM
To: HUU CEQA@CALFIRE <HUUCEQA@fire.ca.gov>
Cc: Madsen, Douglas@CALFIRE <Douglas.Madsen@fire.ca.gov>
Subject: Gomm, special permit and zoning clearance certificate, 511-261-026-000, McKinleyville,

Google earth imagery suggests that an unpermitted conversion may have taken place in 2015 or 2016 for the installation of the pump house and water tank in the north east corner of the property. This should be addressed prior to approval of the proposed permits.

Heather Brent
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California Department of Fish and Wildlife CEQA: Project Referral Comments

Applicant: Austin Gomm		Date: 2/8/2019	
APPS No.: 12284	APN: 511-261-026	DFW CEQA No.: 2017-0819	Case No.: ZCC16-413, SP16-471
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Existing	Proposed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mixed-light (SF): 10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor (SF): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indoor(SF): 5,000		

Thank you for referring this application to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for review and comment.

CDFW offers the following comments on the Project in our role as a Trustee and Responsible Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; California Public Resource Code Section 21000 *et seq.*). These comments are intended to assist the Lead Agency in making informed decisions early in the planning process.

- ☐ Recommend Approval. The Department has no comment at this time.
- ☒ Recommend Conditional Approval. Suggested conditions below.
- ☐ Applicant needs to submit additional information. Please see the list of items below.
- ☐ Recommend Denial. See comments below.

Please provide the following information prior to Project Approval: *(All supplemental information requested shall be provided to the Department concurrently)*

- ☒ Conduct a baseline biological survey of the property to determine whether rare species or sensitive natural communities may be present. In order to identify and prevent impacts to rare species and sensitive natural communities, a qualified biologist should develop a nine-quad search and conduct appropriate surveys in all areas that have the potential to be directly and indirectly impacted by the project and submit a report of the findings for County and CDFW staff review. After review of the report, CDFW will be able to provide site-specific recommendations to avoid, minimize, or mitigate project impacts.

Please note the following information and/or requested standard conditions of Project approval:

- ☒ CDFW requests, as a condition of Project approval, all mixed-light structures and associated equipment (e.g. generators, fuel, fans, etc.) be relocated to stable surfaces with a minimum 150ft buffer from perennial streams (measured horizontally from the outer edge of the riparian or top of bank, whichever is greater).
- ☒ All artificial light used for cannabis cultivation, including indoor and mixed-light cultivation, shall be fully contained within structures such that no light escapes (e.g., through blackout curtains). Structures shall be enclosed between 30 minutes prior to sunset and 30 minutes after sunrise to prevent disruption to crepuscular wildlife. Security lighting shall be motion activated and comply with the International Dark-Sky Association standards and Fixture Seal of Approval Program; see: <https://www.darksky.org/our-work/lighting/lighting-for-citizens/lighting-basics/>. Standards include but are not limited to the following, 1) light shall be shielded and downward facing, 2) shall consist of Low Pressure Sodium (LPS) light or low spectrum Light Emitting Diodes (LED) with a color temperature of 3000 kelvins or less and 3) only placed where needed.

- ☒ Prohibition on use of synthetic netting. To minimize the risk of wildlife entrapment, Permittee shall not use any erosion control and/or cultivation materials that contain synthetic (e.g., plastic or nylon) netting, including photo- or biodegradable plastic netting. Geotextiles, fiber rolls, and other erosion control measures shall be made of loose-weave mesh, such as jute, hemp, coconut (coir) fiber, or other products without welded weaves.
- ☒ Leave wildlife unharmed. If any wildlife is encountered during the Authorized Activity, Permittee shall not disturb the wildlife and shall allow wildlife to leave the work site unharmed.
- ☒ This project has the potential to affect sensitive fish and wildlife resources such as long-eared myotis (*Myotis evotis*), Siskiyou Checkerbloom (*Sidalcea malviflora ssp. patula*), Northern Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*), Coastal Cutthroat Trout (*O. clarki clarki*), Foothill Yellow-legged Frog (*Rana boylei*), Pacific Giant Salamander (*Dicamptodon tenebrosus*), Northwestern Salamander (*Ambystoma gracile*), Rough-skinned Newt (*Taricha granulosa*), Northern Red-legged Frog (*Rana aurora*), and amphibians, reptiles, aquatic invertebrates, mammals, birds, and other aquatic and riparian species.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Project. Please send all inquiries regarding these comments to kalyn.bocast@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
619 2nd Street
Eureka, CA 95501

*From the Desk of Jan Schmidt, Superintendent
McKinleyville Union School District*



M E M O R A N D U M

Date: October 10, 2017

To: Humboldt County Planning Commissioners

Re: Case Number ZCC16-413

The proposed facility is not within 600 of a school or existing bus stop. However, McKinleyville Union School District has concerns about this proposal as cannabis is still illegal under federal law and our district receives federal funds. Additionally, the district has concerns about a cannabis operation in an area where current and/or future students may live in the area or near the facility, and be required to pass by it to and from school.



HUMBOLDT COUNTY
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT
CURRENT PLANNING DIVISION
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9/20/2017

PROJECT REFERRAL TO: McKinleyville Union School District

Project Referred To The Following Agencies:

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Applicant Name Austin Gomm **Key Parcel Number** 511-261-026-000

Application (APPS#) 12284 **Assigned Planner** () - **Case Number(s)** ZCC16-413
SP16-471

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DATE: 10-10-17

PRINT NAME: Jay Schmitt



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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1455 MARKET STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94103-1398

October 16, 2017

Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: File Number 2017-493N

Austin Gomm
4760 Kemp Avenue
McKinleyville, California 95519

Dear Mr. Gomm:

This letter is written in response to a request for comments by the Planning Commission Clerk, County of Humboldt Planning and Building Department dated September 20, 2017 concerning a proposal by Austin Gomm to seek out a special permit for a new 5,000 square foot indoor cultivation operation in an existing 6,144 square foot shop and a zoning clearance certificate for a new 10,000 square foot mixed-light operation in five (5) greenhouses. This project is located in the McKinleyville area, on the west and south side of Kemp Avenue, approximately 810 feet from the intersection of Mather Road and Kemp Avenue (APN: 511-261-026), in Humboldt County, California. The proposed activity includes, building a new 5,000 square foot indoor cultivation operation in an existing 6,144 square foot shop. Irrigation water used for this project is sourced from the McKinleyville Community Services District. Total water storage is 5,000 gallons in one tank. Processing will be onsite in an existing shop which is proposed to be converted into a commercial building to house the indoor cultivation, drying, and processing activities. Since this activity may involve impacts to wetlands adjacent to other waters of the United States and, therefore, may impact a water of the U.S.; the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) will need to review those portions of your project.

All proposed discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States must be authorized by the Corps pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 U.S.C. Section 1344). Waters of the United States generally include tidal waters, lakes, ponds, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), and wetlands.

Your proposed work may be within our jurisdiction. **Please note:** Cultivation of marijuana is considered a crime under Federal law and, therefore, the Corps is unable to issue a 404 CWA permit for any discharge of fill into waters of the United States associated with this project. We recommend that the project be designed to avoid all impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States, including Patrick Creek and its tributary, and any adjacent wetlands that may be present.

We further recommend that a jurisdictional survey (delineation) be conducted for your property and an illustrated and scaled topographic map, or site plan provided to this office for verification. When this document is forwarded, the Corps staff will validate and authenticate the limits of Corps jurisdiction. While it is not necessary to confirm all boundary points, the Corps will verify the jurisdictional boundary along one or more transects and may visit random

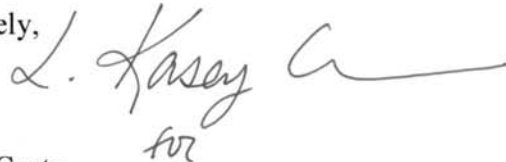
intermediate points. All delineations of wetlands must be conducted in accordance with the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual, or appropriate Regional Supplement, and submitted to the District for review and verification. Two Regional Supplements have been approved for use within the boundaries of the San Francisco District: the Arid West Supplement, and the Western Mountains, Valleys and Coast Supplement. Copies of these documents are available to download on our website: <http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/JurisdictionDeterminations.aspx>.

Corps staff will do the jurisdictional mapping, if you so choose. However, due to limited staff and resources, response time can be several months or longer. To expedite this process, the San Francisco District encourages applicants to use consultants to conduct wetland delineations, especially for large and/or complex areas. The San Francisco District is not authorized to recommend any private consulting services and advises applicants to check references and referrals of prospective consultants before contracting services.

The Corps also suggests that you contact the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board and California Department of Fish and Wildlife offices to ensure they review your project relative to their permitting requirements for activities that may impact aquatic resources.

You may refer any questions on this matter to the Eureka Field Office Regulatory staff by telephone at 707-443-0855 or by e-mail at Cameron.R.Purchio@usace.army.mil or L.K.Sirkin@usace.army.mil. All correspondence should be addressed to the Regulatory Division, North Branch, referencing the file number at the head of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. Kasay", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

for
Holly Costa
Regulatory North Branch Chief

From: [Planning Clerk](#)
To: [Moredo, John](#)
Subject: FW: Application: PLN-12284-SP
Date: Friday, November 4, 2022 10:03:24 AM
Attachments: [2022-10-05 Gomm, Austin - Appl #PLN-12284-SP \(CR response 11.04.22\).pdf](#)
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Good morning,

Please find the referral response from Aviation below and attached. Thank you.



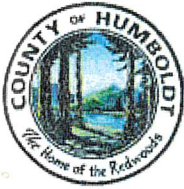
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From: Jackson, Lucinda <ljackson2@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Sent: Friday, November 4, 2022 8:54 AM
To: Planning Clerk <planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Cc: Acevedo, Megan <macevedo@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: Application: PLN-12284-SP

Good morning ~

Aviation received a project review request for Austin Gomm (Application #PLN-12284-SP) for Parcel #511-261-026-000. Aviation Director, Cody Roggatz, has reviewed the application. Attached please find Cody's response.

Lucinda Jackson
Administrative Analyst
Department of Aviation
Main: 707-839-5401 / Direct: 707-267-9161
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10/5/2022

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Commissioner, CA Division of Water Rights, Sheriff, FPD: Arcata, CalFire, NWIC, Blue Lake Rancheria, Corps of Engineers,
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