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**PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

825 Fifth Street
Board of Supervisors Chambers
Eureka, California

ACTION SUMMARY

Thursday, February 1, 2018

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / SALUTE TO FLAG

Chair Morris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Present 6 - Commissioner Robert E. Morris, Commissioner David Edmonds, Commissioner Alan Bongio, Commissioner Noah Levy, Commissioner Kevin McKenny, and Commissioner Ben Shepherd
Absent 1 - Commissioner Brian Mitchell

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1** Emerald Kid Conditional Use Permit and Special Permit
Case Numbers CUP 16-582; SP 16-460
Assessor Parcel Number 522-211-055
100 Stagecoach Lane, Willow Creek

A Conditional Use Permit (CUP-I6-582) for 5,000 square feet of new mixed-light cannabis cultivation and a Special Permit (SP-16-460) for 1,600 square feet for indoor cultivation in an existing nonresidential structure. The water source would be the Willow Creek Community Services District and two hard plastic rainwater catchment tanks with a total capacity of 5,000 gallons. The projected water usage is approximately 276,000 gallons a year. Once dried on-site, the cannabis will be transported and processed off-site in a County-approved processing center. The applicant will have no additional employees. PGE will provide service to the indoor cultivation and the applicant will purchase carbon offsets from Terrapass to meet the indoor cultivation requirements for renewable energy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Levy, that this Zoning Item be continued to March 1, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Edmonds, Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner McKenny, and Commissioner Shepherd

2 Innovation West dba Panther Gap Farms

Case Numbers CUPs 16-030, 16-031, 17-021, 17-022, and 16-107 and SP 16-051

Assessor's Parcel Number (APNs) 107-124-015, 107-235-008, 107-235-007, 107-236-011, 107-236-010, 107-234-012, 107-111-001

Honeydew Area

Five Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) for existing outdoor commercial cannabis cultivation sites up to 1 acre in size per property, for a total of 5 acres (217,800 square feet) of existing outdoor cannabis cultivation across 7 parcels totaling approximately 564 acres. The applicant has three cannabis project applications contained in this series of CUPs, and one contained in a pending Special Permit (SP), and proposes to lease the two permit applications proposed herein as CUP 17-021 and 17-022 to an assignee operator, in conformance with the 4-permit limit under the Humboldt County Commercial Medical Marijuana Land Use Ordinance (CMMLUO Section 55.4.8.10). Water sources for the operation include four existing, permitted groundwater wells, located on properties identified as APN 107-234-012, APN 107-235-007, APN 107-235-008, and APN 107-236-011, and five surface water diversions that are subject to current California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreements (LSAA 1600 permits). The applicant will forbear all use of surface water for irrigation from May 15 to October 31, during which time the wells will be the sole source of irrigation. CDFW has verified that the existing wells are non-jurisdictional. Hard tank water storage is used on some of the sites (APN 107-235-007, APN 107-235-008, 107-234-012 and 107-111-001). One off-stream pond, approximately 80,000 gallons, currently exists on APN 107-236-011 (CUP 17-021). An off-stream, pond, approximately 175,000-gallons, is proposed on the property without a well water source, (CUP 17-022, APN 107-236-010), to provide water storage for irrigation during the forbearance period. Energy for the projects would be supplied by generators, to be used at each site only on an occasional basis for maintenance purposes. Only CUP 16-031 is served by Pacific Gas and Electric Company for power. Each of the five sites would require one to three full-time employees; all processing would be performed off site at a permitted facility.

A Special Permit (SP) is requested for an existing commercial medical cannabis operation, referred to as Panther Gap Farms. The requested approval includes operation of an existing mixed-light commercial medical cannabis cultivation on a 20-acre parcel identified as APN 107-235-002. The parcel has an existing cultivation area of 35,000 square feet. The requested SP would reduce the operation to 10,000 square feet. The decommissioned sites would be required to be remediated as part of the SP. The only structures proposed for use in the operation are existing greenhouses. Water sources for the operation include an existing groundwater well, located on the adjacent property APN 107-235-007 (under the same ownership) and a surface water diversion subject to an existing California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement ([LSAA] 1600 permit). The applicant will forbear use of surface water from May 15 through October 31, during which time the well will be the sole source of irrigation. CDFW has certified that the existing, permitted well on APN#107-235-007 is non-jurisdictional. Electrical service is provided by Pacific Gas and Electric Company and generators will only be used on an emergency basis in case of power loss. The agricultural operation will require one to three full-time employees; all processing will be performed at a permitted, off-site facility. Portable toilet facilities will be provided. The applicant

has enrolled with the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB) Cannabis Waste Discharge Regulatory Program as a Tier 2 discharger.

A motion was made by Commissioner Levy, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, that this Zoning Item be continued to a date uncertain. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Edmonds, Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner McKenny, and Commissioner Shepherd

- 3** SugarLeaf Holdings Special Permits
Case Numbers SP 16-876 and SP 16-877
Assessor's Parcel Number 205-161-022
67 Metropolitan Heights Road, Fortuna area

SugarLeaf Holdings is requesting a Special Permit for a new 22,000 sq. ft. wholesale cannabis nursery and a Special Permit for a new 2,400 sq. ft. commercial cannabis processing facility on an approximately 36-acre parcel. In addition, subsequent to a decision on these Special Permits, a Zoning Clearance Certificate (ZCC 16-786) will be separately sought for 10,000 square feet of new mixed-light cannabis cultivation and a new 2,400 sq. ft. structure for drying, storage and ancillary nursery and the identification of a location qualified to receive up to 172,952 square feet of future Retirement, Remediation, and Relocation (RRR) cannabis cultivation sites. The operation under the proposed Special Permits will occur in two phases. Irrigation water is sourced from a permitted on-site well and stored in a 5,000-gallon tank; a rain catchment pond for RRR use is proposed. Processing to occur on-site includes drying, trimming, curing, packaging, and labeling. Power is provided by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), with a backup generator to only be used during PG&E outages.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner McKenny, that this Zoning Item be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Edmonds, Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner McKenny, and Commissioner Shepherd

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Morris

- 4 Quantum Genetics Special Permit
Case Number SP 16-328
Assessor's Parcel Number 203-231-003
210 Triple K Road, Fortuna

A Special Permit for a two-story, 20,000-square-foot (100x100 foot) wholesale commercial nursery building, two to ten 5,000-gallon water storage tanks, and parking totaling two standard and one accessible spaces, in accordance with Humboldt County Code Section 314-55.4.8.7 of Chapter 4 of Division I of Title III, Commercial Medical Marijuana Land Use Ordinance (CMMLUO). The wholesale commercial nursery building would be an approximately 24-foot-tall metal building on a slab-on-ground foundation which would include a "mother" room, a cloning room, and a vegetative growth ("teen") room. The mother room would be used to maintain plants that serve as sources for cuttings (clones). Cuttings would be taken from mother plants and placed in the clone room for 5-10 days to root. Clones would be transferred to the teen room for vegetative growth prior to delivery to retailers. Cultivation activities in the nursery would take place in a continuous rotation year-round. The building would feature a heating and air conditioning system. Electricity on the property is supplied by Pacific Gas and Electricity (PG&E).

A motion was made by Commissioner Edmonds, seconded by Commissioner McKenny, that this Zoning Item be denied. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Edmonds, Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner McKenny, and Commissioner Shepherd

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Morris adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS

*February 15, 2018 Special Meeting
March 1, 2018 Regular Meeting*

I, SUZANNE LIPPRE, Planning Commission Clerk, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct original record of the above entitled meeting of the Humboldt County Planning Commission held in Eureka, California.

*SUZANNE LIPPRE
Planning Commission Clerk of the County of Humboldt, State of California.*