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**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**825 Fifth Street  
Board of Supervisors Chambers  
Eureka, California**

**AGENDA**

**Thursday, September 1, 2016**

**6:00 PM**

**Regular Meeting**

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*NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT: For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for consideration by the Commission. The Chair will call for public comment as each item is heard by the Commission. For items not appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments during the Public Comment period for non-agenda items. All speakers are invited to state their names, but are not required to do so.*

**CALL TO ORDER / SALUTE TO FLAG**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

**APPROVAL OF ACTION SUMMARY**

*August 4, 2016*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*At this time persons may appear before this Commission on any matter not on the Agenda. When the Chair asks for public comment, please address the Commission from the microphone. Unless otherwise stated, speakers will have three (3) minutes for public comment. Although the Commission may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Commission at this time.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*These Public Hearing matters are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. The Chair will poll the audience and members of the Commission to determine if any item on the consent agenda should be pulled for public comment or further discussion.*

**1 Morrison Ranch Agricultural Preserve**

An application to establish a Class “B” Agricultural Preserve pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act and the Humboldt County Agricultural Preserve Guidelines.

***Recommendation:*** Make all the required findings based on evidence in the staff report and public testimony, and recommend the Morrison Ranch Agricultural Preserve project to the Board of Supervisors for approval, subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

***Attachments:*** [AGP 16-005 Staff Report](#)

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS****PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*The projects listed below are public hearing items that have generated public comment prior to the hearing date or have other issues related to them that may require discussion*

**2 James Andersen Conditional Use Permit**

A Conditional Use Permit to authorize the operation of a vehicle storage yard for a towing company in Orick. The applicant proposes to use a parcel zoned Commercial-General in downtown Orick as a storage yard for wrecked and/or impounded cars until they are claimed by the owners or sold for scrap metal. The lot will have capacity for approximately 50 vehicles. Vehicles will be removed once the lot has reached capacity or the price of scrap metal provides financial incentive to remove the unclaimed vehicles. Scrap cars will be crushed on site in a mobile car crusher before being hauled away for disposal. Vehicle removal will occur approximately once every 2-3 months, depending on lot capacity and scrap metal prices. No vehicle disassembly or repair is proposed for the site. The lot is located on the west side of Highway 101 and has frontage on both Lowell Street (A County maintained road) and Highway 101. A 6 foot fence with view blocking slats and three strand barbed wire has been constructed around the perimeter of the lot. The applicant has installed two 20 foot gates on the parcel - one entering Highway 101 on the east side of the lot and the other opening onto Lowell Street on the north side. These gates will be used by the tow truck or mobile car crusher to enter and leave the lot without having to turn around on site. A small (8'x12') shed is on site for administrative work and storage of removed batteries and small amounts of fuel.

**Recommendation:** Find the project exempt from environmental review pursuant to Sections 15304 of the State CEQA Guidelines, make all of the required findings for approval of the Conditional Use Permit, based on evidence in the staff report, and adopt the Resolution approving the Andersen Towing Yard project subject to the recommended conditions.

**Attachments:** [CUP 16-023 Staff Report](#)

**CORRESPONDENCE****3 Correspondence from Matt Kruth regarding a Business License**

**Attachments:** [Correspondence from Matt Kruth](#)

**OLD BUSINESS****4 Clarification Regarding Board of Supervisors' Letter to Planning Commissioners dated June 14, 2016 - discussion item (County Counsel)****5 Ad Hoc Committee Report – this item withdrawn pending future Board direction**

- 6 Eureka Traffic Impact Fee Advisory Letter - Consider direction to Chair to sign and transmit advisory letter regarding Eureka Traffic Impact Fee (Chair Morris) (Note: the Board of Supervisors on August 9, 2016 directed the Planning Commission to submit its recommendation on this matter to the Board within 45 days)

## ADJOURNMENT

## NEXT MEETINGS

October 6, 2016                      Regular Meeting

November 3, 2016                 Regular Meeting

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