

## 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.

<b>Referral Agency</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Location</b>
Building Inspection Division	✓	Approval	On file with Planning (Accela)
Division Environmental Health	✓	Conditional Approval	On file with Planning (Accela)
Public Works, Land Use Division	✓	Conditional Approval	<b>Attached</b>
CAL FIRE	✓	Comments	<b>Attached</b>
Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection District		No Response	
California Department of Fish & Wildlife		No Response	
Northwest Information Center	✓	Further Study	On file and confidential
Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria	✓	Comments	On file and confidential
Intertribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council		No Response	
Southern Humboldt Joint Unified School District		No Response	
Bureau of Land Management	✓	Comments	Attached
Humboldt County Agricultural Commissioner		No Response	
Humboldt County District Attorney		No Response	
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board		No Response	
State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Water Rights		No Response	
North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District		No Response	



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**LAND USE DIVISION INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: Steven Santos, Senior Planner, Planning & Building Department

FROM: Kenneth M. Freed, Assistant Engineer

DATE: 05/12/2022

RE:

<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>MERRY WHETHER FARMS</b>
<b>APN</b>	<b>221-111-028</b>
<b>APPS#</b>	<b>PLN-11734 SP</b>

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"~~

**Note:** Prior to requesting an applicant to submit a road evaluation report, verify if the project is exempt from meeting road system performance standards under CCLUO v2.0 sections 313-55.4.6.5.1 and 314-55.4.6.5.1, even if this box is checked.

**No re-refer is required.**

\*Note: Exhibits are attached as necessary.

Additional comments/notes:

No road evaluation has been submitted for this project. The Department will require all of the recommendations on the submitted report be completed once submitted.

Whether specifically addressed or not within the road evaluation report, per Section 1273.03 of State Fire Safe Regulations, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14 Natural Resources, Division 1.5 Department of Forestry, Chapter 7 - Fire Protection, Subchapter 2 SRA Fire Safe Regulations, which have been established pursuant to California Public Resource Code Section 4290 et seq. (a) *At no point shall the grade for all roads and driveways exceed 16 percent;* (b) *The grade may exceed 16%, not to exceed 20%, with approval from the County of Humboldt Planning & Building Department with mitigations, such as paving, to provide for the same practical effect. Mitigation measures other than paving require an exception to be approved per Section 1270.06.* [Note: Fire Safe Regulations set forth in County Code Section 3111-1, et seq. have been superseded by the 01/01/2020 CCR since County Code has not been recertified by the Department of Forestry pursuant to Section 1270.04.]

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Public Works Recommended Conditions of Approval

(All checked boxes apply)

COUNTY ROADS- PROXIMITY OF FARMS:

Applicant is advised that County maintained roads may generate dust and other impacts to farm(s). Applicant shall locate their farm(s) in areas not subject to these impacts. Applicant shall be responsible for protecting their farm(s) against these impacts. Applicant shall hold the County harmless from these impacts. Applicant is advised that a paved road may not always remain paved and Applicant shall locate their farms appropriately. Applicant is advised that the amount of traffic on a road will vary over time which may increase or decrease the impacts.

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. Applicant must apply for and obtain an encroachment permit from 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 (or to break in slope) where it intersects the County road.
- 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 where it intersects the County road.
- 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:(ETTERSBURG HONEYDEW RD - COUNTY MAINTAINED 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. Applicant must apply for and obtain an encroachment permit from the Department of Public Works prior to commencement of any work in the County maintained right of way. This also includes installing or replacing intersection culverts; minimum size is typically 18 inches.

- 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 (or break in slope) 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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Application Number

Key APN

**We have reviewed the above application and recommend the following (please check one):**

The Department has no comment at this time.

Suggested conditions attached.

Applicant needs to submit additional information. List of Items attached.

Recommend denial.

Other comments.

Date:

Name:

**Forester Comments:**

Date:

Name:

**Battalion Chief Comments:**

**Summary:**



**United States Department of the Interior**  
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October 18, 2022

Planning Commission Clerk  
County of Humboldt County  
Planning and Building Department  
3015 H Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for the opportunity to review application App(s) # PLN-11734-SP Merry Whether Farm, LLC. APN: 221-111-028.

After careful review, our office has the following concerns:

The Northern Spotted Owl (NSO) continues to suffer population loss across its range due, in part, to habitat loss and human encroachment. The BLM is concerned about the close proximity of this cannabis operation to NSO critical habitat.

Due to the proximity of the operation to public land, we would like to remind the commission that any activity or resource damage related to cannabis operations on public land such as the transportation, cultivation, production, or distribution of supplies or product will violate the Controlled Substances Act and may be subject to federal criminal and/or civil action.

Sincerely,

*Collin Ewing*, Acting for  
Collin Ewing  
Field Manager