



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
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CURRENT PLANNING DIVISION

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Date: SEPT. 26, 2022

To: CALFIRE
Attn: Chris Ramey, 118 S. Fortuna Blvd., Fortuna CA 95540

From: TREVOR ESTLOW

Subject: Exception Request from SRA Fire Safe Regulation

Section(s): 1273.08

APN: 204-152-041

Property Owners Name: Ronny and Nancy Bush

Situs Address: 250 Chuckhole Lane, Hydenville, CA

Building Permit Application Number: (if applicable) _____

Enclosed please find a request for an exception to the State Fire Safe Regulations. Please review this request and contact Trevor Estlow of this office with your agency's decision.

ATTACHMENTS:

☒ Exception Request Form

☒ Plot Plan

☐ Other: _____

Staff Use Only

Receipt # PLR22-2555 (\$125.00 fee) Date Accepted: 9/2/22 By: TE Date Mailed to CDF: 9/27/22

Zoning: AG Standard Setbacks: 30 Front: 30 Rear: 30 Side

Date Parcel Created: Aug. 23, 1977 Approximate Size of Parcel in Acres: 6.3

Packet MUST contain all 3 pages to be considered complete

PROPERTY OWNER: Ronny & Nancy Bush APN: 204-152-041-000

EXCEPTION REQUEST FORM

SRA Fire Safe Regulations

Exceptions to standards within the SRA Fire Safe Regulations, 2020 will be allowed by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) where it can be shown that the exception provides the same overall practical effect as these regulations towards providing defensible space¹ (14 CCR, Division 1.5, Chapter 7 Fire Protection, Subchapter 2, Articles 1-5. SRA Fire Safe Regulations, 2020, Section 1270.06).

1. This request is for an exception from Section(s) Sec. 1273.08 Dead-end Roads of the SRA Fire Safe Regulations which requires (briefly describe standard or practice (e.g. 30 foot building setback))

"The maximum length of a dead-end road, shall not exceed the cumulative^{road} lengths of the parcels they serve, which is: maximum length for parcels zoned for 5-19.99 acres - 2640 ft."

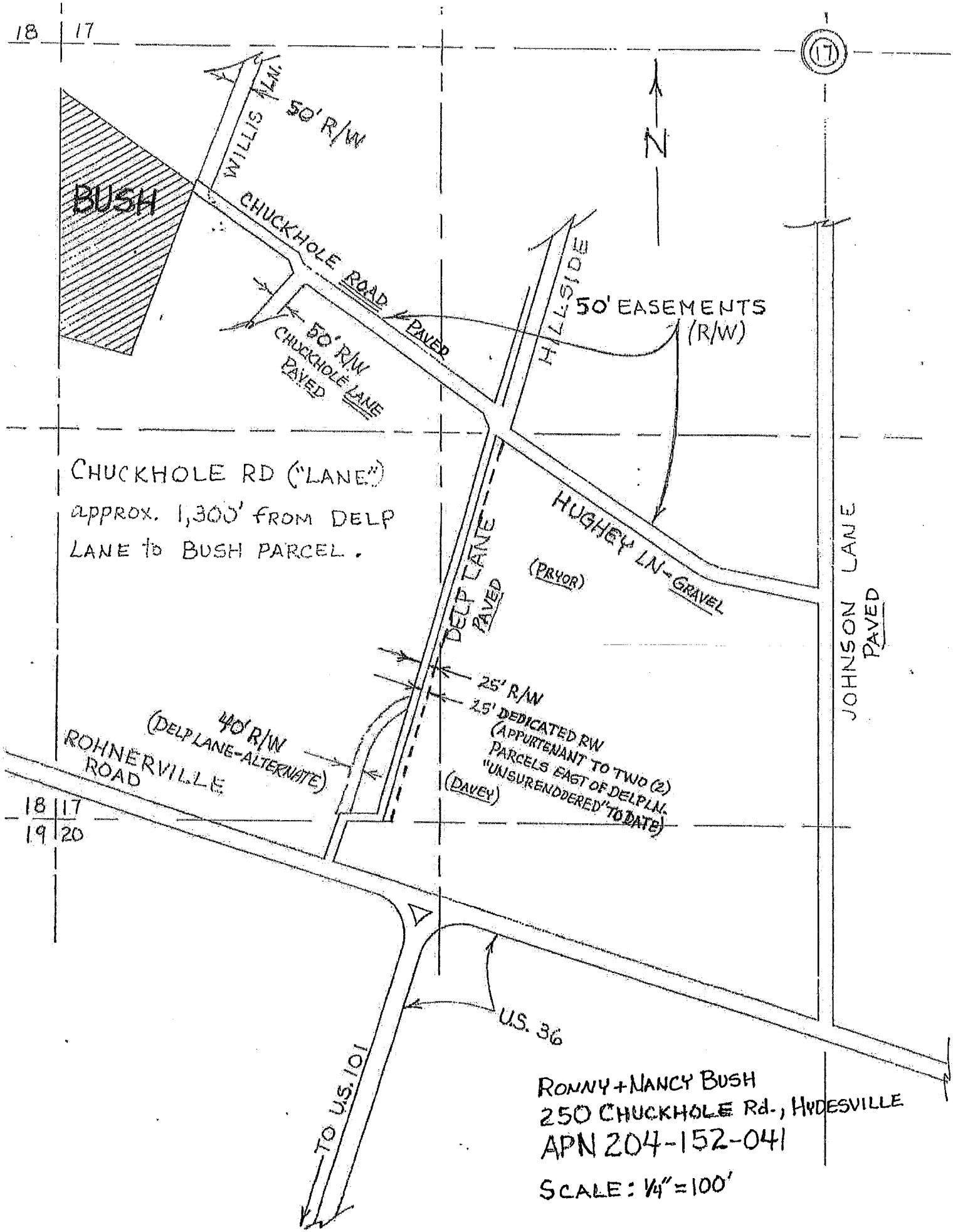
2. This request will provide the same overall practical effect as the Fire Safe Regulations towards defensible space because (specify the material facts that support the granting of the exception) It provides for an all weather rocked turnaround at the entrance to the lane serving an existing ADU. This request will not increase traffic volume.
(Attach additional sheet(s) if necessary)

3. The following specific mitigation measures are proposed as part of this exception request (list any measure(s) to be used to meet the intent of the fire safe standard or practice (e.g. fuel modification and vegetation maintenance easement over adjacent property to achieve equivalent of a 30 foot building setback) Per the attached "Mitigation Area Map", the hi-lited areas at the parcel entrance have been enlarged and rocked. The Planning Dept. advised us (Aug 2020) those measures had been waived, because this was an ADU residence.
4. Attached is a plot plan showing the proposed location and siting of the exception and / or mitigation measures described above.

¹ Defensible space: The area within the perimeter of a parcel, development, neighborhood or community where basic wildland fire protection practices and measures are implemented, providing the key point of defense from an approaching wildfire or defense against encroaching wildfires or escaping structure fires. The perimeter as used in this regulation is the area encompassing the parcel or parcels proposed for construction and/or development, excluding the physical structure itself. The area is characterized by the establishment and maintenance of emergency vehicle access, emergency water reserves, street road names and building identification, and fuel modification measures.

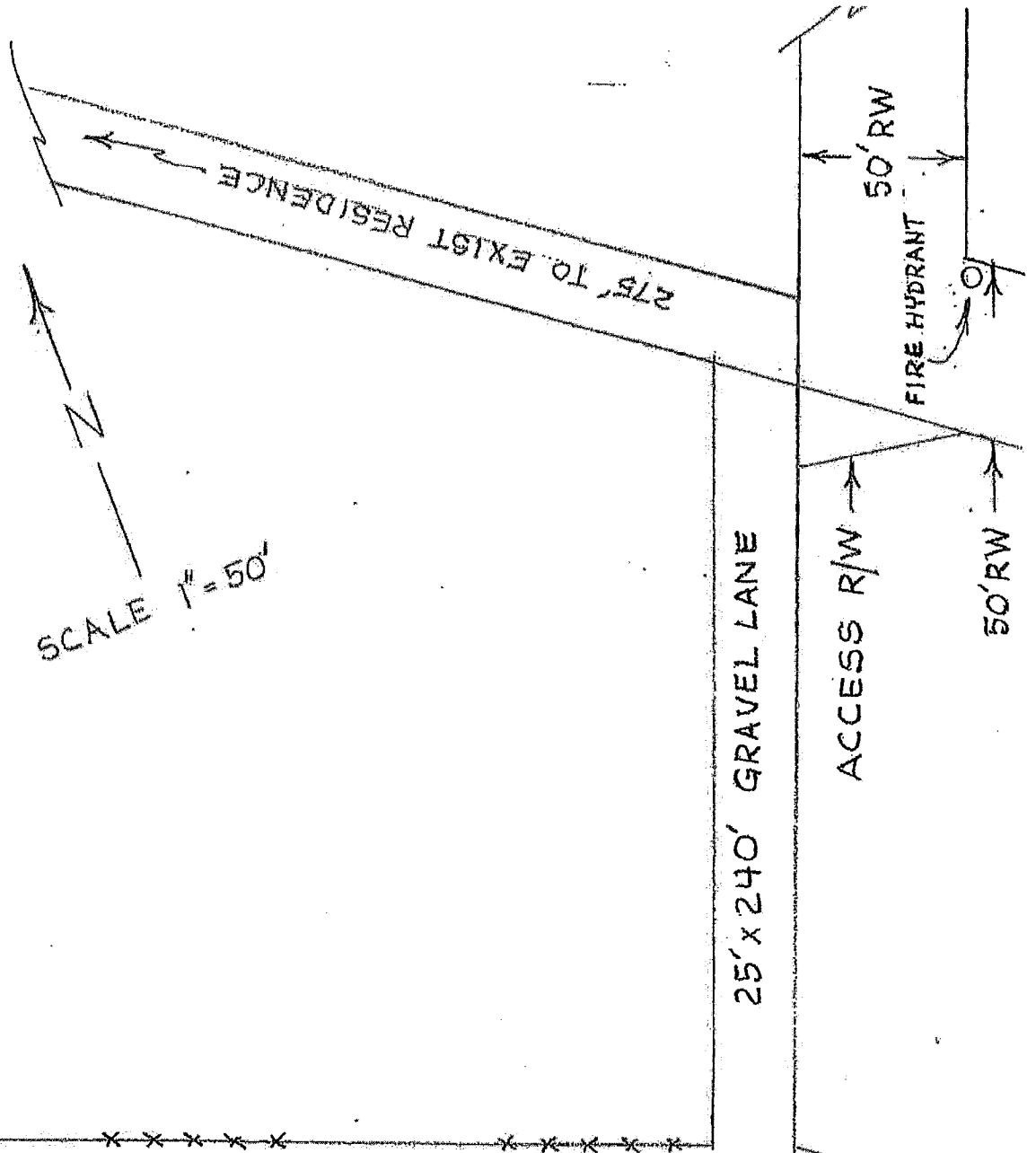
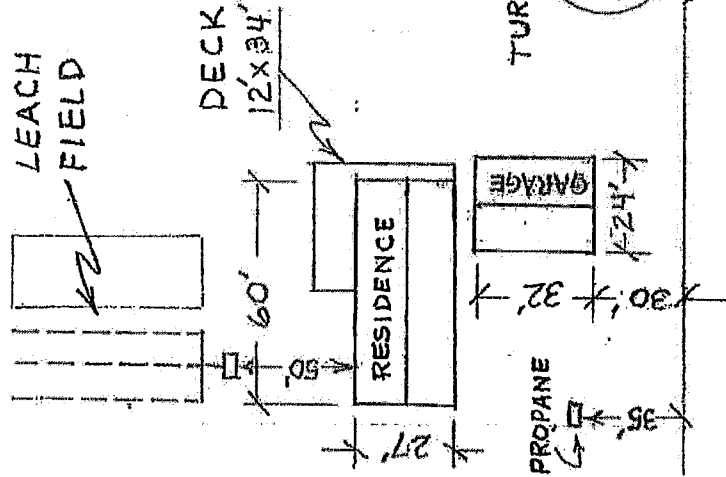
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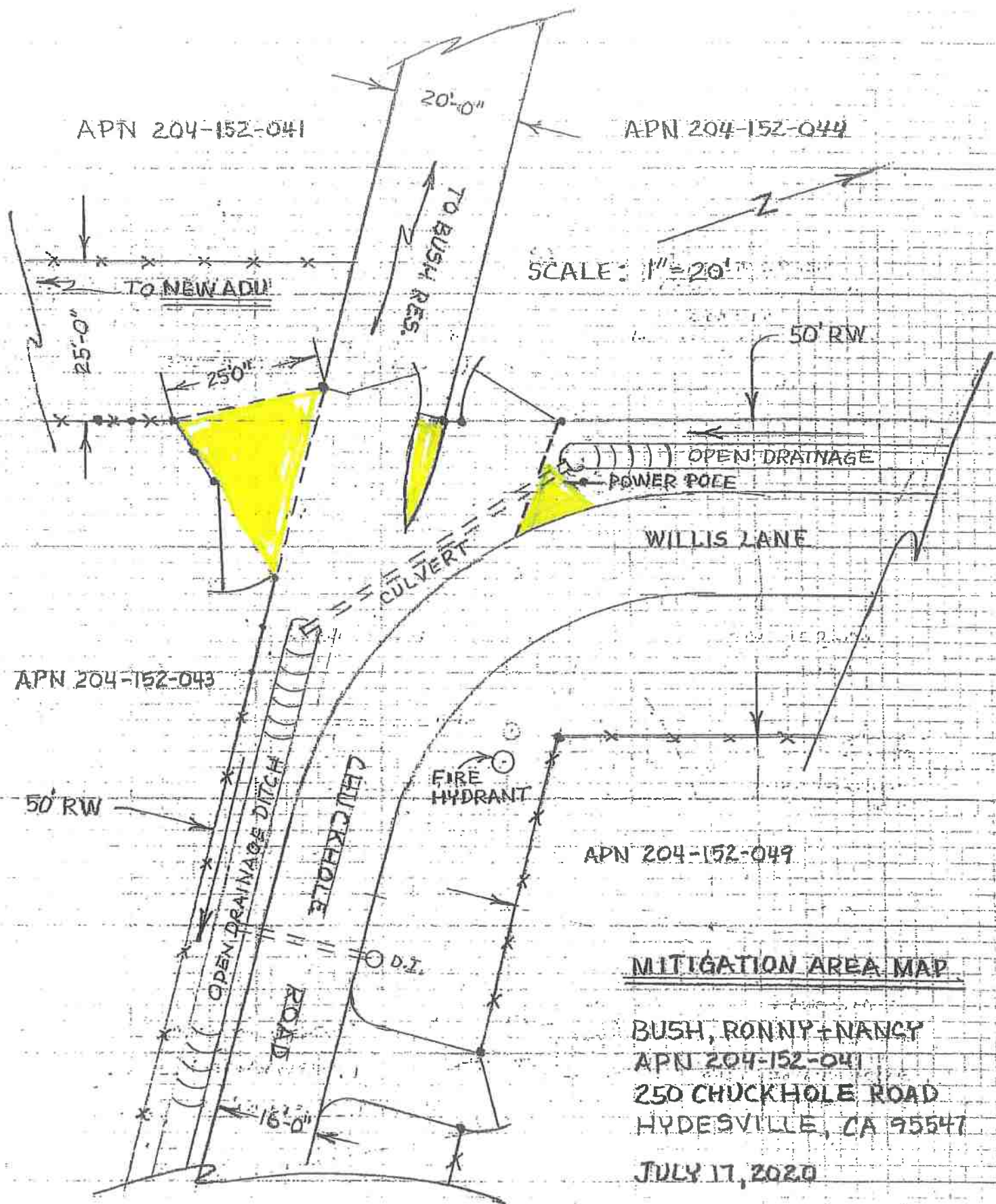
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6.3 ACRES





**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

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Ref: 7100 Planning
Date: November 10, 2022

To: Humboldt County Planning and Building Department
3015 H Street
Eureka, CA 95501

RE: Project/Owner: Bush APN: 204-152-041 Area: 250 Chuckhole Rd, Hydesville

CAL FIRE has reviewed this exception request for the following Fire Safe Regulations:

1273.08 Dead-end Roads

The permit application proposes to subdivide a 6 acre parcel, to split the recently constructed ADU from the main house. The dead-end road length limitation is 2,640 feet for a parcel size of 5-19.99 acres. The dead-end road length that serves the project parcel is 2,950 feet. The project proponent created an all-weather rocked turnaround located at the entrance of the subject parcel by improving and enlarging the existing gravel roadway area, as conditions of the previous exception request required.

After a site inspection and considering the site conditions, mitigations proposed, and generally low fire risk area, CAL FIRE recommends approval of this exception request.

Chris Ramey
Battalion Chief, Fire Planning
CALFIRE
Humboldt – Del Norte Unit
For Kurt McCray, Unit Chief

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Ref: 7100 Planning
Date: October 18, 2023

To: Humboldt County Planning and Building Department
3015 H Street
Eureka, CA 95501

RE: Project/Owner: Bush APN: 204-152-041 Area: 250 Chuckhole Rd, Hydesville

CAL FIRE has reviewed this exception request for the following Fire Safe Regulations:

1273.01 Road Width

The permit application proposes to subdivide a 6 acre parcel, to split the recently constructed ADU from the main house. The road width standards require a minimum of two ten-foot traffic lanes. Chuckhole Rd. does not meet this standard and is constructed as a single, twelve-foot traffic lane. The applicant previously received an exception request on 11/10/22 for the dead-end road length when the construction of the ADU was permitted. The county did not require an exception for the road width, nor did Cal Fire indicate that the width was a concern during their initial site visit. Chuckhole Rd. allows for ample visibility of oncoming traffic and provides for vehicles to get off the roadway by moving to the shoulder or into driveways. The project proponent cites that no increase of traffic volume will be generated.

After a site inspection and considering the site conditions, existing developments and infrastructure, and the generally low fire risk area, CAL FIRE recommends approval of this exception request.

Ross Dollarhide

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