RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT Resolution Number 19-19

Case Number ZR-17-012
Assessor Parcel Numbers 217-084-009, 217-084-010, 217-084-011, 217-164-004

Makes the required findings for certifying compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and conditionally approves the Nunnemaker Zone Reclassification.

WHEREAS, the applicant submitted an application and evidence in support of approving a Zone Reclassification (ZR) to reclassify approximately 160 acres from Agriculture Exclusive with a 160 acre minimum parcel size (AE-B-5(160)) and Unclassified (U) to Timberland Production Zone (TPZ); and

WHEREAS, the proposed ZR may be approved if it can be found that: (1) the proposed change is in the public interest; and (2) the proposed change is consistent with the General Plan; and (3) the amendment does not reduce the residential density for any parcel below that utilized by the Department of Housing and Community Development in determining compliance with housing element law;

WHEREAS, the immediate rezone may be approved if it can be found to be consistent with the Forest Taxation Reform Act of 1976; and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Department reviewed the submitted application and evidence and referred the application and evidence to reviewing agencies for site inspections, comments and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the project is statutorily exempt per Section 15264 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Department has prepared, posted for public review, and filed with the Planning Commission reports with evidence, findings, and conclusions showing that evidence does exist in support of making the required findings for granting the ZR (Case Number ZR-17-012); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed and considered said reports and other written evidence and testimony presented to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter to receive other evidence and testimony;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, determined, and ordered by the Humboldt County Planning Commission that the following findings be and are hereby made:

- 1. The project is exempt per Section 15264 of the CEQA Guidelines, and finds that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project will have a significant effect on the environment;
- 2. The proposed ZR is in the public interest; and
- 3. The proposed ZR is consistent with the General Plan; and

- 4. The amendment does not reduce the residential density for any parcel below that utilized by the Department of Housing and Community Development in determining compliance with housing element law; and
- 5. The rezone is consistent with the Forest Taxation Reform Act of 1976; and
- 6. The Planning Commission makes the findings in Attachment 2 of the Planning Department Staff Report for Case Number ZR-17-012 based on the submitted evidence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt:

- 1. Hold a public hearing in the manner prescribed by law.
- 2. Adopt the necessary findings prepared by Planning staff and approve the project as conditioned in the Planning Department Staff Report for Case number ZR-17-012.
- 3. Approve the rezoning of approximately 160 acres out of AE-B-5 (160) and U into TPZ.
- 4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to record a Notice of Timberland Production Status.
- 5. Direct the Planning Staff to prepare and file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk and Office of Planning and Research.

Adopted after review and consideration of all the evidence on February 21, 2019.

The motion was made by Mitchell and seconded by McCavour with the following ROLL CALL vote.

AYES: Commissioners: Bongio, Morris, Levy, O'Neill, Mitchell and McCavour

ABSENT: Commissioners: Newman

DECISION: Motion carries: 6/0

I, John Ford, Secretary to the Planning Commission of the County of Humboldt, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct record of the action taken on the above entitled matter by said Commission at a meeting held on the date noted above.

John H. Ford

Director, Planning and Building Department