

**From:** [Freed, Ken](#)  
**To:** [Santos, Steven A](#)  
**Subject:** [Apps#12533 CUP16-724 APN221-071-042](#)  
**Date:** Friday, September 27, 2019 2:43:47 PM

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Steven,

Daniel Gribi with Birds of Paradise Farms LLC - Apps#12533 - APN 221-071-042 has **completed** the Public Works commercial driveway paving requirement off Thomas Road.  
Consider this the Public Works sign-off.

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**Summary of Responses to County Letters Dated: April 7, 2018**

**For Gribi Properties:**

**Aps. Nos. 12533 & 12535; APNs 221-071-027 & 221-071-042**

1. Subdivision Question 1: NOT NEEDED BASED ON COUNTY PLANNING STAFF FEEDBACK
2. Subdivision Question 2: NOT NEEDED BASED ON COUNTY PLANNING STAFF FEEDBACK
3. Subdivision Question 3: NOT NEEDED BASED ON COUNTY PLANNING STAFF FEEDBACK
4. Timberland Conversion: NO POST-2014 CONVERSION OF TIMBERLAND HAS OCCURRED.
5. Cultivation Relocation – LETTER ENCLOSED.
6. Cultural Resources Report Question 1: SEE ENCLOSED EMAIL FROM BILL RICH, CULTURAL RESOURCE REPORT FORTHCOMING.
7. Cultural Resources Report Question 2: SEE ENCLOSED EMAIL FROM BILL RICH, CULTURAL RESOURCE REPORT FORTHCOMING.
8. Consistency between Ops Plan, Site Plan, DEH form: SEE UPDATED DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED.
9. Revised Site Plan: SEE ENCLOSED.
10. Revised Operations Plan: SEE ENCLOSED, GENERATOR DISCUSSION IN SECTION 10, EMPLOYEE DISCUSSION IN SECTION 6.
11. (Additional Item) Road Evaluation Report: SEE ENCLOSED WITH COVER LETTER

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progress



## Nielsen, Michelle

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**From:** Nielsen, Michelle  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2018 9:01 AM  
**To:** 'Dan Gribi'  
**Cc:** Morgan, Whitney; Russell, Robert  
**Subject:** FW: # 12533, & 12535

*need to change from CUP-7SP*

Good morning Dan. Thank for promptly confirming that the square footage change for the two referenced projects is permanent. We make updates to the projects' records accordingly. Also, we're in the process of regenerating the IPs based on the reduction request filed on 4/27/18.

With respect to apply the request to the 2017 taxes, refunds, etc. this outside of my wheelhouse and work assignments; however, I've cc'd the Deputy Director, Bob Russell for follow up.

Thanks, Michelle

Michelle Nielsen, Senior Planner  
Current Planning, Cannabis Services  
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**From:** Dan Gribi [mailto:[dgribi@humboldt.net](mailto:dgribi@humboldt.net)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2018 8:54 AM  
**To:** Nielsen, Michelle <[MNielsen@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:MNielsen@co.humboldt.ca.us)>; Joel Monschke <[jmonschke@stillwatersci.com](mailto:jmonschke@stillwatersci.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: #12534; 12533, & 12535

Good morning Michelle,

Yes, we are making the reductions permanent and changing the projects to Special Permits. And the Interim Permits can be sent via email.

Also, as to the taxes, this reduction should lower the tax bill we just received, with the first installment due on May 10. We already paid our 2017 taxes and the bill we have now is for 2018. As I mentioned to the Board of Supervisors collectively and Estelle privately, we way overpaid on our 2017 tax due to the fact that the square footage we claimed included all the fruit trees in my orchard. Estelle advised that she had talked with John Ford about this and he agreed that I shouldn't have to pay for fruit trees. I'm wondering if now would be the time to take this up with you/him and possibly get a refund that could be applied to this years' tax bill. The bills we just received did come out of your office.

Thanks for your help,

Dan Gribi

On 5/1/18 7:52 PM, Nielsen, Michelle wrote:

Good evening Dan. I've processed the two square footage reduction requests for the 2018 season and the request to cancel #12534. The Interim Permits will be regenerated by our office and sent to you via email, unless you would prefer that we mail them to you.

I'm also writing to ensure our office understands your project. Are the cultivation square footage reductions temporary and only for the 2018 season? Or the reductions permanent? In short, are you changing your projects from Condition Use Permits to Special Permits? Please advise.

Best regards, Michelle

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**From:** Nielsen, Michelle  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 8:55 AM  
**To:** 'Dan Gribi' <[dgribi@humboldt.net](mailto:dgribi@humboldt.net)>  
**Cc:** Morgan, Whitney <[WMorgan@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:WMorgan@co.humboldt.ca.us)>  
**Subject:** #12534, 12533, & 12535

Good morning Dan. I did receive confirmation from Joel, and can now begin processing these.

As for your tax bill, the requested reductions and cancelation filed on April 27, 2018 only apply to cultivation for **2018**. These are not retroactive.

As I understand it, the tax bills you're now in receipt of are for **2017** cultivation. Please contact the Tax Collection for more information about payment.

Thanks, Michelle

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**From:** Dan Gribi [<mailto:dgribi@humboldt.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 8:05 AM  
**To:** Nielsen, Michelle <[MNielsen@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:MNielsen@co.humboldt.ca.us)>  
**Subject:** Re: [ACTION] Clarification on 2 letters for cultivation SF reduction & 1 letter for cancelation

Good morning Michelle,

I'm assuming you got the confirmation on these numbers from Joel. What I'm wondering now is what I should do with my rather large tax bill I received for the square footage that we won't be doing as per these actions?

Thanks,

Dan Gribi

On 4/27/18 4:43 PM, Nielsen, Michelle wrote:

Good afternoon Dan. I was reviewing the letters, and I noticed all three list the same Application number, but list the 3 different Assessor Parcel Numbers. Before I move the requests forward in our system I want to ensure we process them correctly. I've reviewed our records, found and noted the Application numbers that correspond with the listed Assessor Parcel Numbers, which I have attached.

Can you please review my mark ups and advise if these are in fact correct ASAP. Thanks and I look forward to your reply. Michelle

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Birds of Paradise Farms, LLC  
Dan & Leanna Gribi  
PO Box 608  
Miranda, CA 95553



April 26, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to advise of changes to our proposed cultivation area listed under Permit Application No. 12535, APN #221-071-042. We are proposing to reduce our square footage to 9960 sq. ft. as shown in the included site plan labeled 'Garden Detail Sheet 1'.

Thanks very much,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Gribi".

Dan Gribi

#12533



**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
**PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT**  
**CANNABIS SERVICES DIVISION**

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3015 H Street Eureka CA 95501  
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April 6, 2018

Birds of Paradise Farms, LLC  
Dan and Leanna Gribi  
PO Box 608  
Miranda, CA 95553

RE: Permit Application No. 12533 APN: 221-071-042

Dear Dan and Leanna Gribi:

Thank you for your submittal of the above referenced application for a commercial cannabis permit on 12/27/2016. Additional application materials were received on June 30, 2017 and the project was sent out for referral on August 24, 2017. To date, the Planning Division has received referral comments from the following agencies: Cal Fire, Public Works Land Use Division, the Northwest Information Center and the Bear River Band Rohnerville Rancheria. The comments received require completion of a Cultural Resources survey, and a Road Evaluation Report. On December 13, 2017, you were issued an interim permit for 13,200 square feet of existing outdoor cultivation area. The County issued the interim permit for this amount based on analysis of available imagery at the time of verification. Now that the final review of the project is here, staff may revise the square footage amount for the full permit. If you have additional evidence of pre-2016 cultivation that you wish the County to assess, please include it as part of your submittal.

After review and referral, the application submittal and supplemental materials did not contain all of the required information. The following information is required in order to continue processing your permit application. We request that these items be submitted within 30 days to ensure we are able to process your permit to decision before your Interim Permit expires on July 1, 2018:

1. Any needed information or documentation to demonstrate that the project complies with the terms and conditions of any applicable permit and/or subdivision map that was previously approved, and any associated mitigation measures [Reference HCC §312-2.4.1.2].
2. Pursuant to Humboldt County Code Section 312-11.2, *"Development permits shall be issued only for a lot that was created in compliance with all applicable state and local subdivision regulations."* While our office is in the process of completing this review for your parcel, it may be necessary for you to submit additional information in order to determine how the property was created in its current configuration. If additional information is needed our office will contact you.
3. After review of the legal status of your parcel it has been determined that your Assessor's Parcel Number is a portion of a larger legal parcel. Your application materials must reflect all the legal parcel, including all Assessor Parcel Numbers that comprise the legal parcel. Please submit a revised site plan that shows the entire legal parcel.
4. If conversion of timberland occurred post-2014 provide one of the following a 1) Less-Than- 3-Acre Conversion exemption or timberland conversion permit approved by CAL-



continue the permit process. The Interim Permit authorizes the applicant to seek State licensure and continue operations until completion of the local permit review process.

Please accumulate all requested material and submit as **one complete package** and submit these items to the contact listed below during regular business hours. When submitting these items please include the Application Number, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) and Attn: [insert planner name] to ensure an expeditious review.

**The filing of this application does not authorize the applicant to engage in any new commercial cannabis cultivation, processing, manufacture or distribution activity.** No such activity shall commence until the application has been processed to decision and all requisite clearances, permits and/or licenses have been secured. If you have questions about this letter, please contact me via email (preferred) [MNielsen@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:MNielsen@co.humboldt.ca.us) or at 707-445-7541.

Sincerely,

Michelle Nielsen  
Senior Planner

Attn: Dan and Leanna Gribi  
Cc: Stillwater Sciences (agent)  
850 G Street Suite K  
Arcata, CA 95521

Enclosures: Road Evaluation Report, OnTrack Customer Portal Form, Cultural Resources Report





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8/24/2017

RE: Application (APPS#): 12533 Key APN: 221-071-042-000

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for the application submittal mentioned above. We have reviewed your initial application submittal and it has been accepted for processing as of the date of this letter. We have referred the project to the affected reviewing agencies based on the project description shown on the enclosed Project Transmittal.

Please review the project description. If you believe it to be incorrect or wish to make any changes please contact us as soon as possible, as this is the description from which we will be working.

The four milestones for all projects are *Application*, *Processing*, *Decision* and *Implementation*. This update letter confirms that you are now in the *Processing* step. In the course of processing your application it may be necessary for you to submit one or more of the items listed on the Application Submittal Requirements Checklist that were not required as part of your initial application. We will request this information before scheduling final action on the application if needed to respond to questions from referral agencies or to conduct an environmental review of the project. Also, you may be asked to clarify, correct or otherwise supplement the information already provided.

**The cannabis permit referral process requires a site inspection. These inspections are scheduled through the Planning and Building Department. Your permit application cannot be completed without the required inspection.**

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS THE APPLICANT/AGENT TO SCHEDULE THIS INSPECTION. Please contact the Planning and Building Department at 707-445-7245 at your earliest convenience to schedule your inspection to avoid a delay in processing your cannabis permit.**

Cc: Owner

Enc: Project Transmittal

**From:** [William Rich](#)  
**To:** [Joel Monschke](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Gribi  
**Date:** Saturday, May 5, 2018 11:43:27 AM

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I'm alive! Yes, we completed the field survey on April 19, 2018 and we are writing up reports now.

Bill

On Fri, May 4, 2018 at 12:20 PM, Joel Monschke <[jmonschke@stillwatersci.com](mailto:jmonschke@stillwatersci.com)> wrote:

Bill, I hope you're surviving the onslaught, I'm just barely keeping my head above water.....

I wanted to check in on your status with the report for Dan Gribi's property. I know that the delay in this one is due to Dan not getting your field visit scheduled for several months.

However, the county has requested the report or documentation that you are contracted to conduct the work. Do you have a contract with Dan, or is it more informal e-mail/verbal authorization based on the quote. Let me know, we need to get back to the County by the middle of next week.

Thanks,

**Joel Monschke P.E.**

Engineer/Geomorphologist

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