

From: [Ryan, Meghan](#)
To: [Zoellner, Brienna](#)
Subject: FW: Project Comments
Date: Thursday, July 16, 2020 2:59:10 PM

Please see below. Thanks! Meghan

From: "Meyers, Tim@CALFIRE" <Tim.Meyers@fire.ca.gov>
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 1:20 PM
To: "Ryan, Meghan" <mryan2@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: Re: Project Comments

Megan,

I don't need you to run it back through acceala. Just include those comments in your conditions of approval and that should cover CALFIRE for this one. Any time you need help or clarification dealing with timberland let me know and Ill see if I can help you.

Tim

[Tim Meyers](#)

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From: Ryan, Meghan <mryan2@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 1:13 PM
To: Meyers, Tim@CALFIRE <Tim.Meyers@fire.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: Project Comments

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Hi Tim – Thanks for getting back to me. It looks like the project was originally referred via Ontrack in 2017, but I didn't see a response. I can resend a referral through Accela if you would like me to. I can add these comments to the conditions of approval for the project. If there are any other conditions, such as water storage or access requirements, please let me know.

Yes, but this is generally what I'm looking for.

Thanks again,
Meghan

From: "Meyers, Tim@CALFIRE" <Tim.Meyers@fire.ca.gov>
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 1:05 PM
To: "Ryan, Meghan" <mryan2@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: Re: Project Comments

Meghan,

I have looked over some of this documentation and the mitigated neg dec. There is a lot going on with multiple permits from other agencies being issued along with all the environmental review documents it probably is a pretty sound document. That being said from a CALFIRE Resource Management view as long as the proper permits and documents are applied for when undertaking tree removal or enhancement projects like, the oak woodland restoration and replacement, the development of a rock source and other tree removing or enhancing activities that could occur over the life of this permit. The landowner or project proponent would have to go through a review process from CALFIRE to obtain those harvest documents to remove trees on SRA covered ground. It may/would be necessary for a CALFIRE harvest permit to be obtained prior to expanding these cultivation sites and new development areas. If trees are to be removed a Registered Professional Forester may be required to advise the landowner of necessary permits from CALFIRE.

Are you going to run this through the referral process or is it on track from the first time? will we get to comment later or are these going to be our final comments.

Is this what you are looking for? Let me know if you need more input

Thanks

Tim Meyers

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From: Ryan, Meghan <mryan2@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 3:38 PM

To: Meyers, Tim@CALFIRE <Tim.Meyers@fire.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: Project Comments

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Hi Tim – Yes, the applicant is Joshua Sweet. The projects were initially referred in 2017, but there have been changes, so I think reviewing the files would be helpful. The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is circulating at the State Clearinghouse and you can access the document here:

<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2020060408/2>

Improvements to roads on the subject parcels would be required to meet FIRE SAFE standards. To address any tree removal that has occurred or will occur on APN 223-061-043 to develop the 'Rock Pit' location, the environmental document includes:

Mitigation Measure **AFR-1** **Oak Woodland Restoration and Replacement**

The applicant will submit an Oak Woodland Restoration Plan prepared by a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) that describes where and how a 22,000-square-foot area of oak woodlands will be replaced on the subject parcels to mitigate for the removal of the two stumps and approximately 10 trees. The Oak Woodland Restoration Plan must also proscribe areas where existing oak trees are protected from encroachment and how newly planted trees will also be protected. The Plan shall include monitoring and reporting elements that require a minimum of 3 years of monitoring and achieve an 85% success rate. The monitoring reports will be provided to the Planning Department for review at the time of the annual inspection.

I attached the site plans and operation plan. Please let me know what additional information may be helpful to your review.

Thanks,
Meghan

From: "Meyers, Tim@CALFIRE" <Tim.Meyers@fire.ca.gov>

Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 3:12 PM

To: "Ryan, Meghan" <mryan2@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Re: Project Comments

Hi Megan,

I am still a bit confused by your email? The Hills, LLC and Shadow Light Ranch LLC are both owned by Joshua Sweet. Would you be able to get me the full file, including plans and building locations? as it currently stands CALFIRE will not be able to comment on or support the current application until I can get some more information needed for the proper evaluation. This is a very large project to understand without a map.

Tim Meyers

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From: Ryan, Meghan <mryan2@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Meyers, Tim@CALFIRE <Tim.Meyers@fire.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: Project Comments

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Hi Tim – Good morning! Thanks for getting back to me. I didn't see any comments from CAL FIRE for APPS #11638 and APPS #11643, The Hills, LLC. This project is located on APNs: 223-061-038, 223-061-043, 223-073-004 and 223-073-005; 960 Shadow Light Ranch Road and Section 19 of Township 04 South, Range 04 East, Humboldt Base & Meridian, Garberville area.

The project description is as follows:

Two Conditional Use Permits for to allow for continued cultivation of 60,940 square feet of existing outdoor and mixed light cannabis cultivation. There is 22,200 square feet of existing outdoor cultivation on APN 223-061-043 that will be grown in 23 greenhouses. There is 38,740 square feet of cultivation on APNs 223-061-038, 223-073-004 and 223-073-005 that consists of 32,500 square feet of existing outdoor and 6,240 square feet of mixed light cultivation that will be grown in 22 greenhouses. The proposed project includes relocation of five historic cultivation areas to

environmentally superior locations on the subject parcels. Approximately 1,020,000 gallons of water is required to annually to meet operational needs. Water is provided by an on-site well and a 2,800,000-gallon rain catchment pond. There is 2,834,000 gallons of water storage in the rain catchment pond and a series of hard-sided water tanks. Processing, including drying, curing and trimming, will occur on APN 223-073-005 in a three proposed structures as follows: (1) one-story, 1,200-square-foot warehouse; (1) one-story, 5,050-square-foot processing facility; (1) two-story, 7,592-square-foot processing facility and office uses (footprint = 4,776 square feet); and associated parking facilities. The proposed project also includes a Special Permit for a 10,080-square-foot wholesale nursery on APNs 223-061-038, 223-073-004 and 223-073-005. Cultivation and processing activities extend all year. There will be two harvests of outdoor cultivation and a maximum of four harvests of mixed light cultivation areas annually. A maximum of 11 employees will be on site during peak operations. Power is provided by solar array. The proposed project includes connecting to on-grid power from P. G. & E. Two Special Permits for Development within the Streamside Management Area are also a part of the proposed project. The Special Permits would allow for 9 remediation projects required by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to resolve a Notice of Violation on the subject parcels. There are 22 other projects (total of 31) require by CDFW for resolution of the of Violation that are for the replacement and/or maintenance of stream crossings.

The project appears to be located outside of the Garberville Fire Protection District response area, so CAL FIRE has primary responsibility for responding to any incidents (at least from what I can tell from the County WebGIS. I have received a few comments from neighbors asking what CAL FIRE response is to this project.

Any comments would be great appreciated!

Do you want me to resend any of the project documents?

Thanks,
Meghan

From: "Meyers, Tim@CALFIRE" <Tim.Meyers@fire.ca.gov>

Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 10:21 AM

To: "Ryan, Meghan" <mryan2@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: Re: Project Comments

Hi Megan,

All of SOHUM is my area, did I miss one? Send me the Application number and APN or I can

try and find the original referral

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From: Titus, Lucas@CALFIRE <Lucas.Titus@fire.ca.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 10:14 AM

To: Ryan, Meghan <mryan2@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Meyers, Tim@CALFIRE <Tim.Meyers@fire.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: Project Comments

Tim Meyers is the Inspector for that area and is included in this response is number is 1075996433

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 8, 2020, at 10:04 AM, Ryan, Meghan <mryan2@co.humboldt.ca.us> wrote:

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Good morning, Lucas – I am looking for an email or other contact information for someone in CAL FIRE that would respond to projects in the Garberville area. Do you know the best person for me to contact? There is a project that has not received CAL

FIRE comments, so want to make sure I reach out one more time.

Thanks!

Meghan

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