

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

Resolution Number 26-

Record Number PLN-2025-19182

Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 214-116-006

Making the required findings for certifying compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and conditionally approving the Hagan Quarry Conditional Use/Mining Permit and Reclamation Plan 15-year Renewal.

WHEREAS, Humboldt County Department of Public Works staff submitted an application and evidence in support of approving a 15-year renewal of the Hagan Quarry Conditional Use/Mining Permit and Reclamation Plan (CUP-09-11/SMP-09-01/RP-09-02); and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Planning Division has reviewed the submitted application, PLN-2025-19182, and evidence and has referred the application and evidence to involved reviewing agencies for site inspections, comments and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, no further environmental review is required as no changes to the mining operation are proposed as part of this renewal I; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Planning Division, has reviewed the submitted application and evidence to involved reviewing agencies for site inspections, comments and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, a Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted with the renewed permit in 2013 (CUP-09-11/SMP-09-01/RP-09-02); and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Planning Division staff report includes evidence in support of making all of the required findings for approving the proposed 15-year renewal of the surface mining operation; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2026, a public hearing was held to receive public testimony on the proposed project.

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

- 1. FINDING:** **Project Description:** Renewal of a 15-year term of a previously approved, Conditional Use/Surface Mining Permit and

Reclamation Plan and review of financial assurance cost estimates for an existing surface mining operation known as the Hagan Quarry. The site has historically been mined since at least the 1960s. The original permit allowed for extraction of 100,000 cubic yards annually of greywacke, which will be used locally for highway construction projects, rip rap, erosion control, rockslope protection and landscaping purposes. Operations include drilling, blasting, sorting, crushing, stockpiling, transportation of material via dump trucks, on-site road and staging area improvements, revegetation, and final reclamation. No washing and no asphalt/cement batch processing will be conducted on site. No new access roads to the quarry will be constructed. Materials will be transported to Highway 254 utilizing one (1) mile of a graveled, private road (16' - 24' wide). Heavy equipment to be used on site includes front-end loaders, caterpillar tractors, dump trucks, excavators, rock crusher, portable screen plant and weigh scales. The permit term is 15 years and will expire February 20, 2040.

EVIDENCE: a) Project File: PLN-2025-19191

2. FINDING: **CEQA:** A Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted with the renewed permit in 2013. No further environmental review is required as no changes to the mining operation are proposed as part of this renewal.

EVIDENCE: a) No changes are proposed.
b) The project was previously subject to CEQA review, mitigation measures were incorporated and are now part of the project.

Mining Permit Approval

(Title III, Div. 9, Chapter 1, §391-4(b)(3), Term, of the Humboldt County Code)

3. FINDING: The application and supporting documents adequately describe the proposed surface mining operation, and adequate measures are incorporated to mitigate the probable or known significant environmental effects which have been or may be caused by the proposed operation.

EVIDENCE: a) The project has been reviewed by County Staff and outside agencies which have confirmed the operation has been designed to mitigate any environmental or health and safety concerns. The operation is inspected annually by County Planning staff for compliance with the Reclamation Plan and permit conditions. The last inspection report from November 2025 shows no violations or other issues as the quarry was not in operation due to permit renewal. The site has been in consistent operation for several decades.

4. FINDING: The proposed use and location of the surface mining operation is properly located in accordance with the General Plan and any relevant element thereof to the community as a whole, and to other land uses in the vicinity.

EVIDENCE: a) The location of the mining operation occurs in the Timber Zone land use designation under the Current General Plan. The Timber Production Zone designation is a resource production land use designation, and the production of minerals is consistent with resource production (HCC 314-7.4). Affected agencies have reviewed the proposal and no new conditions of approval are proposed. There are no other known changes in the law or circumstances that warrant additions or changes to conditions that staff is aware of.

5. FINDING: The proposed development is in conformance with the County General Plan, Open Space Plan, and the Open Space Action Program.

EVIDENCE: a) The proposed use and location of the surface mining operation is properly located in accordance with the General Plan and any relevant element thereof to the community as a whole, and to other land uses in the vicinity. The location of the mining operation occurs in a Timber Production Zone designation which is a resource production designation. The TPZ designation is also an implementing designation in the county's Open Space Plan and Open Space Action Program and the re-approval of this expired permit will not affect existing open space uses, as no additional ground disturbance is proposed beyond that considered with the original permit.

6. FINDING: The proposed development is consistent with the purposes of the existing zone in which the site is located, or when processed in conjunction with a zone reclassification, is consistent with the purposes of the proposed zone.

EVIDENCE: a) The property is zoned Timber Production Zone which allows for surface mining with a Conditional Use Permit. The surface mining area is located within a rural portion of Humboldt County. Aside from agriculture, timber, and mining, development is limited.

7. FINDING: The proposed development conforms with all applicable standards and requirements of these regulations.

EVIDENCE: a) The proposed development is temporary and will be mitigated at the end of each season's operation and the end of the permit term if not renewed. All equipment will be winterized after each mining season. The operation is in conformance with all required setbacks and zoning restrictions and will be required to be approved and inspected by County and the California State representatives.

8. FINDING: The proposed development and conditions under which it may be operated or maintained will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare or materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity.

EVIDENCE: a) The project has been reviewed by County Staff and outside agencies which have confirmed the operation has been designed to mitigate any environmental or health and safety concerns. The operation is inspected annually by County Planning staff for compliance with the Reclamation Plan and permit conditions. The last inspection report from November 2025 shows no violations or other issues as the quarry was not in operation due to permit renewal. The 2024 inspection report no violations or other issues. The operation be required to be approved by the County of Humboldt Extraction Review Team prior to and following each annual harvest to ensure that the removal of material is in accordance with best practices and will have no adverse impact on habitat and species.

9. FINDING: The proposed development 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 (the midpoint of the density range specified in the plan designation) unless the following written findings are made supported by substantial evidence and not have a detrimental effect of the housing of Humboldt County.

EVIDENCE: a) The parcel was not included in the 2019 adopted Housing Element Inventory. As the property and operation in question occurs in a Timber Production Zone, the parcel is principally permitted for a residence. Currently, there is no residence onsite and will not have a detrimental effect on the housing stock in Humboldt County.

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
- Conditionally approves the 15-year renewal of the Hagan Quarry Bar Conditional Use/Mining Permit and Reclamation Plan subject to the conditions of approval attached hereto as Attachment 1A.

Adopted after review and consideration of all the evidence on **February 19, 2026.**

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, Director
Planning and Building Department