

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION #1

For Planning Commission Agenda of:
May 21, 2020

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Re: Homestead Weed Collective Company, LLC, Special Permit

Record Number: PLN-12237-SP
Application Number: 12237
Assessor Parcel Number: 217-401-011
5576 Homestead Road, Blocksburg area

Attached for the Planning Commission's record and review is the following supplementary information item:

1. An email received May 6, 2020, from the Applicant that includes 12 attachments as follows:
 - a. Opening Letter
 - b. Articles
 - c. State Docs
 - d. Email correspondence
 - e. Email correspondence
 - f. Letter to Board of Supervisors dated January 8, 2020
 - g. Humboldt County Strategic Framework 2019 – 2024
 - h. Project Invoices
 - i. Photo showing project information
 - j. Photo showing call information #1
 - k. Photo showing cover crop
 - l. Photo showing call information #2

Summary Applicant Reply to Staff Report:

Hello commissioners and thank you for taking the time to review application PLN-12237-SP for approval today of 10,000 sq ft of outdoor cannabis cultivation (Public Notice of Hearing).

Humboldt County Planning and Building Department (HCP&B) has been overwhelmed with the application process for cannabis cultivation. The applicant has received contradicting statements on several occasions by the HCP&B regarding the Measure S Tax.

The Measure S Tax measure is not published on any Humboldt County website. Finding information on this measure is extremely hard and when asking questions about it the answers get even harder to understand. Is there a way to appeal a Measure S Tax? How does cultivator reduce the tax liability if an external cause delays or stops cultivation for the year? Emails between the applicant and HCP&B will show the contradiction in responses between staff members regarding Measure S Tax.

There is no legal way to challenge Measure S Tax unless your project is set for a denial. The entire American way of checks and balance along with no taxation with representation has failed when it comes to Measure S in Humboldt County.

Cliff Johnson wrote in an email on March 18, 2020 @ 5:16 pm

In all honesty, the proper process for challenging the tax assessment is not the Planning commission. We scheduled the project for the Planning commission because we believe that without the Taxes being paid the project could not be approved and we were therefore asking them to deny the application. That said, if you pay the taxes, we will work with you to bring the application forward to approval and you will have a chance to argue the tax issue to the planning commission if you desire.

The applicant will provide evidence that an incorrect CAV report (pg 48 staff report) caused a snowball effect in the delay of the application in a timely manner. The CAV is the reason we are at this hearing today to discuss Measure S taxes for 2018 and the Cultivation Area Verification.

The applicant will provide evidence that they have meet all requirements and request for documents to approve this Special Permit Record No PLN-12237-SP.

The project PLN-12237-SP is an ideal example of sustainable farming practices. The project takes place on an open meadow with zero grading of the land. The applicant uses cover crops to enhance the soil naturally along with dead tree compost. The farm uses zero pesticides, only a plant base repellent system. Along with nutrient rich cover crop plants, the applicant also plants wild flowers to attract predator species beneficial to cultivating without chemicals (Attachment #2).

November 2016 the applicant walked into HCP&BD with a \$150 check and looking to get an application assistance meeting set up. The applicant was told the property didn't qualify because it wasn't AE or AG zoned (pg 8 Staff Report states it is consistent). The applicant's application was accepted by building and Planning on 12/22/2016 submitted by Green Road Consulting and assigned a planner on 4/16/2019 and moved to step two of the planning process (Attachment #7 pg 25).

The applicant has attached the General and Strategic Plan for Humboldt County (Attachment #6). 2018 HCP&B added another responsibility of enforcement by sending out abatement and violation letters. This program is supported and paid for by itself referenced Deputy Director Bob Russell in an article titled Eye in the Sky (Attachment #1). The reason this is referenced is because application PLN-12237-SP was not processed in a timely manner consistent with the General Plan or the Strategic Plan for Humboldt County.

Staff Report pg 7 dated March 19, 2020: Where as
When contacted regarding the failure to pay cultivation tax for 2018, the applicant and property owner, Brian Roberts, has stated that he will not pay the taxes required pursuant to section 719-4 of Humboldt County Code.

Contrary to those beliefs on an email dated Dec 12, 2019 @ 10:23 pm (Attachment #4 pg 5) to Cliff Johnson. If there is no way to appeal a tax liability then the Tax will be paid regardless of fairness, wrote Brian Roberts in an email to Cliff Johnson Dec 12, 2019.

Director John Ford sent an email on Dec 30, 2019 @ 5:26 pm and stated that
In 2018 The Planning and Building Department was working with interim permit holders to adjust their actual cultivation area, if they reduced the size of cultivation, or ceased.

The applicant didn't have a planner assigned until April 2019, nor did they have an interim permit to be able to work with HCP&B in 2018.

The applicant sent an email to Meghan Ryan on 3/26/2019 @ 12:13 pm asking about how to reduce or cancel the 2019 cultivation tax if the state permit is not approved in time for the cultivation season.

Meghan Ryan didn't respond

Meghan Ryan did email the applicant almost a year later on 2/20/2020 @ 4:41pm regarding why the taxes are due for 2018. **Because a cultivation reduction form was not submitted for 2018, taxes must be paid.** The applicant searched the HCP&B website and could not locate the form: Cannabis Cultivation Declaration

March 20, 2020 @ 3:48 the applicant emailed Cliff Johnson

Is there a deadline for the Cannabis Cultivation Declaration?

The applicants concern is that if the public hearing took place after May 15, 2020 it would be hard to germinate a crop for the season.

The applicant again received no response to the question about a deadline to submit a cannabis cultivation declaration.

John Ford wrote in an email Dec 31, 2019 @ 4:58 pm

Your application was submitted under ordinance 1.0 and is being processed as such.

Interim permits are only available to 1.0 applicant.

The applicant interim permit was issued as a 2.0 applicant (Photo #1).

John Ford wrote in an email Dec 31, 2019 @ 4:58 pm

It should be pointed out that you were cultivating prior to having the interim permit which is a violation of the county code and could have been subject to a penalty of \$18,000. The only applications HCP&B were processing between 2016 and June 26, 2018 was pre-existing cultivation sites.

John Ford wrote in an email Dec 31, 2019 @ 4:58 pm

The interim permit is for the whole year, even though it was obtained late, it is not for cultivation but also for processing, transportation and sale of your product.

If the 2018 interim permit is for the entire year then it should have been issued and extended 90 days past harvest. A cultivator harvests in late October and then needs another 90 days to cure, dry and process the harvest.

John Ford wrote in an email Dec 31, 2019 @ 4:58

Your cultivation operations plan does not indicate that you practice in cover crop practices.

The applicant was never asked by Humboldt County what pest or nutrients are used on the cultivation, the State of California does ask that question (Attachment #2) and the applicant does practice in sustainable farming practices.

Arial Photos are inconclusive because the applicant continued to grow their cover crops in 2018. What is conclusive is the fact the applicant asked for an appeal immediately after the tax was issued in September 2018. The harvest would have continued in late October giving any county employee a chance to verify cultivation.

The measure S Tax would not be an issue for 2018 if the CAV report (pg 48 staff report) was done correct or forwarded in a timely manner that allowed the correction to be made prior to the June 26th letter by John Ford (Attachment#7 pg 12-13) were all cultivation was illegal without both local and state permits in hand. That letter also stated that all applications in the process will come to decision prior to starting new applications for cultivation.

HCP&B issued a 30 day temp permit 8/29/2018 – 9/30/2018 to application #PLN 12237-SP (pg 67-76 staff report). The signing of the interim permit was done under duress. The applicant had no time to appeal the 1,000 sq foot reduction within a 30 day interim permit and 90 days before the CA State temporary license program closed.

On 3/26/2019 the CDFA reached out to Humboldt County to get local authorization for the applicants CA State permit. HCP&B still had not processed the application into stage 2 yet. That came on 4/16/2019 with a congratulations letter you application has moved on to the next phase of processing (Attachment #7 pg 25).

If we move forward to Dec 14, 2019 the applicant receives a 2020 denial letter for the temporary permit. Assuming this was handled over a year ago, the applicant immediately calls Bob Russell to speak to him about the 2018 Tax issue. 10 days later and three messages Bob Russell returned the applicants message with a Dec 23, 2019 thirty minute phone conversation. Bob states the appeal can be heard now with me over the phone. Bob left the conversation by stating \$10,000 Tax is nothing compared to a \$30,000 abatement letter. The tax appeal was heard by the same person issuing the tax. The applicant followed that with three letters to the Honorable Board of Supervisors (Attachment #5). Several phone calls with Estelle Fennell (Photo #2) regarding the 2018 tax all within an eight week period and nothing moved forward.

The applicant has tried on several occasions to get HCP&B to edit the files they have uploaded to the attachments for PLN-12237-SP. The attached photos are from the wrong cultivation site. The photos (Attachment #8) are of grading and tree removal which is not part of application PLN-12237-SP. This is another example of a simple mistake on behalf of HCP&B that may cause delays in the permitting of the application.

The CAV report referenced on pg 48-66 in the staff report had three major impacts on the application PLN-12237-SP. First using the Eye in the Sky / aerial imagery Portia Saucedo made irreparable damage to the PLN-12237-SP application. The county employee combined two active properties applying for permits as one when doing the CAV. The employee did not look at the site plan (pg 14 Staff Report) when doing the CAV or they should have noticed there are no greenhouses on PLN-12237-SP. The county had spent a total of 4.25 hrs of billable work on the application submitted on 12/22/2016 (Attachment #3). Second the CAV report was then tucked away until August of 2018 (pg 4 Staff Report) before the county let the agent or applicant know of any report. The applicant submitted a 15 page CAV response on 8/13/2018 which appears to

have gotten misplaced by the county. The county then billed the applicant an additional 5.25 hrs to correct the CAV mistake. Director John Ford sent out the updated county rules regarding cultivation (Attachment #7 pg 12-13). That letter clearly stated all cultivation needs both a county and state permit or it is illegal.

The third major impact is the language written on the CAV (pg 48 staff report). The words remediation of guerilla grow scare everyone. The applicant attached an article pertaining to a guerilla grow (Attachment #1). The under the tree canopy the applicant used was to conserve water and was kept pristine next to their home. The county inspector Dean Beck couldn't notice any past cultivation when shown the site on 5/19/2019. The CAV report also states an after the fact grading permit is required. This application has zero grading on the cultivation site (Photo #3).

The applicant was unaware of any communication between the agent Green Road and HCP&B regarding the CAV report. The Applicant emailed the agent on Aug 13, 2018 stating the CAV response was dropped off at the counter but no agent / planner had been assigned to the project (Attachment #3). The applicant attempted to deal direct with HCP&B because the owner Brian Roberts could easily communicate the whereabouts of past cultivation as opposed to his agents who have visited the property twice. The communication between agent and HCP&B came a week after the applicant dropped of the CAV response.

The water tank placement is correct on page 38 and 39 of the staff report. The site plan has two tanks placed above the road and not directly underneath where they are located.

CDFW comments regarding wetlands.

CDFW came and did a site inspection on 1/15/2019 and the applicant followed up with a June 25, 2019 email (Attachment #4 pg 6-7) asking for updates to the LSA agreement. No response has been issued as of today.

Operations page states generator. Yes we have a back up generator for winter storms when our solar doesn't get recharged enough.

Here is a photo of our generator (Photo #3)

How many occupants are in the house and how many collective members?

There are zero collective members.

Biological Wetlands

CDFW had no comments during the rainy season

Dean Beck HCP&B inspector came during a rain storm and noted the wetlands are 200+ ft away from the cultivation site (Attachment #7 pg 23).

Cliff Johnson CC email with water board about enrollment into CA State Water Board (Attachment #4)

Parking?

The application was submitted three years ago and the question is parking.

Parking for whom? There are zero employees. Are we asking if there is parking for the home occupants? The answer is yes.

Homestead Rd and Alderpoint Rd are maintained by the Larabee Creek Road Association (Attachment #7 pg 15).

In conclusion honesty, integrity and willingness to follow the rules will cost more than the tax itself. 2018 cultivation season was a complete loss because of error by PNS in reporting the applicants CAV. The mistake was compiled more when the applicant wasn't notified until five months later. The 2019 cultivation season should have been a huge success. Unfortunately the entire cultivation seasonal crop for 2019 is stuck in metric and can not move forward until the applicant has resolved this issue here today. The applicant has remained compliant with the 2019 Measure S taxes.

The cost recovery bill generated on 2/21/20 has a cost of \$1,515.89.

The two new invoices sent are twice the cost of the past two years worth of work.

November 8th-14th 2019 the planner Meghan Ryan spent 9.5 hours drafting a staff report.

Three years after the application was submitted a draft report was completed for what purpose? It was never made aware to the agent or applicant.

Feb 19th-21st, 2020 the planner Meghan Ryan spends 5.25 hrs dealing with a 8 minute phone call and one email with the applicant.

March 6th-17th HCP&B billed the applicant 10.5 hrs to draft a staff report for today.

The applicant was billed \$55.00 to drop off a THPO check at the counter (Attachment #7 pg 2-10).

There is no way to appeal a cost recovery bill from HCP&B.

That is why I urge each commissioner to please do the alternative and approve this application PLN-12237-SP here today

Humboldt County has taken its code enforcement of illegal cannabis grows to new heights – thousands of miles above the Earth to be exact. It's a state-of-the-art strategy being employed by the County Planning and Building Department to identify unpermitted cannabis cultivations. Now instead of sending staff into the depths of the 4,000-square-mile county to come across grows that are not in compliance, all it takes is a click of the mouse to review current satellite footage.

Illegal cannabis grows are nothing new to the County. It's estimated that at the time of legalization in 2016 there were more than 15,000 cultivation sites on 6,000 parcels. Despite the legalization of cannabis, there are still an enormous number of illegal grows taking place. And that means cultivations that are not in compliance and causing significant environmental impacts.

"If cannabis is going to be a legal and regulated product, the illegal portion of it needed to be addressed and it needed to be addressed in a proactive way. That allowed us to be creative in ways to go about doing that," explains County Planning and Building Director John Ford.

Prior to the program, the County was primarily dependent on citizen complaints. Staff would be sent to investigate, and it could take a full day just to try to inspect three or four sites. There was also the obstacle of encountering numerous locked gates or not being able to find the hidden cannabis grow.

That all changed with the eye in the sky.

"From desktop computers we can monitor the entire expanse of the County," explains Bob Russell, Deputy Director for the County's Planning and Building Department. "We can assess whether structures are permitted, if there's been tree removal and grading and if that's permitted, and very efficiently assess whether there's violations on the property or whether it's permitted activity."

The satellite program is achieving one of its primary goals: reducing environmental impacts. In fact, its official name is the Humboldt Environmental Impact Reduction Program.

"The 'Green Rush' resulted in a massive increase in watershed impacts," says Scott Greacen, Executive Director of Friends of the Eel River, who is very concerned about environmental impacts from the industry. "The use of satellite imagery has been one of the tools that really advanced our understanding of those impacts. "

Unpermitted sites often involve poor grading, the use of pesticides, roads never intended for daily travel; failed culverts, badly engineered ponds, and loss of tree canopy and timberland. The impacts to water quality and wildlife go on and on.

"We need to regulate and hold responsible legitimate actors, but we also critically have to be able to find and hold responsible people who are not following the rules. That is not easy to do," Greacen continues. "We have enormous areas of steep, rugged, heavily forested land that is hard to get to. Satellite imagery pulls the cover back on those operations. "

Use of satellite technology has resulted in the volume of cases being processed to increase tenfold. Since the program was implemented, more than 1,000 non-compliant sites have been identified. About 400 have come into complete compliance and another third working toward compliance. Others have just simply stopped growing.

Humboldt County staff believe they are the first in the country to purchase satellite time to collect data solely for the purpose of identifying and monitoring cannabis operations. While there is obviously a cost involved with this purchase, the County is saving significant amount of staff time; with fines set at \$10,000 per day for each violation, revenues have significantly exceeded the cost of the imagery and staff time to manage it.

Russell sums up the value of the program: "Find them, notice them and fix them – it can be done in a very condensed amount of time."

On Tuesday, March 10 at 9:30 am the Board of Supervisors will formally receives the CSAC Challenge Award for this program and the UC Cooperative Extension award for its Prescribed Fire Program from Graham Knauss, CSAC Executive Director.

Part one of a series of articles about how marijuana grows affect the environment: First, the description of a marijuana garden on public land. Who grew it and what was found.

[On August 13th of this year](#), a team of law enforcement from a hodgepodge of agencies (Humboldt and Trinity County Sheriff's Offices, US Forest Service, and CERT—the Cannabis Eradication and Reclamation Team,) poured over a ridge a couple miles west of the tiny hamlet of [Hyampom](#) (a place so rural that there is literally only one gas pump in over 400 square miles.) There, just inside the Humboldt Co. line in the Six Rivers National Forest, they captured one resident of Michoacan, Mexico with a loaded 9 mm semi-automatic handgun, and they eradicated 5266 marijuana plants.



The plants were small—one to four feet in height. The suspect, Andres Montes-Deoca, was young—only 21—but already he had been deported to Mexico once before. The site was old—it had been grown at least once before. In 2007, over 134,000 plants were cleared from the area. This was the largest bust ever in Humboldt County [and, at the time, it took four days to clear the plants out.](#)

This year's plants were removed more quickly. The final buds ascended like sacrificial offerings into the sky trailing beneath the belly of a helicopter only to settle back to earth and be disposed of a short while later. And, when the last of law enforcement trudged up the trail, the marijuana removed and disposed of, the camp lay mostly intact within the shadow of the forest...



*All photos taken nearly three months after the August 13th raid
after wild animals had torn apart the trash and supplies and
debris had fallen from trees.*

A half an onion rested in a bowl in the kitchen formed of tree
bark and cheap supplies,



and a sleeping bag spread over a green cot.



In the coming months, the tangle of tin cans that hung from thin plastic rope would jangle warnings about the encroachments of wild animals but no human would hear their sound.



From August til November, creatures would tear apart the supplies—scatter the bags of beans and rip open the canned goods.

Bears and raccoons would unearth and slash trash bags tucked into hiding spots and spread their contents in ugly abandon across rocks carpeted in rich green moss and soil covered in needles and leaves.



Propane tanks used to fuel the camp stove lie amidst scattered trash.

In spite of the trash, in many ways, the camp was a Tom Sawyer dream for boys playing at being castaways from society.

Slender tree trunks are lashed together to make various items. A tarp, some trees, some containers, a camp stove and a slab of bark create a kitchen. Sling shots



and pellet guns offer entertainment for would-be Huck Finns. Reservoirs made of tarps and lashed together logs gathered water from secret underground springs.



The gathered water was funneled to various gardens terraced in the hillsides where it sprayed from overhead sprinklers on nearly 5,300 marijuana plants.



A couple branches here and there escaped law enforcement's notice and continued to grow into November.

(Street value at harvest is hard to to quantify but possibly close to a million dollars could have been brought out of the garden. Aerial photos from 2012 reveal that the garden was grown then also and probably brought in a tidy sum.)

This year oak trees partially hacked down for the earlier grow still poked slender fractured trunks like mutilated fingers into the air.



Back at camp, playing cards sprawl in a tray near a cot. The tray carried young marijuana plants into the forest and now it holds empty whippets (small silver canisters containing nitrous oxide often inhaled for a quick high) as well as dried leaves.



But more than bringing cheap thrills and trash to the national forests, the inhabitants of this camp brought poison.

Among the items left behind was a long list of toxicants.

- malathion
- aluminum phosphide
- beta-cyfluthrin
- strychnine
- brodifacoum
- bromadiolone
- carbaryl naphthyl methylcarbamate
- gamma cyhalothrin

Three of the chemicals found at the site are pictured below. Some containers were punctured by animal teeth and the contents possibly ingested. The middle chemical, aluminum phosphide is restricted to use by a certified applicator and can be lethal to humans as well as wildlife.



Look for part two which will explore the poisons and their effect on wildlife.



CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing Pest Management Plan

Cultural Pest-Management Control Methods

I use plants as a bug repelent In the base and surrounding areas of our canopy.
There are several plants that help repel different insects so we like to plant a variety.
I also use a high alkaline water spray. Water that is PH balance of 7.5 - 8.0 bought at a water store and sprayed with a water bottle. The water spray is last resort to help keep a clean plant.

Biological Pest-Management Control Methods

I create a plant based compost tea that is added several times a year.
During the vegetative stage I use plants high in nitrogen and soak them in airated water for several days.
The same is done during the flowering stage.
I just use different plants.
These compost teas help with a stronger root system and less susceptible to desease.

Chemical Pest-Management Control Methods

I do not use any chemicals on the farm.

Chemical(s) to Be Applied at any Stage of Plant Growth

Product Name	Active Ingredient(s)

Attach additional sheets of paper as needed.

CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing Waste Management Plan

☒ On-site composting of waste

☐ Waste hauled by local agency, a waste hauler franchised or contracted by a local agency, or a private waste hauler permitted by a local agency

Name of local agency:

Company name (if applicable):

Company business address:

Primary contact person's name:

Primary contact person's phone number:

☐ Self-haul to one or more of the following:

☐ a manned fully permitted solid-waste landfill or transformation facility

☐ a manned fully permitted composting facility or manned composting operation

☐ a manned fully permitted in-vessel digestion facility or manned in-vessel digestion operation

☐ a manned fully permitted transfer/processing facility or manned transfer/processing operation

☐ a manned fully permitted chip-and-grind operation or facility

Dante Hamm <dante@greenroadconsulting.com>
To: Life IsAwesome <lifeisawesome2018@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 2, 2018 at 5:19 PM

Apologies I did have this email,

This is the contract and the satellite images the county was looking. Please send us those photos ASAP

[Quoted text hidden]

2 attachments



Cultivation Analysis contract - Copy2.pdf

283K



PRA Response Next Request 18-341 for Apps 12237 (1).pdf

8965K

Life IsAwesome <lifeisawesome2018@gmail.com>
To: Dante Hamm <dante@greenroadconsulting.com>

Mon, Aug 13, 2018 at 10:32 PM

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| old growth pg 6.png |
| Pg 4 Property line off 200ft.jpg |
| pg 5.jpg |
| pg 7 next to cabin.png |
| Pg 8 under the trees.jpg |
| Pg 9 old grow next to pond.jpg |

Dante

Here is a copy of what I compiled for the CAV response at this time.
I will drop off a paper copy for your files as well.

Green roads doesn't need to respond to this. I will drop this off at Building and Planning.
I do not have the funds to commit to any more payments.

Once I have a temp permit in hand I will be able to commit to more projects.
I have an investor who will fund the building and permits for a 100,000 gallon water tank plus a metal building for processing.
These items are very important to the farm but I cant getting any more funding until I am able to get my temporary permit.

Thanks

Brian

[Quoted text hidden]



Life IsAwesome <lifeisawesome2018@gmail.com>

Cav response

4 messages

Life IsAwesome <lifeisawesome2018@gmail.com>
To: dante@greenroadconsulting.com

Tue, Aug 14, 2018 at 10:33 AM

Dante,

I dropped off the packet which I sent to you last night at the building and planning department.

There is no planner assigned yet to the application. I asked if it was complete and the answer was no.

Going over my checklist there is nothing missing except a few small fees with the application.

There is a \$75 fee and another \$375 due with the application. Do I need to pay these asap? I can get exact details if needed.

Is this what could be holding this up?
Without a temp permit in hand, I have no more investors.

Thanks

Brian

Dante Hamm <dante@greenroadconsulting.com>
To: Life IsAwesome <lifeisawesome2018@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 14, 2018 at 10:40 AM

Hi Brian,

To my knowledge what was preventing the interim permit was the county being unable to verify your full historic cultivation. I don't think these fees would hold up the interim permit however I would recommend paying those fees asap. Did they say any other items needed to be completed? Today I will inquire to the county to find out what further action (if any) we need to do.

Best,

Dante.

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Life IsAwesome <lifeisawesome2018@gmail.com>
To: Dante Hamm <dante@greenroadconsulting.com>

Tue, Aug 14, 2018 at 11:07 AM

No nothing else. She mentioned it hasn't been assigned a planner yet.

I will go get those two fees paid by Friday. I will forward you a copy for the file.

Once we get over this hump.
I need to get two things permitted asap
Water tank and steel building.

Thanks

Brian

[Quoted text hidden]

Dante Hamm <dante@greenroadconsulting.com>
To: Life IsAwesome <lifeisawesome2018@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 15, 2018 at 3:13 PM

Hi Brain,

I apologize for the delayed response. If the tanks are under 5,000 gallons you do not need to get them permitted. You will however need to get the steel building permitted if you are using it for cultivation purposes.

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App#12237 parcel 217-401-011-000

16 messages

Life IsAwesome <lifeisawesome2018@gmail.com>

Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 10:47 AM

To: Dante Hamm <dante@greenroadconsulting.com>, MRyan2@co.humboldt.ca.us, cjohnson@co.humboldt.ca.us

Regarding the unpaid taxes from 2018.
No they have not been paid.
I have contacted Bob Russell at the building and planning and he sent me to Amy or Whitney at the Humboldt county tax collector.
Not one of them could address the issue of whom I actually need to deal with this.

Here is the issue
I applied on Dec 16, 2016

The county never started this project until 2019 please look at all work done on the county website. At the end of 2018 the state was closing it's temporary permit process.

June 26, 2018 Letter from John Ford attached.

He stated if you don't have a county nor a state interim permit we were in violation of the law.
It also states "any property with unpermitted cannabis cultivation enforcement actions resulting in notices of abate or notice of violations will not be eligible.

We had planted our crop in May and pulled them the day after reviewing the letter from John Ford

We pulled our entire harvest except six personals for the 2018 year.

This letter was sent on June 26, 2018

We were granted our county interim permit Aug 22, 2018
It was returned Aug 29th, 2018 because it needed to be submitted within 30 days of receiving the interim permit
They gave me a 30 day interim permit expiring on Sept 30, 2018

The county still had not contacted us once about this project during 2018 until time was running out for us to be excluded from the state license.

Sep 21, 2018 they extend our interim permit from Sep 30, 2018 until Dec 31, 2018
Sep 21, 2018 they also send the tax bill for the 2018 grow season. I called the following day and got the run around and no one would tell me who to get a hold of to appeal this.

We were granted our State temp permit on Nov 14, 2018
Just in time to be eligible for a state provisional license. If you didn't have a state provisional you were basically out of the market.

As of June 26th, 2018 the county told us not to cultivate unless you had both permits in hand.

All my state permits and requirements have been meet.

Please advise to what you think is my best approach.

If push comes to shove, i will have to file a suit against the county for demanding we not cultivate unless both the state and county permits were in place.

They told us not to violate the state law or potential lose two years and thousands of dollars getting permitted.
So I did abide by the law and not cultivate but then they still sent out tax bills to those that were not permitted for the 2018 grow season.

Thanks

Brian

707-502-7713

Johnson, Cliff <CJohnson@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 4:16 PM

To: Life IsAwesome <lifeisawesome2018@gmail.com>, Dante Hamm <dante@greenroadconsulting.com>, "Ryan, Meghan" <mryan2@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Cc: "Russell, Robert" <RRussell@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Hello Brian,

Bob Russell sent you to the Humboldt County Tax Collector because the taxes are required to be paid. You appear to be asking why no one can address the issue, but it appears to me the issue is simply that you are required to pay the 2018 taxes. The Interim Permit will not be extended unless those are paid. Please keep in mind, failure to pay taxes will also prohibit us from bringing forward your regular permit for anything other than denial, and further- that if your permit is approved a failure to pay taxes will result in revocation of the permit.

Measure S requires taxes to be paid based on the issuance of a permit, whether cultivation occurred or not. Nonetheless I reviewed the satellite imagery to determine whether there was cultivation occurring in 2018. As best as I can tell it appears that cultivation began in May and continued through at least August. In addition, I reviewed the project file which includes additional information suggesting that cultivation was occurring throughout 2018, in particular the information that you submitted to justify that cultivation area 2 was an unpermitted relocation rather than an unpermitted expansion as we initially believed. Cultivation area 2 being the area shown in the images below as active cultivation.

Failure to pay the 2018 taxes will result in no extension of the Interim Permit, and also a recommendation to the Zoning Administrator or Planning Commission to deny the permit based on failure to meet requirements of County ordinance.

Higher resolution close up of May 2018:



June 2018 image:



July 2018 image:



August 2018 image:



Cliff Johnson, Supervising Planner

County of Humboldt Planning and Building Department

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[Eureka, CA 95501](#)

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Life IsAwesome <lifeisawesome2018@gmail.com>

Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 10:23 PM

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LSA 1602

1 message

Life IsAwesome <lifeisawesome2018@gmail.com>
To: andrew.rahamoske@wildlife.ca.gov

Thu, Jul 25, 2019 at 2:04 PM

Andrew
I hope all is well with you today.
This is Brian Roberts
The Homestead Collective Weed Company LLC
5576 Homestead Rd Blocksburg CA 95514
APN# 217-401-011-00
707-502-7713

We meet on 1/15/2019 for my inspection.
Cal cannabis is requesting some type of info regarding my status.
I mentioned we had the inspection and are just waiting for an LSA agreement.

Is there anything i can help out on my end that hasn't been dealt with?

Thanks for your time,

Brian

STATE OF CALIFORNIA—THE RESOURCES AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
LICENSE SALES RECEIPT

No. 00060-10

Customer Name: Green Road Consulting
Brian Roberts

Date: 10/24/18

Quantity	Description	Inventory Number(s)	Price Each	Extended Price
	LSA			
	ARN 217-401-011-000			
	1 check # 2428			\$ 1,154.50

Total \$ 1,154.50

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#12237 APN # 217-401-011-000

1 message

Life IsAwesome <lifeisawesome2018@gmail.com>
To: MRyan2@co.humboldt.ca.us

Tue, Mar 26, 2019 at 12:13 PM

Hello Megan,

My name is Brian Roberts.
The Homestead Collective weed Company LLC
5576 Homestead rd Blocksburg, Ca 95514
707-502-7713

I have applied for a small outdoor cultivation permit with the county through Green Road Consulting.

My annual California State application is complete and under review as of 3/4/19.

I would like to stay on top of any documents needed for the county so i can help avoid any deals in this process.

I concerned about our excise tax bill due each year for cultivation.
Outdoor cultivation is a seasonal grow season once a year.

Last year in 2018 we got our temp county permit on Sep 2018 after the grow season.
This year in 2019 we are unable to sow any seeds until we have an annual state permit.
Our annual state permit is under administrative review as of 3/4/19.

Our temp state license has a 120 day limit and there will be a gap in between the two permits.

My main concern is that we don't get our state license prior to June 1st, 2019.
After that date we will be unable to germinate and plant a crop for 2019.

Will we still be liable for our excise cultivation tax if we are unable to plant any crop this year?

Thanks

Brian



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Hello Brian,

Bob Russell sent you to the Humboldt County Tax Collector because the taxes are required to be paid. You appear to be asking why no one can address the issue, but it appears to me the issue is simply that you are required to pay the 2018 taxes. The Interim Permit will not be extended unless those are paid. Please keep in mind, failure to pay taxes will also prohibit us from bringing forward your regular permit for anything other than denial, and further- that if your permit is approved a failure to pay taxes will result in revocation of the permit.

Measure S requires taxes to be paid based on the issuance of a permit, whether cultivation occurred or not. Nonetheless I reviewed the satellite imagery to determine whether there was cultivation occurring in 2018. As best as I can tell it appears that cultivation began in May and continued through at least August. In addition, I reviewed the project file which includes additional information suggesting that cultivation was occurring throughout 2018, in particular the information that you submitted to justify that cultivation area 2 was an unpermitted relocation rather than an unpermitted expansion as we initially believed. Cultivation area 2 being the area shown in the images below as active cultivation.

Failure to pay the 2018 taxes will result in no extension of the Interim Permit, and also a recommendation to the Zoning Administrator or Planning Commission to deny the permit based on failure to meet requirements of County ordinance.

Higher resolution close up of May 2018:



June 2018 image:



July 2018 image:



August 2018 image:



Cliff Johnson, Supervising Planner

County of Humboldt Planning and Building Department

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Eureka, CA 95501

(707) 268-3721

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Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 10:48 AM

To: Dante Hamm <dante@greenroadconsulting.com>; Ryan, Meghan <mryan2@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Johnson, Cliff <CJohnson@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Subject: App#12237 parcel 217-401-011-000

Regarding the unpaid taxes from 2018.

No they have not been paid.

I have contacted Bob Russell at the building and planning and he sent me to Amy or Whitney at the Humboldt county tax collector.

Not one of them could address the issue of whom I actually need to deal with this.

Here is the issue

I applied on Dec 16,2016

The county never started this project until 2019 please look at all work done on the county website. At the end of 2018 the state was closing it's temporary permit process.

June 26,2018 Letter from John Ford attached.

He stated if you don't have a county nor a state interim permit we were in violation of the law.

It also states "any property with unpermitted cannabis cultivation enforcement actions resulting in notices of abate or notice of violations will not be eligible.

We had planted our crop in May and pulled them the day after reviewing the letter from John Ford

We pulled our entire harvest except six personals for the 2018 year.

This letter was sent on June 26, 2018

We were granted our county interim permit Aug 22, 2018

It was returned Aug 29th , 2018 because it needed to be submitted within 30 days of receiving the interim permit

They gave me a 30 day interim permit expiring on Sept 30, 2018

The county still had not contacted us once about this project during 2018 until time was running out for us to be excluded from the state license.

Sep 21, 2018 they extend our interim permit from Sep 30, 2018 until Dec 31, 2018

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Just in time to be eligible for a state provisional license. If you didn't have a state provisional you were basically out of the market.

As of June 26th, 2018 the county told us not to cultivate unless you had both permits in hand.

All my state permits and requirements have been met.

Please advise to what you think is my best approach.

If push comes to shove, i will have to file a suit against the county for demanding we not cultivate unless both the state and county permits were in place.

They told us not to violate the state law or potential lose two years and thousands of dollars getting permitted.

So I did abide by the law and not cultivate but then they still sent out tax bills to those that were not permitted for the 2018 grow season.

Thanks

Brian

707-502-7713

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

Thu, Feb 20, 2020 at 4:41 PM

To: Life IsAwesome <lifeisawesome2018@gmail.com>

Cc: Dante Hamm <dante@greenroadconsulting.com>, "Johnson, Cliff" <CJohnson@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Good afternoon, Brian – Thank you for speaking with me yesterday morning regarding the status of your project. As we discussed, resolution regarding payment of taxes in 2018 and the cultivation area in existence are the two items that need to be resolved before moving your project forward to decision. Below, I am proposing how to move forward:

Cultivation Area Verification

The application was for 10,000 sf. The Interim Permit is for 9,000 sf, therefore, there is a difference of 1,000 square feet. A review of the file shows the County initially verified 6,989 sf and you provided additional evidence to show there was 9,000 sf of additional cultivation. Unless there is additional information to show additional cultivation, the County can support 9,000 sf of existing outdoor.

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Payment of 2018 and 2019 Taxes

Because a cultivation reduction form was not submitted for 2018, taxes must be paid. The interim permit was not extended for 2020. If you pay the 2018 taxes, we can extend the interim permit for 2020 and move your project forward for hearing within a month of proof of tax payment.

Please let me know if you are in agreement with the items by the end of next week. If you agree, please provide an approximate date for payment of taxes.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you and getting your project across the finish line!

Thanks again,

Meghan

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Meghan,

First off thank you very much for getting back to me.

My initial reason for contacting you was to ask if I need to file a cannabis cultivation declaration for 2020?

My temporary county permit is denied until the 2018 tax payment is paid. I have been actively trying to get an appeal heard from the day it was issued back in September 2018.

Do I need to fill out a reduction to 0 sq ft for the 2020 grow season to avoid any tax liability?

Or is that already done based on my denial of a 2020 temp permit?

The second thing I was contacting you about was all the uploaded stuff on my application that isn't relevant to my project or property.

I have tried several times at the counter to have it corrected but the planner at the counter doesn't have time with so many people waiting to see them daily.

Simple mistakes like this may have caused my 2018 interim permit from being issued at a timely manner. The county never assigned a building planner to my project and my CAV form was done incorrect.

PNS (initials) were mistakenly looking at two properties mine and another appn# at the same time when filling out my Cultivation Area Verification report.

1) The Cultivation Area Verification

The CAV form was done by building and planning on March 12, 2018 signed off by PNS (initials).

As per John Ford's acknowledgement sent to me in an email I wasn't issued the CAV form until mid August 2018, five months after the report was done.

Do you have a copy of my response that I hand delivered to the building and planning the day after I received the CAV form?

It has copies of all four medical patients living here at the time and their recommendations. It also had the photos of where we were cultivating our medicine.

A majority of our cultivation was done under the canopy of the trees next to our stream hidden from overhead photos.

In may 2017 I invited a member of the North Coast Regional Water Board to come inspect my property and let me know if I am eligible for water rights.

His first response was that I would never be granted water rights if I grow near a water source. He left me with all the info on set backs of 50 ft, 100 ft and 200 ft for class 1,2,3 streams.

Therefore in order to secure my water rights we relocated all our grow into one consolidated area on a flat open space meadow far enough from all water sources.

I also showed Dean Beck my building inspector where all the cultivation occurs today and in the past on 5/16/2019 when he came to the property.

At the end of the day if 9,000 sq ft is granted and not 10,000 sq ft it will not be the end of the world.
\$1,000 less tax dollars for our Humboldt County Tax Collector per year is the equal to another \$100,000 property tax issued per year.

Payment of the 2018 and 2019 Taxes

2019 1st half installment of taxes are due as we speak and are late on 3/17/ 2020

Those taxes will be paid.

I would like to point out though that my interim county permit has been denied for 2020.

My cultivation product has been suspended and not able to move along the supply chain in the legal state market because I only possess a California State provisional license and not a county license.

In order for any product to change hands the cultivator must have both county and state permits.

Therefore yes I cultivated in 2019 and owe tax. I just wish building and planning understood that an agriculture product isn't cropped, processed and packaged all within the same calendar year.

The yearly process does occur and finish within a year it just doesn't coexist with our Jan 1st - Dec 31st calendar.

2018 Cultivation taxes due

I will not be paying these taxes based on not submitting a cultivation reduction form for 2018.

I had all the intentions of growing and being part of the counties licensed interim permit holders for 2018.

I was denied that by director John Ford's letter on June 26, 2018.

That letter clearly stated that all cannabis grown without both a county and state temp permit was illegal.

That same letter stated that all pre-existing applications will be dealt with prior to any new applications moving forward.

Well I was waiting but unfortunately building and planning held my CAV form for five months (end of Aug 2018) without sending it out to me or my consultant.

My 2018 interim permit was signed under duress because I was given a 30 day temp permit that had to be signed or I wouldn't be eligible for my state permit.

The following day I went again down to your offices and got a meeting with Bob Russell to object this tax bill.

Not a planner assigned to my project because that didn't occur for another 7 months until 4/16/2019.

I take all letters serious that are published by the building and planning department especially the letter sent out on June 26, 2018.

That letter clearly stated that all applications in the process will be dealt with prior to any new cultivation applications. Well my application wasn't dealt with.

I even told Bob Russell that they could come and inspect my property that no cultivation occurred in September 2018 the day after receiving that tax bill.

The county had 120 days to come and inspect the property based on the fact I wouldn't have cropped the grow until late October and finished the processing around December.

So to make a really long answer short.

I will not be paying the 2018 cultivation tax until I get a proper hearing.

As of today I have been denied my right to do business in 2018 because a CAV form sat dormant for five months until it was forwarded to my knowledge.

My 2019 cultivation and product is held in suspense because building and planning has denied my 2020 temp permit.

2020 cultivation season again will be a complete loss.

I have requested an appeal for a tax issued in 2018 that has no justification and the county has no process to deal with an appeal.

The county just lost a court case on 3 out of 5 issues dealing with measure S tax.

So in summary, I have had all my state permits and water rights secured prior to Humboldt County even assigning my application to a planner in 2019.

It is a shame that it has taken this long to get an outdoor organic farm approved that has had zero grading, no removal of trees, no green houses and water rights already sourced at the property.

So I ask this from the Humboldt County Building and Planning Department and not you personally Meghan.

1) once my application was deemed complete in 2017. Why did it take until 4/16/2019 to assign a planner to this project?

2) why wasn't I offered an interim permit in March 2018?

3) why did my Cultivation Area Verification form get complete in March 2018 and not forwarded until late August 2018?

**4) why didn't building and planning deal with all existing applications prior to starting the opening of 2.0 applications?
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Hi Brian, we will be hearing this on March 19th. The hearing starts at 6pm at the county courthouse, Board of Supervisors chambers. You will receive a public hearing notice in the mail in the next week or so.

Cliff

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Good morning, Brian – I hope you are doing well. As you may know, the Planning Commission meeting for this week is canceled. We are hoping to reschedule for April as feasible. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. Email is the best way to contact me during for the foreseeable future.

Best,

Meghan

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June 2018 image:



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Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 10:47 AM

To: Dante Hamm <dante@greenroadconsulting.com>, MRyan2@co.humboldt.ca.us, cjohnson@co.humboldt.ca.us

Regarding the unpaid taxes from 2018.
No they have not been paid.
I have contacted Bob Russell at the building and planning and he sent me to Amy or Whitney at the Humboldt county tax collector.
Not one of them could address the issue of whom I actually need to deal with this.

Here is the issue
I applied on Dec 16, 2016

The county never started this project until 2019 please look at all work done on the county website. At the end of 2018 the state was closing it's temporary permit process.

June 26, 2018 Letter from John Ford attached.

He stated if you don't have a county nor a state interim permit we were in violation of the law.
It also states "any property with unpermitted cannabis cultivation enforcement actions resulting in notices of abate or notice of violations will not be eligible.

We had planted our crop in May and pulled them the day after reviewing the letter from John Ford

We pulled our entire harvest except six personals for the 2018 year.

This letter was sent on June 26, 2018

We were granted our county interim permit Aug 22, 2018
It was returned Aug 29th, 2018 because it needed to be submitted within 30 days of receiving the interim permit
They gave me a 30 day interim permit expiring on Sept 30, 2018

The county still had not contacted us once about this project during 2018 until time was running out for us to be excluded from the state license.

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Brian

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Higher resolution close up of May 2018:



June 2018 image:

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20) May 2019 the entire process has been shifted into high gear and we have been meeting all requests on a timely manner

21) Dec 14, 2019 Denial letter of interim permit based on unpaid taxes + oddly dated because today is Dec 12, 2019

I would like to know who in Humboldt County does address these issues about taxes?

The goal is to get Humboldt County its taxes and keep us small farms working legal within the system that has been created.

I have been 100% compliant in sticking with all the new rules and regulations regarding permitting cultivation.

My annual state permit has only been held up by the county process.

If there is no way to appeal a tax liability then the tax will be paid regardless of fairness.

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Good afternoon, Brian – Thank you for speaking with me yesterday morning regarding the status of your project. As we discussed, resolution regarding payment of taxes in 2018 and the cultivation area in existence are the two items that need to be resolved before moving your project forward to decision. Below, I am proposing how to move forward:

Cultivation Area Verification

The application was for 10,000 sf. The Interim Permit is for 9,000 sf, therefore, there is a difference of 1,000 square feet. A review of the file shows the County initially verified 6,989 sf and you provided additional evidence to show there was 9,000 sf of additional cultivation. Unless there is additional information to show additional cultivation, the County can support 9,000 sf of existing outdoor.

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Payment of 2018 and 2019 Taxes

Because a cultivation reduction form was not submitted for 2018, taxes must be paid. The interim permit was not extended for 2020. If you pay the 2018 taxes, we can extend the interim permit for 2020 and move your project forward for hearing within a month of proof of tax payment.

Please let me know if you are in agreement with the items by the end of next week. If you agree, please provide an approximate date for payment of taxes.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you and getting your project across the finish line!

Thanks again,

Meghan

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First off thank you very much for getting back to me.

My initial reason for contacting you was to ask if I need to file a cannabis cultivation declaration for 2020?

My temporary county permit is denied until the 2018 tax payment is paid. I have been actively trying to get an appeal heard from the day it was issued back in September 2018.

Do I need to fill out a reduction to 0 sq ft for the 2020 grow season to avoid any tax liability?

Or is that already done based on my denial of a 2020 temp permit?

The second thing I was contacting you about was all the uploaded stuff on my application that isn't relevant to my project or property.

I have tried several times at the counter to have it corrected but the planner at the counter doesn't have time with so many people waiting to see them daily.

Simple mistakes like this may have caused my 2018 interim permit from being issued at a timely manner. The county never assigned a building planner to my project and my CAV form was done incorrect.

PNS (initials) were mistakenly looking at two properties mine and another appn# at the same time when filling out my Cultivation Area Verification report.

1) The Cultivation Area Verification

The CAV form was done by building and planning on March 12, 2018 signed off by PNS (initials).

As per John Ford's acknowledgement sent to me in an email I wasn't issued the CAV form until mid August 2018, five months after the report was done.

Do you have a copy of my response that I hand delivered to the building and planning the day after I received the CAV form?

It has copies of all four medical patients living here at the time and their recommendations. It also had the photos of where we were cultivating our medicine.

A majority of our cultivation was done under the canopy of the trees next to our stream hidden from overhead photos.

In may 2017 I invited a member of the North Coast Regional Water Board to come inspect my property and let me know if I am eligible for water rights.

His first response was that I would never be granted water rights if I grow near a water source. He left me with all the info on set backs of 50 ft, 100 ft and 200 ft for class 1,2,3 streams.

Therefore in order to secure my water rights we relocated all our grow into one consolidated area on a flat open space meadow far enough from all water sources.

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Payment of the 2018 and 2019 Taxes

2019 1st half installment of taxes are due as we speak and are late on 3/17/ 2020

Those taxes will be paid.

I would like to point out though that my interim county permit has been denied for 2020.

My cultivation product has been suspended and not able to move along the supply chain in the legal state market because I only possess a California State provisional license and not a county license.

In order for any product to change hands the cultivator must have both county and state permits.

Therefore yes I cultivated in 2019 and owe tax. I just wish building and planning understood that an agriculture product isn't cropped, processed and packaged all within the same calendar year.

The yearly process does occur and finish within a year it just doesn't coexist with our Jan 1st - Dec 31st calendar.

2018 Cultivation taxes due

I will not be paying these taxes based on not submitting a cultivation reduction form for 2018.

I had all the intentions of growing and being part of the counties licensed interim permit holders for 2018.

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The following day I went again down to your offices and got a meeting with Bob Russell to object this tax bill.

Not a planner assigned to my project because that didn't occur for another 7 months until 4/16/2019.

I take all letters serious that are published by the building and planning department especially the letter sent out on June 26, 2018.

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So to make a really long answer short.

I will not be paying the 2018 cultivation tax until I get a proper hearing.

As of today I have been denied my right to do business in 2018 because a CAV form sat dormant for five months until it was forwarded to my knowledge.

My 2019 cultivation and product is held in suspense because building and planning has denied my 2020 temp permit.

2020 cultivation season again will be a complete loss.

I have requested an appeal for a tax issued in 2018 that has no justification and the county has no process to deal with an appeal.

The county just lost a court case on 3 out of 5 issues dealing with measure S tax.

So in summary, I have had all my state permits and water rights secured prior to Humboldt County even assigning my application to a planner in 2019.

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So I ask this from the Humboldt County Building and Planning Department and not you personally Meghan.

1) once my application was deemed complete in 2017. Why did it take until 4/16/2019 to assign a planner to this project?

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Meghan

I hope the same for you as well. Crazy times we are living in, please stay safe and clean over the next few weeks.

I spoke with my attorney yesterday after his court appearance and he gave me the heads up that is was going to be cancelled.

I have my back against the wall again for the third year in a row.

Like I mentioned to cliff in my Dec 12, 2019 email

I will pay the 2018 taxes after a hearing whether it's fair or not.

My only option today in order to have a successful harvest for 2020 is to pay the past tax for 2018.

I am already one week behind in geminating seeds for the 2020 cultivation and since I don't have a local authority even though I have all my state permits in place I can't legally start germination.

I was truly hoping after Thursdays meeting I could put this behind me and go forward.

Here is the problem. If I pay the 2018 taxes I will no longer get a hearing to appeal this tax.

My only option from there is to sue the County in order to get a hearing. In the end that will only cost both parties more than the tax itself.

Any suggestions?

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In all honesty, the proper process for challenging the tax assessment is not the Planning Commission. We scheduled the project for the planning commission because we believe that without the taxes being paid, the project could not be approved and we were therefore asking for them to deny the application. We believe that the regulations regarding the tax assessment is clear and that we have no authority to deviate from it. This has been the subject of some legal action already that is still unresolved. That said, if you pay the taxes, we will work with you to bring the application forward for approval and you will have a chance to argue the tax issue to the Planning Commission if you desire.

Meghan's original suggestion to you of paying the taxes, having the interim permit extended and then working to finish the application is an appropriate one because it will enable you to begin cultivating asap. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance. The Planning Department is not trying to be unfair regarding taxation, we are simply trying to apply the regulations as accurately as we can. Our interest really is in getting you permitted and successful.

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Hi Brian, we will be hearing this on March 19th. The hearing starts at 6pm at the county courthouse, Board of Supervisors chambers. You will receive a public hearing notice in the mail in the next week or so.

Cliff

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Life IsAwesome <lifeisawesome2018@gmail.com> Thu, Mar 12, 2020 at 8:29 PM
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aerial photos

On Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 4:16 PM Johnson, Cliff <CJohnson@co.humboldt.ca.us> wrote:
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Ryan, Meghan <mryan2@co.humboldt.ca.us> Tue, Mar 17, 2020 at 8:26 AM
To: Life IsAwesome <lifeisawesome2018@gmail.com>
Cc: Dante Hamm <dante@greenroadconsulting.com>, "Johnson, Cliff" <CJohnson@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Good morning, Brian – I hope you are doing well. As you may know, the Planning Commission meeting for this week is canceled. We are hoping to reschedule for April as feasible. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. Email is the best way to contact me during for the foreseeable future.

Best,

Meghan

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Thank you

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Tue, Mar 17, 2020 at 2:41 PM

To: "Ryan, Meghan" <MRyan2@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Cc: Dante Hamm <dante@greenroadconsulting.com>, "Johnson, Cliff" <cjohnson@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Meghan

I hope the same for you as well. Crazy times we are living in, please stay safe and clean over the next few weeks.

I spoke with my attorney yesterday after his court appearance and he gave me the heads up that is was going to be cancelled.

I have my back against the wall again for the third year in a row.

Like I mentioned to cliff in my Dec 12, 2019 email

I will pay the 2018 taxes after a hearing whether it's fair or not.

My only option today in order to have a successful harvest for 2020 is to pay the past tax for 2018.

I am already one week behind in geminating seeds for the 2020 cultivation and since I don't have a local authority even though I have all my state permits in place I can't legally start germination.

I was truly hoping after Thursdays meeting I could put this behind me and go forward.

Here is the problem. If I pay the 2018 taxes I will no longer get a hearing to appeal this tax.

My only option from there is to sue the County in order to get a hearing. In the end that will only cost both parties more than the tax itself.

Any suggestions?

Thanks

Brian

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Johnson, Cliff <CJohnson@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Wed, Mar 18, 2020 at 5:16 PM

To: Life IsAwesome <lifeisawesome2018@gmail.com>, "Ryan, Meghan" <mryan2@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Cc: Dante Hamm <dante@greenroadconsulting.com>

Hi Brian,

In all honesty, the proper process for challenging the tax assessment is not the Planning Commission. We scheduled the project for the planning commission because we believe that without the taxes being paid, the project could not be approved and we were therefore asking for them to deny the application. We believe that the regulations regarding the tax assessment is clear and that we have no authority to deviate from it. This has been the subject of some legal action already that is still unresolved. That said, if you pay the taxes, we will work with you to bring the application forward for approval and you will have a chance to argue the tax issue to the Planning Commission if you desire.

Meghan's original suggestion to you of paying the taxes, having the interim permit extended and then working to finish the application is an appropriate one because it will enable you to begin cultivating asap. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance. The Planning Department is not trying to be unfair regarding taxation, we are simply trying to apply the regulations as accurately as we can. Our interest really is in getting you permitted and successful.

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Wed, Mar 18, 2020 at 6:29 PM

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Cc: "Ryan, Meghan" <MRyan2@co.humboldt.ca.us>, Dante Hamm <dante@greenroadconsulting.com>

Cliff

I understand the Tax issue hence I hired Ed Denson.

He is the attorney with unresolved issues about the tax.

Here is the problem in which I stated back in 2018 to Bob Russell there is absolutely no written ordinance or anything regarding an appeal to the tax in any county code. I know I ready everyone regarding this matter.

The planning commission doesn't hear tax appeals at all and the only process to appeal your decision at building and planning is having a denial

I can forward you the ordinance about appeals.

All I want to do is work with building and planning and get this done.

If I sell part of my retirement account to pay this. I will not get a hearing and I will be forced to file a lawsuit against the county in order to get the hearing.

Let me talk it over with Ed and get back you tomorrow.

Thanks for the email tonight.

I know it's hard to work with this health crisis looming over the nation.

Best regards

Brian Roberts

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Fri, Mar 20, 2020 at 3:48 PM

To: "Johnson, Cliff" <CJohnson@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Cc: "Ryan, Meghan" <MRyan2@co.humboldt.ca.us>, Dante Hamm <dante@greenroadconsulting.com>

Cliff

After reviewing my options there is no choice but to wait for the hearing and get all the documents submitted for a future court appearance if necessary.

Here is the big question?

Is there a deadline for the 2020 cannabis reduction form?

The reason I ask.

After May 15th if this isn't resolved then I have no chance to even get a seasonal crop in the ground.

Resolving this after this date would trigger another excise tax for the 2020 cultivation season even though I wouldn't be cultivating.

Can I submit the form depending on the day we get to go in front of the planning commission?

Thanks again

Brian Roberts

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Ford, John <JFord@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Mon, Dec 30, 2019 at 5:26 PM

To: "lifeisawesome2018@gmail.com" <lifeisawesome2018@gmail.com>

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Hi Mr. Roberts:

As I understand your appeal, you do not believe you owe 2018 Measure S tax because you removed your cannabis upon discovering that you needed both a local permit and state license to cultivate. Your letter states that you cut down your crop around the end of June 2018. As you are aware, the Measure S tax has been based on the entitlement to cultivate. The issuance of the interim permit provided that entitlement. In 2018 the Planning and Building Department was working with Interim Permit holders to adjust their actual cultivation area, if they reduced the size of their cultivation, or ceased cultivating. When we discussed the relocation of the cultivation area for this property we were not made aware that cultivation has ceased. Based upon aerial imagery, the site was cultivated in 2018.

In the December 12, 2019 email to you from Cliff Johnson was this image dated May 2018:



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Ford, John <JFord@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Tue, Dec 31, 2019 at 4:58 PM

To: Life IsAwesome <lifeisawesome2018@gmail.com>

Cc: "Bohn, Rex" <RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Fennell, Estelle" <EFennell@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Wilson, Mike" <Mike.Wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Bass, Virginia" <VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Madrone, Steve" <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Hi Mr. Roberts:

There seems to be some confusion, your application was submitted under ordinance 1.0 and is being processed as such. Interim Permits are only available to 1.0 applicants. In reviewing your application, the process has had several difficulties. The first was the application was not complete for much of 2017 and the department issued a letter indicating that the application would be deemed withdrawn unless additional information was submitted. The reason that an Interim Permit was not issued in 2017 was because it appeared that the application may be deemed withdrawn due to lack of information and there had been no response to the departments previous requests for information. Additional information was submitted in September of 2017 and processing of the application was started. In 2018, the department identified new cultivation on the property. In August we had discussions with your agent about this new cultivation area and it was explained that this was relocated cannabis cultivation and not new. This resolved the concern with a possible illegal expansion of cultivation area and as a result of that discussion the department issued an Interim Permit. It should be pointed out that you were cultivating prior to having the Interim Permit which is a violation of the County Code and could have been subject to a penalty of \$18,000. You claim the cannabis was removed in June/July, but the aerial imagery does not support this, your agent did not claim there was no cannabis on site when we discussed the new cultivation area in August, and if there was no cannabis on site there would have been no reason to sign the compliance agreement for the Interim Permit. Your Cultivation Operations plan does not indicate that you engage in companion crop practices, but it does state that you plant in early May and harvest in October which is consistent with the aerial images. The Interim Permit is for the whole year, even though it was obtained late, it is not only for cultivation but also for processing, transportation and sale of your product. This is the equivalent of an entire years' worth of cultivation.

The information indicates that there was cultivation on the property in 2018 and thus Measure S taxes are due.

John H. Ford

Brian Roberts
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January 8, 2020

VIA EMAIL AND REGISTERED MAIL

Members of the Board of Supervisors
County of Humboldt
825 5th Street, Room 111
Eureka, Ca 95501

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I have requested an appeal to the 2018 Cultivation Tax that has been assessed on my property APN# 217-401-011-000 APPS#12237 by the Building and Planning Department for 2018. My request to appeal the tax was first initiated the same week it was issued in September 2018. I spoke with Deputy Director Bob Russell at the Building and Planning Department in September 2018.

The Second attempt to discuss the Tax was a 30 minute phone call with Bob Russell. He had mentioned that this was the appeal and there was no committee or independent commission to discuss the appeal. I followed up with a letter to the Board on Dec 26, 2019 to further discuss how an appeal can be granted since it is not written out or specified by the Board of Supervisors.

I received a very prompt email and communication from our Director John Ford on New Years Eve 2019. I am thankful for the dedication he has towards resolving the issues at hand.

My concern is that the Measure S Tax is issued by the Humboldt County Building and Planning Department and they are also the ones that listen to an informal appeal via a phone call and several emails. Measure S has no Board, Commission, or Committee to appeal our cultivation Tax or cultivation size. This responsibility lies in the hand of the Building and Planning Department and they have been overwhelmed in dealing with applications alone.

My application was submitted 12/22/2016 and was awarded a 30 day Interim permit on 8/29/2018. Seven months later on 4/16/2019 our application #12237 was granted processing status and assigned a planner. How does the Building and Planning department verify cultivation sizes or adjust cultivation taxes when they are under staffed?

Measure S needs a committee, commission or independent panel to deal with appeals to the cultivation tax or adjustment to cultivation size within the year. Seasonal crops need rotation and the size will vary from year to year. Taxes should only be paid on the cultivation sq footage grown per calendar year. I support Measure S and it was a ground breaking measure passed by our Board of Supervisors in 2016. I signed the 2018 Humboldt County Interim Clearance Certificate under duress in Aug 2018. The acceptance of the Interim Permit allowed me to pursue the California State license. My interim permit was issued for 30 days, which is not enough time to cultivate a seasonal crop that starts in May and ends in October.

How does an individual appeal a cultivation Tax and cultivation size?

Respectfully,

Brian Roberts

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PLN-12237-SP
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April 10, 2020

Dear John Ford

The applicant requests that you extend the temporary permit PLN-12237-SP for 2020 until a public hearing can take place. The applicant has continued to show good faith by paying the 1st installment for 2019 Excise Taxes. The planning commissions March 19, 2020 hearing was postponed on March 17, 2020 due to Corona Virus. In this hearing the applicant will present the case against the 2018 excise tax issued on the property. The planning commission's decision could have ended this and got both parties working towards the ultimate goal of getting the permit approved.

Director Ford your approval of the 2020 temporary permit would allow the applicant to continue business until the hearing can take place. Again referring back to your June 26, 2018 letter a cultivator can not operate without both the state and local authorization. The applicant has a current State of California cultivation license but has been denied local authorization until a public hearing takes place with the planning commission. According to your staff report March 13, 2020 the main reason for denial of the application is non payment for 2018 Excise Taxes.

2018 the applicants business suffered a complete loss of revenue because of two mistakes done by the Planning and Building Department. First Portia Saucedo (PNS) on March 12, 2018 was looking at two APN numbers and combined them as one for the CAV report and concluded an expansion of cultivation. Second the CAV report was not forwarded until mid August 2018 five months after the original report was done. Once the CAV report was forwarded the applicant notified Planning and Building of their mistake and the correction was made within the week.

As a final request, please extend the applicants temporary 2020 cultivation permit PLN-12237-SP until Humboldt County can resume business as usual with the Planning Commission. The applicant has meet every obligation for the State of California regarding cannabis cultivation.

Thanks

Brian Roberts

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Feb 1, 2020

VIA EMAIL and MAIL

Estelle Fennell
District 2 Supervisor County of Humboldt
825 5th Street, Room 111
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Honorable Member of the Board of Supervisors,

Hello Estelle and thank you for taking my phone call yesterday regarding this issue. The Building and Planning Department has been given an overwhelming task of permitting cannabis cultivation sites along with their added responsibility of enforcement as well. They are also the final judge in any tax dispute regarding cultivation taxes they issue. It appears that our basic American principle of checks and balance within our Government has been replaced with what we say goes and is final.

In 2018 the Building and Planning Department stepped up enforcement and started sending out abatement letters to hundreds of Humboldt County residents. Their dual split of time between enforcement and processing applications in a timely manner failed to coexist.

My application had a Cultivation Area Verification form done on March 12th 2018 and signed by PNS. I was not made aware of this until August 20th, 2018. (attached)

Why did it take 5 months to send a letter? The letter stated we had expanded our cultivation area and therefore being denied a permit. I replied the following day. The Cultivation Area Verification was completely wrong.

They calculated my grow area based on LxW of a greenhouse Line 3 of the CAV form. I don't have greenhouses on my property. The main problem here was that they were looking at my neighbors cultivation area. The planner who was doing the verification was looking at both my property and the neighbors and combining them as one. The problem still exists today. As I look over my application online I can see several photos that are in my application that are not my property. Several photos show grading and a greenhouse in which both have never occurred on our property.

The day after the CAV form was sent to me I replied. The following day Aug 22nd, 2018. I signed it on Aug 29th, 2018 and returned it to Building and Planning at the same time I asked about why my square footage had been reduced from 10,000 sq ft to 9,000 sq ft but I couldn't get an answer. I had three weeks until the offer for a temp permit would expire. So there was no chance to appeal the sq footage within a three week period.

This is just an opinion of mine. Building and planning thought I had expanded my cultivation area and instead of addressing the issue immediately in March when no crops were in the ground they waited five months until crops would be in the ground according to my project description. When they sent the letter they assumed they had enforced another illegal grow and thus therefore deny another cannabis permit. The problem though was that they had been looking at two legal cultivation sites and made the simple mistake. That was corrected in a day when they got my appeal to the Cultivation Area Verification form claiming my expansion.

I signed my Temporary 30 day county permit on Aug 29,2018 expiring on Sep 30,2018.
This was signed under duress because if I didn't have a county permit my eligibility for a state temp permit would have ceased. The state of California was stopping all issues of Temporary permits on Dec 31, 2018. Humboldt County gave me three months to apply for a state license.

Here are the facts regarding APN217-401-011-00 Apps#12237

Date application was filed	12/22/2016
Cultivation Area Verification form	3/12/2018
CAV form sent out	8/20/2018
CAV response	8/21/2018
Temp Permit letter	8/22/2018
Temp Permit notarized and returned	8/29/2018
Cultivation Tax bill 2018	9/7/2018
Spoke with Bob Russell appeal tax	9/10/2018

Building and planning could have come inspected my property anytime between 9/10/2018 and the end of OCT 2018 in which I was appealing my cultivation tax for the 2018 year.

Extension letter til 12/31/2018	9/21/2018
Another extension letter for all of 2019	12/21/2018
Letter of acceptance Planner assigned	4/16/2019

I thought my talk with Bob had resulted in my appeal for the 2018 cultivation tax.
I had poorly assumed that my continual extensions to my temporary permit was because Bob had corrected the mistake in taxing me for 2018 when our cultivation ceased after the June 26th, 2018 letter stating all cultivation done is illegal unless the property holds both a county and state permit.

I am now being judged based on a poor quality photo that appears to have green growth. Yet my answer that we continued to grow our cover crops to enhance the soil was denied by the Building And Planning Department because I didn't state it in my project description that were grow cover crops along with our cannabis cultivation.

Where is the checks and balance in our Government? The same agency issuing the tax is the only agency that can appeal the tax as well. That agency is the Building and Planning department and there appeal process consisted of a 30 minute phone call and two emails. I was judged by the same person who issued the tax on my property. Estelle I thank you for speaking on my behalf to the Building and Planning Department. I only wish we could have a proper form of appealing a tax. Especially one that is equivalent to \$1,000,000 dollar property tax.

Respectfully,

Brian Roberts



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

2019-2024

2019-2020 Update

Results Report
February 4, 2019

County of Humboldt Strategic Framework 2019-2024

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Preface

This Strategic Framework is intended to provide a strong, workable plan that guides the county's work, and makes our efforts as effective as possible. This Framework focuses on addressing community needs, improving government processes and building a solid financial foundation.

The community's feedback is central to this plan. Through hours of community workshops over several years, both in person and online, we have heard about citizens' priorities, and we have worked to incorporate those into this plan. We also worked with Board members, other elected officials and department heads to develop the vision and goals you will see on the following pages.

The measures contained within the Strategic Framework will be used to show the county's progress towards specific goals and objectives. They will also help ensure that the budget reflects our priority to create a community where a diverse group of people want to live, work and play.



2019-20 ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

District 1: Rex Bohn

District 2: Estelle Fennell

District 3: Mike Wilson

District 4: Virginia Bass

District 5: Steve Madrone

County Administrative Officer

Amy S. Nilsen

Agency and Department Heads

Agricultural Commissioner: Jeff Dolf

Aviation: Cody Roggatz

Cooperative Extension: Yana Valachovic

County Counsel: Jeff Blanck

Child Support Services: Lisa Dugan

Health & Human Services: Connie Beck

Human Resources: Lisa DeMatteo

Libraries: Nick Wilczek

Planning & Building: John H. Ford

Probation: Shaun Brenneman

Public Defender: Marek Reavis

Public Works: Tom Mattson

Elected Officials

Assessor: Mari Wilson

Auditor-Controller: Karen Paz-Dominguez

Clerk-Recorder/Elections: Kelly Sanders

District Attorney: Maggie Fleming

Sheriff-Coroner: William F. Honsal

Treasurer-Tax Collector: John Bartholomew



Mission: The County of Humboldt, through the dedication and excellence of its employees, is committed to meeting the needs and addressing the concerns of the community and enhancing the quality of life.

Value Statement: The Board of Supervisors wishes to promote an organizational environment in which staff and department heads are encouraged to explore innovative ways to align the County with current external realities, and are on the lookout for opportunities to improve our organization and the community.

Focus: To Promote a Safe, Healthy, Economically Vibrant Community

- Core Roles:**
- Enforce laws and regulations to protect residents
 - Provide for and maintain infrastructure
 - Create opportunities for improved safety and health
 - Encourage new local enterprise
 - Support business, workforce development and creation of private-sector jobs
 - Protect vulnerable populations
 - Strengthen climate change resiliency

Priorities for New Initiatives:

Provide our core services in ways that:

Match service availability with residents' needs

- Provide community-appropriate levels of service
- Support self-reliance of citizens
- Streamline county permit processes
- Retain existing and facilitate new living-wage private sector jobs and housing

Safeguard the public trust

- Manage our resources to ensure sustainability of services
- Invest in County employees
- Invite civic engagement and awareness of available services

Make proactive decisions to:

Partner to promote quality services

- Foster transparent, accessible, welcoming and user friendly services
- Facilitate the establishment of local revenue sources to address local needs
- Seek outside funding sources to benefit Humboldt County needs
- Facilitate public/private partnerships to solve problems
- Build inter-jurisdictional and regional cooperation

Be an effective and influential voice for our community at the regional, state and federal levels

- Advance local interests in natural resource discussions
- Engage in discussions of our regional economic future
- Engage new partners

STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS

Visions For 2037

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Vision (desired future state)

- Goal Statements (broad primary outcomes)
 - o Prioritized Strategy statements (the approaches to take to achieve the goals)
 - Objectives (the measurable steps to take to achieve the strategies)

Healthy and Safe Communities

2019-2020 Goals		Strategies		Objectives (Performance Measures)	Responsible Departments	Progress Report
1.1	Increase access to housing.	1.1.A.	Identify funding for the Housing Trust Fund created by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on February 27, 2018.	Allocate proceeds from the sale of the Lucas Street property to the Housing Trust Fund by June 30, 2019.	Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), County Administrative Office (CAO), Public Works and the Housing Trust Fund and Homelessness Solutions Committee.	Ongoing.
		1.1.B.	Continue to provide staffing support to the Housing Trust Fund and Homelessness Solutions Committee.	Allocate a Housing Assistance Coordinator by March 20, 2019.	DHHS	Position allocated 10/23/2018.
		1.1.C	Incentivize housing investment for community members.	Review and analyze the available housing funds which include: Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment, California Emergency Shelter Solutions and Housing, and Homeless Emergency Aid Program for opportunities to increase new affordable housing.	DHHS	Ongoing.
				Track the amount of Housing and Urban Development dollars that are distributed to the community for affordable housing.	Planning and Building	Ongoing \$22M in outstanding loans.

Healthy and Safe Communities (continued)

2019-2020 Goals		Strategies		Objectives (Performance Measures)	Responsible Departments	Progress Report
				Identify partners to build and/or convert existing resources into affordable housing.	DHHS	Ongoing.
				Apply for appropriate HUD and other housing grants on an annual basis.	DHHS, support of Housing Trust Fund, Homelessness Solutions Committee and HHHC, Planning and Building	DHHS actively supporting pursuit of HUD monies: HMIOT, CESH, HEAP, Home Safe and NPLH housing monies.
				Prepare RFPs related to current housing monies (can be used for building but funds must be expended before general construction time frames).	Planning and Building, DHHS	Ongoing.
		1.1.D	Explore emerging and affordable housing options and other successful housing programs in the country.	Attend trainings and conferences on housing and homelessness and identify best practices for implementation.	DHHS Housing Team	
		1.1.E	Review zoning opportunities to increase affordable housing.	Zone properties and support activities to ensure developers can build, as required by the county's Housing Element and RHNA obligation.	Planning and Building	Ongoing.
1.2	Review housing options for county employees.	1.2.A	Develop rental housing inventory list for existing and new employees.	Provide links to rental agencies on county intranet for employees.	Hum21	Ongoing.
		1.2.B	Connect county employees with the county's First-Time Home Buyer program.	Refer employees to the First Time Home Buyer program annually.	Planning and Building, Human Resources	Ongoing.
1.3	Reduce Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES), improve implementation of trauma-informed care practices.	1.3.A	Improve mental health services and facilities for children and families.	Provide \$400K in funding to First 5 annually to support early childhood mental health projects.	BOS and DHHS	\$400K was allocated to First 5 on June 26, 2018 through the adopted Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget. The \$200K awarded in mini-grants annually are in part to increase information about ACES.

Healthy and Safe Communities (continued)

2019-2020 Goals		Strategies		Objectives (Performance Measures)	Responsible Departments	Progress Report
		1.3.B	Identify and adopt principles of a trauma-informed organization.	Begin to track and report on trauma-informed care training.	DHHS	Contained in DHHS strategic plan, both for providing services to clients and patients and related to secondary trauma; contracting to do a baseline assessment.
				Receive baseline assessment for DHHS as a trauma-informed organization.	DHHS	Will be able to track trainings starting January 2019. University of Kentucky assessment Fall 2018.
		1.3.C	Continue Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training.	Train law enforcement officers/participate in CIT training.	DHHS in partnership with Sheriff, other law enforcement	Ongoing.
		1.3.D	Encourage usage of pro-social activities such as sports, music lessons for at-risk youth.	Expand and continue to provide pro-social activities through Probation, Correctional Facility (Parenting with Love & Logic), Library and DHHS, and in the future Public Defender’s Office, for vulnerable populations.	Sheriff – Correctional Facility, Probation (Healthy Alternatives), Library and Public Defender	Ongoing.
		1.3.E	Provide more mental health support to children in schools.	Allocate school-based mental health services.	DHHS	DHHS was awarded a mental health Triage grant for school based services. The grant will fund 7 county staff and 9 HCOE positions; initial implementation activities Winter 2018/19.
		1.3.F	Streamline services to reduce further trauma to youth.	Centralize the District Attorney’s Victim Witness and Child Abuse Services Team on the 5th floor of the courthouse.	DA - CAST/Victim Witness	Contained in DHHS strategic plan, both for providing services to clients and patients and related to secondary trauma; contracting to do a baseline assessment.
		1.3.G	Implement commercially sexually exploited children identification tool in juvenile delinquency system.	Screen youth as part of the intake assessment.	Probation	<u>Completed</u> . Tool went live in November 2018.

Healthy and Safe Communities (continued)

2019-2020 Goals		Strategies		Objectives (Performance Measures)	Responsible Departments	Progress Report
1.4	Reduce and/or eliminate substance abuse and opioid addiction in our community.	1.4.A	Increase funding from local, state and federal sources to address local needs.	Support Measure Z, the county's half-cent sales tax, November, 2018 renewal efforts.	CAO, Sheriff, District Attorney	<u>Completed.</u>
				Adopt ordinance relating to the Renewal of Measure Z by July 31, 2018.	Sheriff, District Attorney, Probation, DHHS and CAO.	<u>Completed.</u> Ordinance relating to the renewal of Measure Z adopted on July 31, 2018 agenda item C-12.
		1.4.B	Increase legislative activities around funding for services.	Substance use disorder/ opioid treatment in BOS 2019 Legislative Platform	DHHS/CAO	Ongoing.
		1.4.C	Increase funding for substance abuse treatment including an inpatient treatment option.	Support state and federal approval of the regional Drug Medi-Cal plan to expand substance abuse treatment options and increase federal funding for Drug Medi-Cal services.	DHHS	Ongoing.
		1.4.D	Maintain county participation in RxSafe Humboldt and Drug Task Force.	Track use of RxSafe Humboldt and amount of illegal substances removed off the streets of Humboldt County.	Sheriff, DHHS	Ongoing.
		1.4.E	Reduce stigma for substance abuse and mental health disorders.	Continue expending full amount of MHSA to improve access to services.	DHHS	\$1.6M to be spent in FY 2019-20 on access improvement.
		1.4.F	Maintain Adult Drug Court as a sentencing option.	Track the number of participants in Drug Court.	Probation	Ongoing.
		1.4.G	Probation subsidy of residential SUD programs for justice-involved individuals.	Track number of referrals and completions of program.	Probation	Ongoing.
		1.4.H	Continue county litigation as a plaintiff against the major opioid producers in federal court to recover costs incurred by the county in responding to the addiction crisis.	Monitor federal court test case and respond to possible settlement options	County Counsel	Ongoing.

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A Healthy Environment With Robust Infrastructure						
2019-2020 Goals		Strategies		Objectives (Performance Measures)	Responsible Departments	Progress Report
2.1	Improve transportation network to be properly-maintained, multi-model and energy efficient (e.g. roads, trails, public transportation and commercial airline).	2.1.A	Document and report to the community on road improvements.	Prepare an annual resolution approving a list of Senate Bill 1 road repair projects; prepare a year-end actual report on SB 1 projects; and document how Measure Z funds were spent on roads repair projects.	Public Works	Ongoing.
		2.1.B	Improve community education on the needs of a transportation system.	Continue community presentations and news (all modes) reports on the county’s transportation system.	Public Works, Public Health	Ongoing.
		2.1.C	Incorporate the four E’s in roads projects: Engineering, Education, Enforcement and Emergency response services.	Complete local road safety plan by early 2019.	Public Works	In progress.
		2.1.D	Continually research and implement rural road maintenance options.		Public Works	Ongoing.
		2.1.E	Use county property such as roads, buildings and airports for energy generation and work to make county facilities more energy efficient.	Begin construction at ACV for solar micro grid and document Kilowatt-hours (kWh) produced.	Public Works, Department of Aviation, RCEA	Ongoing.
				Work with Redwood Coast Energy Authority to improve energy efficiency in county buildings and create solar energy sites.	Public Works	Ongoing.
		2.1.F	Implement compliance with 2016 American with Disabilities Act (ADA) consent decree for curb ramps.	Identify and secure funding for ADA curb ramp projects.	Public Works, CAO	Ongoing.
Install Curb Ramps.	Public Works			First major bid to go out spring 2018 for greater Eureka area.		

A Healthy Environment With Robust Infrastructure (continued)

2019-2020 Goals		Strategies		Objectives (Performance Measures)	Responsible Departments	Progress Report
		2.1.G	Plan for sea level rise.	Complete Humboldt Bay Area plan, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries, by presenting policy options to the Planning Commission, and developing a policy document for public review by June 2019.	Public Works, Planning and Building	Ongoing. Grant received to begin planning.
				Implement policy options, once selected, and approved by the Board of Supervisors.	Public Works, Planning and Building	
				Complete Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan for Humboldt Bay Transportation Infrastructure (Phase 1).	Public Works	Grant funding awarded. Procuring consultant, technical work will begin February 2019.
		2.1.H	Hire a Director of Aviation.	Recruit and retain a Director of Aviation.	BOS, Human Resources	<u>Completed.</u> Director of Aviation hired on September 24 2018.
		2.1.I	Create a financially independent Airports Department.	Create the Department of Aviation by September 30, 2018.	CAO	<u>Completed.</u> The Department of Aviation was created on August 28, 2018 agenda item C-7.
				Complete a review and updated expired lease agreements at all six airports by December 31, 2020.	Department of Aviation	Ongoing.
				Pursue development opportunities on county owned airport property.	Department of Aviation, PW Real Property	Ongoing.
		2.1.J	Recruit additional commercial airline service.	Expand commercial air service to two airlines by December 31, 2021.	Department of Aviation	Ongoing.
				Recruit and retain 2.0 FTE additional aviation professionals, which includes a Senior Administrative Analyst and Airports Business and Finance Manager.	Department of Aviation	Senior Administrative Analyst position allocated on Nov. 13, 2018.

A Healthy Environment With Robust Infrastructure (continued)

2019-2020 Goals		Strategies		Objectives (Performance Measures)	Responsible Departments	Progress Report
				Staff Airport Operations and the Maintenance Division to levels to maintain the six county airports, which includes reviewing law enforcement coverage, Airport Service Workers and Building Maintenance Technicians.	Department of Aviation	
2.2	Improve Trails, Rivers, and Parks infrastructure	2.2.A	Expand Humboldt County's trail infrastructure to increase active transportation and reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT).	Increase the number of miles of paved multi-use trails (e.g., Humboldt Bay Trail, Annie & Mary Trail, Little River Trail, Manila Highway 255 Shared-Use Path). Implement the McKay Community Forest Trail Plan. Support the North Coast Railroad Authority implement SB 1029 for creation of the Great Redwood Trail.	Public Works	Humboldt Bay Trail is in permitting, right-of-way, final design phase, for construction in 2021. McKay Trail Plan to be released early 2019.
			Improve access and use of Humboldt County's parks.	Increase the county's Parks maintenance budget.	Public Works, CAO	Supplemental budget for additional park caretaker submitted for FY18-19 mid-year adjustment. Will propose project coordinator position for FY 19-20.
				Complete the Clam Beach and Freshwater Park ADA modifications.	Public Works, CAO	Contracts are being finalized, work to be completed by mid-2019.
				Work with special districts to share management or transfer parks within their jurisdictions.	Public Works	
		2.2.D	Remove the four lowermost Klamath River dams and exercise the County's contract right for annual water releases of 50,000 acre-feet from the Trinity reservoir.	Continue to advocate for the removal of the Klamath dams. Continue to work with Bureau of Reclamation and stakeholders to achieve the required reviews and approvals for the Bureau to honor the county's 1959 water contract for annual releases of not less than 50,000 acre-feet of water from the Trinity Reservoir.	Public Works	Public Works is developing a Flow Plan and will bring a policy statement resolution to the Board in early 2019.

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2019-2020 Goals		Strategies		Objectives (Performance Measures)	Responsible Departments	Progress Report
			Support a two-basin solution for the future of PG&E's Potter Valley Project on the upper Eel River.	Actively participate in Congressman Jared Huffman's Potter Valley Project Ad Hoc Committee, hydropower re-licensing, and other regional discussions.	Public Works	Resolution 18-56 adopted. Public Works has retained a consultant to help represent the County in regional negotiations.
			Support healthy rivers and watersheds to increase fish populations and sustainable harvest opportunities.	Participate in partnerships to improve fish passage, reduce sediment delivery, improve natural flows, and restore geomorphic processes to improve fish habitat.	Public Works	Ongoing, contract administration for North Coast Resource Partnership. Ongoing support for Salt River project.
2.3	Improve communications infrastructure (e.g. broadband).	2.3.A	Add conduit in all arterial roads projects.		Public Works, Tribes, Cities	
		2.3.B	Upgrade radio infrastructure to improve public safety communications throughout Humboldt County.	Prepare Request for Proposal to select vendor to upgrade radio infrastructure.	CAO-IT	Motorola has been selected.
				Allocate funds for the radio infrastructure upgrade project estimated at \$6.9M.	Sheriff, CAO	Additional allocation of \$2.8M approved by the Board on Nov. 13, 2018, agenda item I-1.
				Complete the radio infrastructure upgrade project.	Sheriff, CAO	Ongoing.
2.4	Foster healthy forests, wildlife, and watersheds, thereby creating healthy fish population, through responsible management of our forest lands and watersheds.	2.4.A	Create a climate action plan and plan for alternative energy export.	Draft a Climate Action Plan by the end of 2019 and adopt the CAP by June, 2020.	Planning and Building	Ongoing.
		2.4.B	Enhance fire safe activities/programs through the Humboldt County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).	Monitor progress on CWPP targets.	Public Works, Fire Safe Councils	Annual Report to BOS.
		2.4.C	Manage the McKay Community Forest site for long-term sustainable timber production and recreation.	Monitor visitors, trails developed, access points, and acres of additional land and volume of wood harvested.	Public Works	First harvest in 2018 to pay for Northridge parking lot construction. Timber management plan in 2019. Potential Phase 2 expansion in 2019.

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A Resilient and Thriving Economy						
2019-2020 Goals		Strategies		Objectives (Performance Measures)	Responsible Departments	Progress Report
3.1	Improve the economy of Humboldt County.	3.1.A.	Diversify the local economy with living wage jobs for both blue and white collar professionals by concentrating on “value added” industries.	Recruit, hire and retain an Economic Development Director by December 15, 2018.	CAO, Human Resources	<u>Completed</u> . Start date for Economic Development Director was Nov. 6, 2018.
				Update the local coastal plans particularly for Humboldt Bay by June 30, 2019.	Planning and Building	<u>Completed</u> . An economic analysis on coastal development industry.
				Streamline the county’s multiple permitting processes, in accordance with state regulations, through county policy action and/or co-location.	Planning and Building, DHHS, Public Works	RFP for co-location was reissued on Nov. 13, 2018.
				Begin General Plan policy implementation.	Planning and Building	Before the Board on January 15, 2019.
				Develop expedited permit process.	Planning and Building	Ongoing.
				Complete the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) in order to be eligible for federal economic development funds by November, 2018.	CAO-Economic Development	<u>Completed</u> . CEDS adopted on Nov. 13, 2018, agenda item I-2. EDA approved CEDS on Dec. 18, 2018.
				Roll out Economic Development internship and education program in partnership with HSU and CR.	CAO-Economic Development	Ongoing.
				Roll out social media engagement campaign with use/support of interns. Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Facebook, LinkedIn & YouTube – New Business Development.	CAO-Economic Development	Ongoing.

A Resilient and Thriving Economy (continued)

2019-2020 Goals		Strategies		Objectives (Performance Measures)	Responsible Departments	Progress Report
				GOHUMCO (placeholder for project name) - Replace Prosperity website (http://www.redwoodcoastprosperity.com) with comprehensive and inclusive marketing and attraction tool which focuses on “Live, Work, Play” in Humboldt County – New Business Development.	CAO-Economic Development	Ongoing.
				Perform brownfield and greenfield site analysis and create inventory of all available commercial, industrial, and retail locations (within opportunity areas) for potential re/development.	CAO-Economic Development	Ongoing.
				Perform employer analysis and create database of “job generators” amongst target industries as identified by the CEDS / follow up with employer outreach.	CAO-Economic Development	Ongoing.
				Develop (write) New Business Development, as well as Marketing and Attraction, policies, procedures and methods for Economic Development.	CAO-Economic Development	Ongoing.
				Continue contracting with North Coast Grower’s Association to increase CalFresh usage at farmer’s markets. Efforts include direct application assistance and support for “market match.”	DHHS	In 2018 From January through October an additional \$70K of CalFresh was spent local farmer’s markets.
		3.1.B	Create a thriving working waterfront.	Partner with the Harbor District and the City of Eureka on new business development.	CAO-Economic Development, Planning and Building	Actively pursuing two potential projects.
				Create a master development plan.	CAO-Economic Development, Planning and Building	Ongoing.

A Resilient and Thriving Economy (continued)

2019-2020 Goals		Strategies		Objectives (Performance Measures)	Responsible Departments	Progress Report
		3.1.C	Capitalize on tourism through focus on the Avenue of the Giants, cannabis, creative arts, international tourism and cruise ships.	Support the evolution of Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) to meet the evolving tourism needs of Humboldt County.	CAO-Economic Development, Treasurer-Tax Collector	Ongoing.
3.1	Improve the economy of Humboldt County.	3.1.D	Provide advancement in food production and more diversification with exports.	Support new business development in aquaculture food production.	CAO-Economic Development, Planning and Building	Ongoing.
		3.1.E	Enable state of the art medical facilities and doctors.	Continued DHHS Director membership in the North Coast Health Leadership Team.	DHHS	In May 2015, the CEO Roundtable appointed a workgroup focused on the number one cross-cutting goal across all organizations: workforce needs in Humboldt County, including physicians, mid-levels, clinical lab scientists, social workers, and behavioral health providers. In September 2016, the local Workforce Development Board received a \$1M "Slingshot" grant focused on the healthcare workforce.
3.2	Stabilize and support a successful cannabis economy.	3.2.A	Permit cannabis facilities and farms and collect the cannabis excise tax.	Issue cannabis permits and tax bills.	Planning and Building, Treasurer-Tax Collector	Ongoing.
		3.2.B	Increase compliance with local and state laws.	Conduct 375 inspections by November 30, 2018.	Agriculture/Sealer of Weights & Measures	Completed 175 of the 375, contract revision before the Board in January 2019.
		3.2.C	Improve financing options for cannabis businesses.	Participate in the California Cannabis Authority to help facilitate cannabis financing.	BOS, Treasurer-Tax Collector	Ongoing.

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2019-2020 Goals		Strategies		Objectives (Performance Measures)	Responsible Departments	Progress Report
		3.2.D	Develop a cannabis branding plan.	Allocate \$1.71M to cannabis marketing program.	Planning and Building, CAO-Economic Development, Agriculture/Sealer of Weights & Measures	Ongoing.
				Develop (write) cannabis micro grant program for cannabis supporting initiatives and cannabis industry, with presentation to BOS by March, 2019.	CAO-Economic Development	In progress.
				Develop (write) cannabis marketing and promotion grant program with presentation to BOS by March, 2019.	CAO-Economic Development	In progress.
		3.2.E	Increase pesticide outreach and educational opportunities on cannabis inspections.	Report on the number of pesticide use compliance inspections (PUCI) and pesticide use permits (PUP) issued.	Agriculture/Sealer of Weights & Measures	Ongoing PUCI: 187 PUP: 147.
3.3	Utilize innovative technology (e.g. energy independence, sustainable biomass management and transpacific cable).	3.3.A	Increase the use of biomass energy which is renewable and clean, reduces forest fuels and creates local jobs.	Support clean energy new business development.	CAO-Economic Development, Planning and Building, Department of Aviation	Two projects currently: ACV airport and wind energy.

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2019-2020 Goals		Strategies		Objectives (Performance Measures)	Responsible Departments	Progress Report
4.1	Identify synergies between all county departments and cities to increase efficiency and effectiveness.	4.1.A	Receive and implement recommendations from the CPS HR Centralized Services Review.	Receive the CPS HR Centralized Services report by January 31, 2019.	CAO, DHHS, Human Resources, Auditor-Controller	Ongoing.
				Begin implementation of recommendations by March 30, 2019.	CAO, DHHS, Human Resources, Auditor-Controller	Ongoing.
				Identify redundant services and develop Standard Operating Procedures for centralization.	Human Resources, All Departments	Ongoing.
				Contract with a consultant to develop work flows and SOPs to ease transition.	Human Resources, All Departments	Ongoing.
				Utilize LEAN strategies to identify best processes.	Human Resources, All Departments	Ongoing.
				Develop interdisciplinary teams to evaluate redundant services.	Human Resources, All Departments	Ongoing.
				Identify FTE requirements for performing redundant services.	Human Resources, All Departments	Ongoing.
4.2	Create a community where county programs, services and facilities are accessible to all with disabilities.	4.2.A	Execute the terms of the 2016 ADA consent decree with the Department of Justice to ensure that county programs, services and activities are accessible to all.	Receive all facility assessments from the Independent Licensed Architect.	CAO, Public Works, Sheriff-OES and all departments that provide a program, service or activity to the public.	Ongoing.
				Complete the majority of consent decree items by September 7, 2019.	All Departments	Ongoing.

Improved County Government Operations (continued)

2019-2020 Goals		Strategies		Objectives (Performance Measures)	Responsible Departments	Progress Report
		4.2.B	Contract for transition plan to bring all county facilities and curb ramps into compliance with the ADA.	Enter into a transition plan to bring county facilities into compliance with ADA.	All departments that provide a program, service or activity to the public.	Ongoing.
4.3	Create campus-like county facilities with co-located services that are desirable to work and be in, in consultation with the cities.	4.3.A	Develop a facilities master plan for county facilities that is approved and identify funding by the Board of Supervisors.	Allocate \$600K for the facilities master plan.	All County Departments	\$250K was allocated to the facilities master plan in the Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget. \$250K was allocated to the facilities master plan on June 6, 2018 through the adopted Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget.
				Departments submit their facility surveys to KPA by Sept. 24, 2018.	All Departments	Ongoing.
				Work with neighboring jurisdictions to review their facility needs and share county need to explore the possibility of shared facilities by Dec. 2019.	CAO, Public Works	First meeting held 10/23/18.
				Identify which departments should be located together.	All Departments	Ongoing, need for space to include clusters identified.
				Identify potential sites (renovate existing versus new construction).	CAO, Public Works	Ongoing.
				The Board of Supervisors adopts the facilities master plan.	CAO	Ongoing.
		4.3.B	Begin work on campus-like facilities.	Complete the temporary Garberville campus.	Public Works, CAO	Ongoing. An RFP for design services was issued on Nov. 13, 2018. \$400K was allocated for this project on Nov. 13, 2018.

Improved County Government Operations (continued)

2019-2020 Goals		Strategies		Objectives (Performance Measures)	Responsible Departments	Progress Report
4.4	Attract and retain the best county employees.	4.4.A	Utilize LEAN principles and practices to improve government efficiency, as well as build leadership at all levels to foster an engaged workforce.	Begin LEAN training by December 7.	Human Resources, CAO	Began first training on Dec. 7, 2018.
				Identify a LEAN team to lead process implementation through county.	Human Resources and HR Consultative Group	Ongoing.
				Create a database of LEAN initiatives.	Human Resources and HR Consultative Group	Ongoing.
				Streamlining of processes/ elimination of duplication by Hum 21 multi-departmental working groups.	Human Resources and HR Consultative Group	Ongoing.
				Use database to track savings.	Human Resources and HR Consultative Group	Ongoing.
		4.4.B	Complete employee contract negotiations for all bargaining units.	All employee contract negotiations completed.	Human Resources, CAO, BOS	Completed.
				Create a MOU review team for each budget unit to evaluate necessary changes before next negotiations begin.	Human Resources and HR Consultative Group	MOUs to begin review at the beginning of 2019.
		4.4.C	Evaluate benefit options and plan structures.	Evaluate provider options & risk associated with changing vendors.	Human Resources	3/19 EIA Symposium 7/19 Due From RM.
				Encourage consumer driven decisions about healthcare.	Human Resources	Ongoing.
				Evaluate plan design for wellness opportunities and incentives.	Human Resources	Ongoing.
		4.4.D	Develop a comprehensive training program for all staff from department heads to line staff.	Form team consisting of liaisons from all departments to develop a comprehensive training program.	Human Resources and HR Consultative Group	Ongoing.

Improved County Government Operations (continued)

2019-2020 Goals		Strategies		Objectives (Performance Measures)	Responsible Departments	Progress Report
				Identify needed trainings and develop or obtain training materials. Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown Bag • Resume/Application for current employees and public • Financial Health • Online Trainings Library • Benefits • Curriculum based on county role: Executive, New Supervision, Mid-Level, Aspiring Supervisor • Create opportunities to transfer learning to the work environment (practical application) 	Human Resources and HR Consultative Group	Ongoing.
				Implement NEOGOV LEARN Module and integrate trainings into LEARN where possible. Full implementation of LEARN in FY 2020-21.	Human Resources	Contract to the Board for LEARN module on Jan. 8, 2019.
				Utilize professional resources available within the county to facilitate programs. Use senior staff to facilitate programs.	Human Resources	Ongoing.
				Track employees trained and retained through LEARN module.	Human Resources	Ongoing.
		4.4.E	Improve recruitment candidate pool, quality/ quantity.	Research current workforce needs/ desirable employment.	Human Resources	Ongoing.
				Educate the public by using our existing employees to share and discuss opportunities that are available (open houses, meetings, luncheons).	Human Resources	Ongoing.
				Offer recruitment and testing opportunities during non-business hours.	Human Resources	Completed. Now offering testing online, weekends and weeknights.
				Participate in recruitment fairs or create our own.	Human Resources	Ongoing.
				Educate the community on why and how working for the county is possible and important.	Human Resources	Ongoing.
		4.4.F	Develop onboarding program by Spring 2019.	Form team consisting of liaisons from all departments.	Human Resources	Ongoing.

Improved County Government Operations (continued)

2019-2020 Goals		Strategies		Objectives (Performance Measures)	Responsible Departments	Progress Report
				Develop new hire orientation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits • Education Reimbursement • Integrate Brand • Welcome package 	Human Resources and HR Consultative Group	Contract being evaluated.
				Develop onboarding program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Wide • Department Specific 	Human Resources and HR Consultative Group	Ongoing.
				Implement NEOGOV Onboard Module (County-wide).	Human Resources and HR Consultative Group	Contract being evaluated.
				Identify and train mentors and utilize Onboard Mentor feature.	Human Resources and HR Consultative Group	Ongoing.
				Track employee turnover (6 months, 1 year, etc.).	Human Resources and HR Consultative Group	Ongoing.
				Conduct knowledge survey with pre-onboarded employees and after onboarding. Survey again at 3 months for retention data.	Human Resources and HR Consultative Group	Ongoing.
		4.4.G	Evaluate current HRIS technologies for employee self-service.	Allocate funds for OneSolution upgrades.	Human Resources, CAO	Ongoing.
				Decrease HRIS manual transactions.	Human Resources	Vendor to be determined.
		4.4.H	Create a comprehensive wellness program.	Implement wellness program long-term plan to build on Wellness Reimbursement Program. Compare baseline absenteeism rate to industry standard.	Human Resources	Ongoing.
		4.4.I	Explore private, federal, state and local options to promote the use of public and/or group transportation by county employees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify grant and/or other funding opportunities to support the utilization of public and/or group transportation • Research personal/county tax implications and costs related to incentives for employee use of public and/or group transportation • Identify current options for local public and/or group transportation • Develop a report of options to be presented to the BOS for direction 	Human Resources	

Improved County Government Operations (continued)

2019-2020 Goals		Strategies		Objectives (Performance Measures)	Responsible Departments	Progress Report
		4.4.J	Contract for an employee engagement survey.	Increase employee engagement from baseline line assessment.	Human Resources	Ongoing.
		4.4.K	Explore additional ancillary benefits that would positively impact employee retention (i.e., child/elder care, housing, supplemental healthcare).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research viable benefit options available in Humboldt County Research grant and/or other funding opportunities to assist in procuring supportive services Determine current resources available in Humboldt County Develop a report of options to be presented to the BOS for direction 	Human Resources	
		4.4.L	Contract for a county-wide salary/compensation study.	Focus salary adjustments on hard-to-fill categories.	Human Resources	\$500K allocated on Nov. 13, 2018. RFP process completed.
4.5	Improve the county's financial stability through contributions to the General Reserve, Public Agency Retirement System (PARS) and Deferred Maintenance.	4.5.A	Recommend and have approved annual contributions to the General Reserve, PARS and Deferred Maintenance trusts.	Provide 10% of cannabis taxes as an annual contribution to the General Reserve.	BOS, CAO, Auditor-Controller, Assessor, Treasurer-Tax Collector	General Reserve policy was updated on Feb. 6, 2018 to include 10% of cannabis excise tax revenues as an annual contribution to the General Reserve. The Board allocated 10% of cannabis excise tax revenues, or \$787.6K, as part of the FY 2018-19 budget. The Board also allocated an additional \$1M to the General Reserve. The Board allocated \$3.5M to the General Reserve on 11/13/18, agenda item I-1. The Board allocated \$2.45M in PARS contribution for Fiscal Year 2018-19.
				Reach \$10.2M in the county's general reserve or "rainy day fund" by 2027.	CAO	The balance of the General Reserve at the end of Fiscal Year 2018-19 is \$4,610,337.
				Hold Roadshows regarding the county's financial stability.	All Departments	Annually with budget rollout.

Conclusion

Tying It All Together

This document has been created to guide and document the progress the county is making towards the community's and Board of Supervisor's vision. The county and Board for many years has maintained several high-level goals through the Strategic Framework, but this is the first time we are documenting our efforts towards those goals with this level of detail. That said, the work of completing these goals will be an ongoing process. These efforts are likely to remain as a work in progress as we continue to adapt to evolving community needs. We welcome those changes as we all strive to make Humboldt County a better place to live, work and play. County staff will continue to manage specific portions of the Strategic Framework at the department head level. This framework will be updated by departments and reviewed by the Board of Supervisors on an annual basis. It will also be adjusted as needed to reflect new priorities, new environments, new opportunities and new ideas.

We welcome the community to review our progress during our annual Humboldt County Roadshow and Board of Supervisors meetings to ensure the county is headed in the right direction. We hope this is a valuable tool the community can use to stay updated on the work being done by the county, and as always we look forward to serving you this year and in the years to come.

Timeline	
February 2019	Proposed Strategic Framework Reviewed with the Board of Supervisors
March 2019	Board of Supervisors adopts the 2019-20 Strategic Framework update
Ongoing 2019	Board of Supervisors reviews progress on the Strategic Framework with appointed Department Heads through the Department Head progress report process
February/March 2020	Board of Supervisors reviews progress on Strategic Framework with Department Heads



Glossary of Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
ACES	Adverse Childhood Experiences
ACV	California Redwood Coast-Humboldt County Airport
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
BOS	Board of Supervisors
CAO	County Administrative Office
CEDS	Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
CESH	California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program
CIT	Crisis Intervention Team
CR	College of the Redwoods
CWPP	Community Wildfire Protection Plan
DHHS	Department of Health & Human Services
EIA	Excess Insurance Authority
FTE	Full-Time Employee
FY	Fiscal Year
HCOE	Humboldt County Office of Education
HEAP	Homeless Emergency Aid Program
HHHC	Humboldt Housing & Homeless Coalition
HMIOT	Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach & Treatment
HR	Human Resources Department
HSU	Humboldt State University
HUD	Housing & Urban Development
LEAN	Lean Six Sigma, a synergized managerial concept
NPLH	No Place Like Home Program
PARS	Public Agency Retirement System
PUCI	Pesticide Use Compliance Inspections
PUP	Pesticide Use Permits
PW	Public Works Department
RCEA	Redwood Coast Energy Authority
RFP	Request For Proposal
SB	Senate Bill
TBD	To Be Determined
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled

Chapter 1. Introduction

1.1 What is a General Plan?

California state law requires that each city and county adopt a general plan “for the physical development of the county or city and any land outside its boundaries which bears relation to its planning” (California Government Code, Section 65300). The plan can be understood as an expression of a community’s values and its vision for the future, a “blueprint” for anticipated growth and development, both public and private, which forms the basis for most local government land-use decision making. In a larger sense a county general plan is a “constitution for future development,” which is how the California Supreme Court has described it.

The general plan establishes the kinds, locations, and intensities of land uses as well as applicable resource protection and development policies. Land use maps are used to show land use plan designations, constraints, and public facilities.

According to California law, a general plan must contain at least seven elements: land use, open space, conservation, housing, circulation, noise, and safety. It may also contain other elements that a county wishes to adopt. The law also requires periodic review and revision as necessary.

1.2 Purposes of a General Plan

In addition to expressing a community’s goals, visions, and policies for future land uses, the process of preparing, adopting, implementing, and maintaining a general plan serves to:

1. Identify the community’s land use, circulation, environmental, economic, and social goals and policies for land use and development.
2. Provide a basis for local government decision making, especially decisions on development approvals.
3. Promote equal opportunities for citizens to participate in the planning and decision-making processes of their communities.
4. Inform citizens, developers, decision makers, and other cities and agencies of the policies and standards that guide development within a particular community.
5. Establish a basis for subsequent planning efforts such as formulating specific development ordinances, preparing individual community plans, rezoning property, and conducting special studies.
6. Balance economic and social needs of the public with inherent characteristics of the land, plant and animal life, and air and water conditions.

1.3 Updating the Humboldt County General Plan

Humboldt County has relied on a general plan to guide its development since 1965. The general plan in effect prior to the adoption of this Plan was the Framework Plan. It was adopted by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in 1984 and was designed to cover a 20-year planning period. Among the hallmarks of the Framework Plan was a set of criteria intended to limit future plan amendments and thereby ensure the long-term integrity of the plan. The Framework Plan allowed amendments only in cases where circumstances had clearly changed, an error was detected, or a pre-existing nonconforming use was identified.

This General Plan represents a comprehensive update and revision of the 1984 Framework Plan. It reflects and responds to changes that have occurred in the County with respect to land use, resource management, community needs, and community values. It also ensures that the Plan is consistent with current law, and relies on the latest data (e.g., population changes, growth projections, and economic indicators) and modernized mapping.

The criteria for Plan amendments contained herein seeks a greater degree of flexibility. It relies on a set of guiding principles and goals that will determine whether future amendments are necessary (see Chapter 3 for more detail). This approach recognizes land use planning as both dynamic and yet necessarily anchored to fundamental principles.

A Cumulative, Collaborative Process

This General Plan represents a multi-year effort on the part of the County Planning and Building Department in collaboration with the Humboldt County community at large, the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission and various County departments. The Plan was developed through the use of the following six-phase process:

Phase I – Critical Choices

In this phase, the citizens of Humboldt expressed their views of the future of the County and the issues that should be addressed in the General Plan. Outreach was conducted through 40 public meetings and numerous discussions with organization and agency representatives. This phase resulted in the Critical Choices Report.

Phase II – Technical Background Reports

This was a data collection and analysis phase to develop a deeper understanding of the issues and trends that were identified in the Critical Choices Phase. Fourteen studies were published to inform citizens and decision makers.

Phase III – Selection of Preferred Sketch Plan

After comprehensive public input and review of a report entitled Sketch Plan Alternatives, the Board of Supervisors chose Sketch Plan “B” from among four growth and development pattern alternatives.

Phase IV – Draft Preliminary Plan and EIR

In this phase, the chosen alternative was used as a guide for writing preliminary drafts of each chapter of the General Plan Update. The preliminary chapters were prepared and presented to the Planning Commission for review and public comment. This round of input guided the preparation of the consolidated final Hearing Draft Plan and draft Environmental Impact Report.

Phase V and VI – Public Review and Adoption of Final Plan and EIR

During this phase, the Planning Commission held public hearings and developed Planning Commission recommendations for the preferred General Plan and EIR alternative. The Planning Commission preferred alternative was submitted to the Board of Supervisors for a final round of public input, modification, and decision making. The final General Plan and EIR were adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

1.4 Guiding Principles

Guiding Principles are presented in this section to provide a statement of community values and of the overall objectives of the General Plan.

Throughout the process of updating this General Plan, the residents of Humboldt County have expressed their interest in preserving the County's unique character and quality of life. They want the County to retain a small town feel; a place to raise a family; a place with quality housing, schools, and recreational facilities. Residents also value the existing rural and natural character of their communities and, through an appropriate balance of regulations and incentives, want to protect forest and agricultural lands for continued timber and agricultural production. They also desire improved streets and roads and expanded pedestrian and bicycle access. Additionally, they want to grow and diversify the economy to create increased high-quality job and career opportunities that can support families. They want a range of housing opportunities and recognize there is a significant shortage of affordable housing in existing urbanized areas. Though they seek to discourage sprawl, they desire to encourage new development by simplifying and streamlining the development review process to minimize the risks and financial costs of getting new construction approved.

State of California General Plan guidelines indicate, "a principle is an assumption, fundamental rule, or doctrine guiding general plan policies, proposals, standards, and implementation measures. Principles are based on community values, generally acceptable planning doctrine, current technology, and the general plan's objectives." The Guiding Principles delineated below are the direct result of the public process involved in developing this General Plan. The principles have been used to guide the drafting of the goals and policies in each plan element, to create a vision for the future, and to serve as the basis for evaluating future amendments.

1. Ensure that public policy is reflective of the needs of the citizenry of a democratic society as expressed by the citizens themselves.
2. Preserve and enhance the diverse character of Humboldt County and the quality of life it offers.
3. Promote and facilitate the creation of affordable housing opportunities to meet current and future demands for all income levels.
4. Cooperate with service providers and promote efficient use of roads, water, and sewer services by encouraging development that is consistent with Land Use maps contained in the General Plan. Support home construction methods and alternative wastewater systems that are proven to minimize threats to human health and safety with a goal of reducing energy and water usage.
5. Support the County's economic development strategy and other efforts to retain and create living-wage job opportunities.
6. Encourage, incentivize and support agriculture, timber ecosystem services and compatible uses on resource lands.
7. Support individual rights to live in urban, suburban, rural or remote areas of the County while using a balanced approach to protect natural resources, especially open space, water resources, fisheries habitat and water quality in cooperation with state and federal agencies.

8. Adhere to practical strategies that can be implemented utilizing constructive cooperation and common sense.
9. Provide a clear statement of land use values and policies to provide clarity in the County's permit processing system and simplify review of projects.
10. Maximize the opportunities to educate the public about the planning process, in order to have meaningful participation in the development and maintenance of the Plan.
11. Support a broad public participation program at all levels of the decision making process; including study, workshops, hearings, a citizens handbook and plan revisions.

1.5 Planning Area

Humboldt County is among California's northern most counties, serving as a gateway to the vast boreal forests of the Pacific Northwest and alternatively to the legendary California wine country to the south (see Figure 1.1). The County's strikingly rugged coastline spans approximately 100 miles and includes Cape Mendocino, one of the western most portions of the continental United States. Offshore is an area of intensive ocean upwelling and rich marine productivity. It is also an area where three tectonic plates converge, creating one of the most seismically active areas in the world.

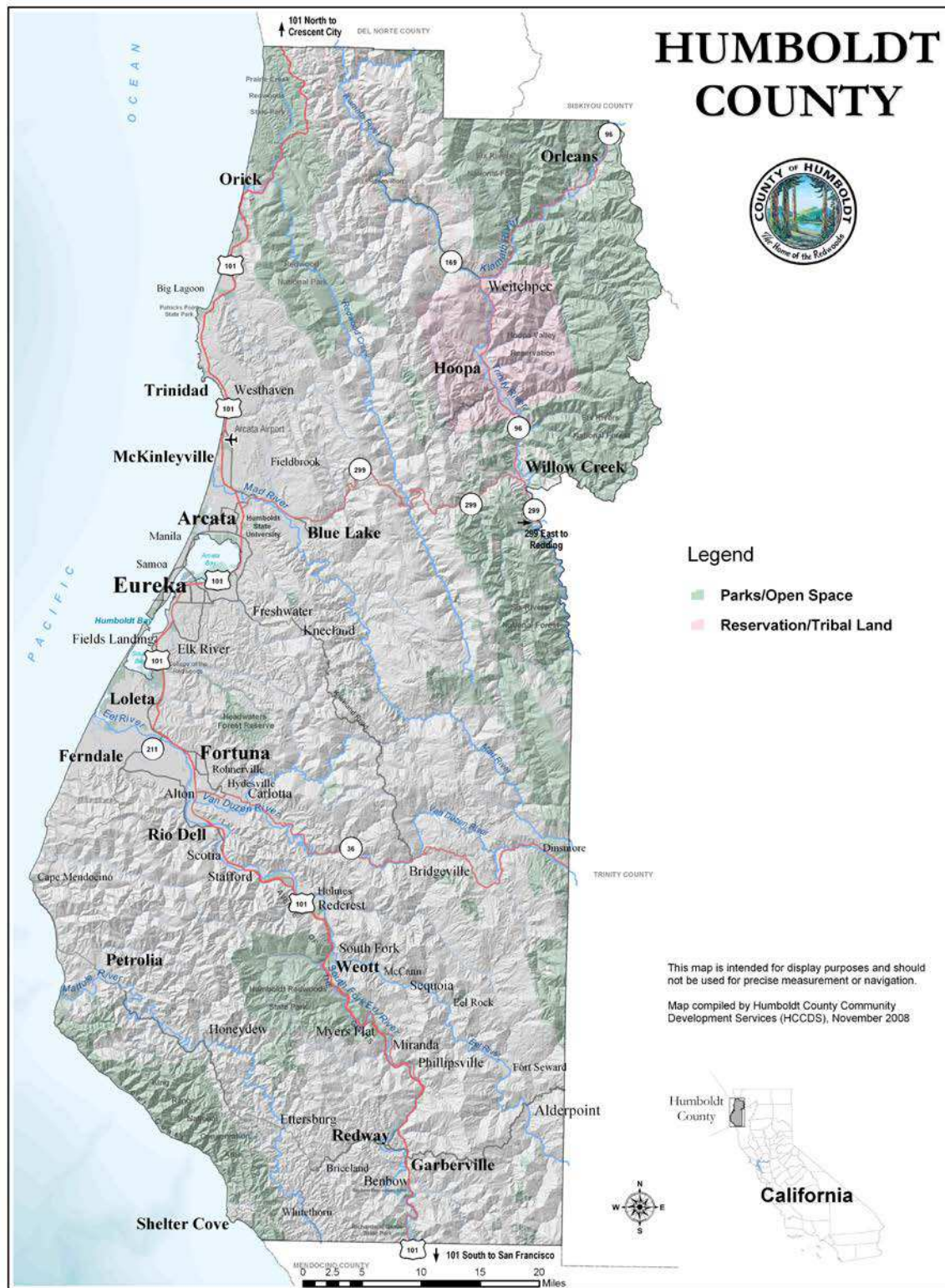
The sheltered waters of Humboldt Bay serve as an economic focal point, functioning as the principal port and a center of commerce. It is also a significant natural resource area featuring extensive wetlands, fertile bottomlands, and wildlife habitat, including the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Area.

Moving inland, the Coast Range Mountains rise quickly and dominate most of the County's interior and include the Eel, Van Duzen, Mattole, and Mad River drainages in the central and southern areas, and the Redwood Creek drainage in the northwest. In the furthest northeastern reaches of the County, the Klamath Mountains represent some of the higher elevations, with steep slopes that feed the Klamath and Trinity rivers.

Eighty percent of the County's 2.3 million acres are forested. Fifty percent of this acreage is private commercial timberland (the County typically has led the state in timber production), and 35 percent is state or federal public land, including Redwood National and State Parks, Six Rivers National Forest, the King Range National Conservation Area, and Humboldt Redwoods State Park. While Douglas fir represents the most predominant forest type, the more emblematic tree is that of the Coast Redwood, whose towering groves thrive in the County's moist temperate climate.

Though forests are a defining feature, agriculture is a key part of the landscape and remains an important base industry. Approximately one-quarter of Humboldt County (634,000 acres) remains agricultural.

Figure 1.1 Planning Area



1.6 Economy

The Humboldt County economy has undergone significant diversification and restructuring. Resource production has declined but timber, dairy farming, cattle ranching, and fishing continue to contribute substantially to the economy and serve as its export base, while new local industries have emerged that generate more knowledge-based, specialty, and technology-driven products and services. Habitat restoration, sustainable forest management, organic milk production, and computer network services are all examples of innovative local products and services.

In the Framework General Plan of 1984, the economic development element reflected the realities of the downturn in the timber and fishing industries. The contraction of these sectors has leveled off in the last decade. The fishing industry has shrunk by two-thirds. Though hit hard by the recent national recession, in 2010 the forest products industry provided approximately 11% of the direct payroll in the County, about equal to the education and research and health care industries.

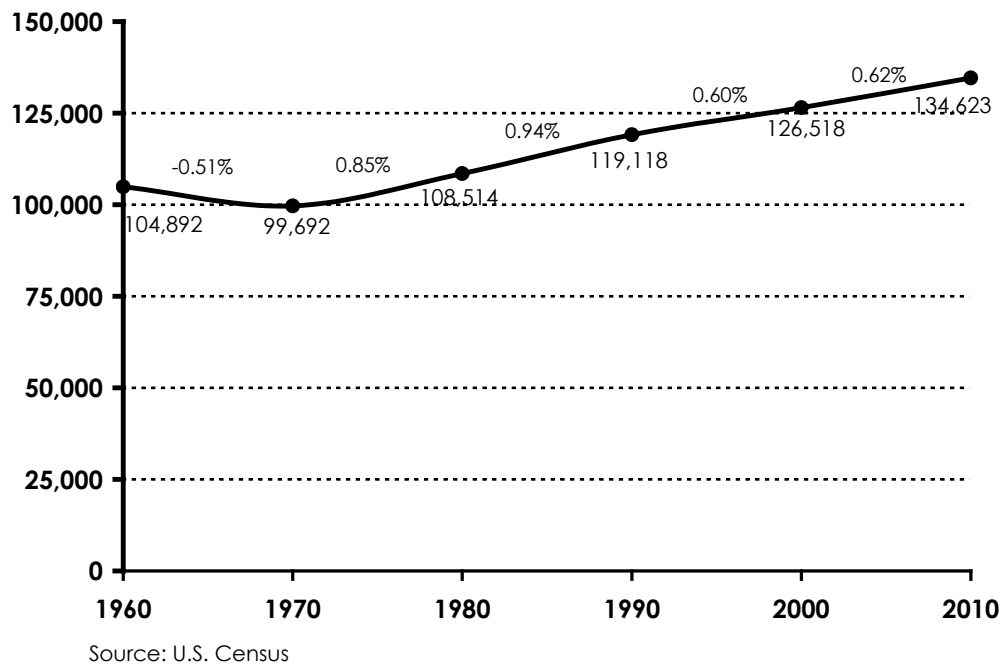
Though the traditional resource production industries have declined, they still play a vital role in the local economy. Their contributions are substantial and can remain so for many decades to come. Therefore, it is vital that the County retain an essential quantity, or "critical mass," of land and infrastructure to allow the forest products, agriculture, and fishing industries to remain viable.

Quality of life is one of Humboldt County's most important assets for economic development. "Quality of life" can relate to almost every aspect of our lives, from public safety to natural beauty, and may be defined differently for different people. In economic terms, quality of life is primarily and inextricably linked to the workforce. It is about the value inherent in the natural, the built, and the cultural environments that attract creative, entrepreneurial talent. Research on rural economies consistently shows that rivers, beaches, forests, mountains, and a community "sense of place" are highly attractive to talented, innovative, creative people who are deciding where to live and start a business. In short, communities that emphasize social and cultural amenities are attractive to talented workers and entrepreneurial businesses.

1.7 Population

Humboldt County's major population centers include the cities of Eureka, Arcata, McKinleyville, and Fortuna. According to the 2010 Census, the total County population was 134,623, an increase of 8,105 from the 2000 Census. In 2016 the California Department of Finance population estimate for Humboldt County was 135,557.

The County's population declined between 1960 and 1970 due to changes in the local lumber industry. Following this decline, the countywide average annual growth rate was approximately 0.75 percent per year between 1970 and 2010, with growth surges above this rate in the 1970's and 1980's and declines to approximately 0.6 percent in the 1990's and 2000's. Demographic data indicates older persons represent an increasing percentage of the populace.

Figure 1.2 Humboldt County Population and Average Annual Growth Rate (1960-2010)

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Planning & Building

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Responsibilities

The Humboldt County Planning and Building Department is responsible for protecting public health, safety, and welfare. The department achieves this through building permit review and inspections consistent with California model codes as well as planning and development review and approval consistent with the county's General Plan. The department also provides administrative and development assistance services.

Services

The Planning and Building Department consists of the following services:

- [Long Range Planning](#)
- [Building Inspection](#)
- [Cannabis Services](#)
- [Current Planning](#)
- [Housing Division](#)

Cannabis Permit Application Processing

Please see this [June 26, 2018 Cannabis Cultivation update letter](#) from Director Ford.

PLANNING PERMIT PROCESS OVERVIEW

PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION

An **APPLICATION** starts with preparation and assembly by the applicant of core documents for their project proposal. Different projects and permits each have their own unique requirements. Customers are encouraged to utilize the Application Assistance or Project Facilitation services for help creating a complete application. Core application documents can include the application form, plot plan, grant deed, title report, or hazardous waste statement. Other studies and forms may also be required. A Planner reviews the plot plan, checks records, and conducts preliminary research to determine what application core documents are required. When an application is submitted, a fee payment is collected and forms are signed. Once an application is received, the department has 30 days to determine if the application is “complete” for processing. If deficiencies are identified the department notifies the applicant and the 30 day window of application review starts over once the requested information is submitted.

PROCESSING

PROCESSING an application begins once an application is deemed “complete.” A project description is drafted by a Planner and a Project Transmittal document is created. The most significant part of the processing phase is called referrals. The referrals process involves consultation with other local, state and federal agencies concerning the project. Referral agencies receive the Project Transmittal and respond with comments and recommendations which can include requests for additional studies and reports. Some studies must be done by certified professionals at added expense to the applicant. Even though an application may be deemed complete for processing, additional documentation, studies or reports may be required by referral agencies as part of the processing step. Once all necessary information is obtained, application processing concludes with a draft staff report and, if required, a draft environmental document.

DECISION

For most projects, the **DECISION** step starts with the mailing of public notices. Newspaper publication is required for permits brought before the Planning Commission. Neighbors and the public have a due process right to inspect the project record and provide comment to the decision-maker. For certain project types, the Director may waive holding a public hearing and allow a decision to be reached administratively without an appearance before the Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, or Board of Supervisors. The public may request a decision on an administrative project be made at a public hearing by the Planning Commission. Decisions on other project types, or cases which are challenging or controversial, must be made by the Planning Commission. Projects before the Zoning Administrator that receive significant public input are sometimes reassigned to the Planning Commission. With very limited exception, most decisions are appealable within the County structure. Within the Coastal Zone, additional appeal processes to the Coastal Commission may be included. A decision is not final until all appeals periods are complete.

IMPLEMENTATION

IMPLEMENTATION is the final phase of the process and involves the completion by the applicant of permit conditions. Permit conditions are often required by law but sometimes are added by the decision-maker to address concerns raised during the public hearing. A permit and its entitlements often may not vest until all conditions have been satisfied. Conditions may include actions such as the recording of maps or legal documents and the obtaining of permits from other agencies. Other conditions may require monitoring or the payment of additional fees. Conditions must be met within certain timeframes that vary depending on the type of permit. If more time is needed to satisfy conditions, applicants may request an extension.



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APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

WHAT IS APPLICATION ASSISTANCE?

Application Assistance services help applicants evaluate project feasibility, provides guidance on the permit process, and identifies what must be included in the application package. While Application Assistance helps applicants prepare a quality application, it does not guarantee a project will be approved.

WHICH PROJECTS SHOULD USE APPLICATION ASSISTANCE?

The daily planner on duty can evaluate if a project will benefit from the Application Assistance service. Applicants may have a preliminary discussion of project feasibility with the planner on duty by phone or in person. A brief discussion with the planner on duty can help an applicant become familiar with some of the potential issues and areas of concern. However, the planner on duty does not provide the level of review and research that is provided through Application Assistance services. Planner on duty hours are limited so please call the Planning and Building Department for availability.

HOW DOES ENROLLMENT WORK?

Call or visit the Planning and Building Department and ask to schedule an Application Assistance appointment with a Planner.

HOW MUCH DOES APPLICATION ASSISTANCE COST?

Application Assistance fees are based on time and materials. The planner will collect a \$150 nonrefundable deposit during the Application Assistance meeting. Additional application assistance fees may be requested for services requiring more than two hours of staff time. Any unused balance will be applied to subsequent application processing fees.

WHAT HAPPENS AT AN APPLICATION ASSISTANCE MEETING?

Prior to the appointment, a planner researches the subject property. This research includes a review of departmental records, zoning regulations, land use designations, and other information sources. The planner also gathers resource maps and other documents relevant to the project. During the meeting, a planner will explain issues which must be addressed in the application. The application assistance process concludes with a written list of all items that must be submitted with the application. The planner will also provide an estimate of filing fees and processing time.

IS THERE HELP AVAILABLE TO PREPARE AN APPLICATION?

It is the applicant's responsibility to decide whether to move forward with a proposed project and to prepare the necessary forms and supporting documents. The Planning and Building Department has a project facilitator on staff that can assist applicants with some document preparation such as plot plans. See the department's handout on Project Facilitation services for more details.



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Humboldt County
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Phone (707) 445-7245
Planning Project
Staff Cost Report

Applicant Information

Name The Homestead Collective
Address 1 Weed Co, LLC
Address 2 Brian Roberts
City, State Zip PO Box 244
Blocksburg, CA 95514
Phone

Project Information

Cost Report Date
Project Number
Primary Parcel Number
Short Project Description

April 14, 2020
PLN-12237-SP
217-401-011-000
Existing 9,000 OD

Staff Costs

Date	Staff	Title	Task Description	Task Note	Hours	Burden Rate	Cost
3/26/2019	Devin Sutfin	Planner	Ongoing Project Work	CPQD- spoke with applicant at counter, received THPO check, answered questions regarding potential infusion and whether target parcel could accept that activity.	0.50	110.00	55.00
3/26/2019	Max Hilken	LACO Planner	Ongoing Project Work		0.25	92.00	23.00
4/5/2019	Max Hilken	LACO Planner	Ongoing Project Work		0.25	92.00	23.00
4/8/2019	Blake Batten	Planner	Ongoing Project Work	State license response	0.10	110.00	11.00
4/9/2019	Devin Sutfin	Planner	Ongoing Project Work	respond to state license request	0.10	110.00	11.00
4/11/2019	Max Hilken	LACO Planner	Ongoing Project Work	Moved to Step 2	0.75	92.00	69.00
4/25/2019	Sheriff Humboldt County	Sheriff	Sheriff	Infraction/misdemeanor only in DA files	0.50	-	-
5/9/2019	Keenan Hilton	Planner	Ongoing Project Work	phone call with applicant	0.25	110.00	27.50
5/23/2019	Meghan Ryan	Senior Planner	Ongoing Project Work	project review	1.00	145.00	145.00
11/8/2019	Meghan Ryan	Senior Planner	Staff Report	draft staff report	3.75	145.00	543.75
11/13/2019	Meghan Ryan	Senior Planner	Staff Report	draft staff report	2.25	145.00	326.25
11/14/2019	Meghan Ryan	Senior Planner	Staff Report	Staff Report	3.50	145.00	507.50
11/21/2019	Rodney Yandell	Planner	Ongoing Project Work	THPO consult	0.25	110.00	27.50
12/3/2019	Meghan Ryan	Senior Planner	Staff Report	Staff Report	0.25	145.00	36.25

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+	16	8/21/2018	Stephen Luther		Project Staff Work	review CAV and print pictures	1.25	Regular	\$79.34/hour	\$99.18
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INVOICE

RECORD INFORMATION

Applicant: The Homestead Collective Weed Company LLC

Brian Roberts
PO Box 244
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Record ID: PLN-12237-SP

Property Address: 5576 Homestead Rd
Blocksburg, CA

Parcel Number: 217-401-011-000

Description of Work: Homestead Collective Weed Company LLC - Existing 9,000 OD



PAST DUE

FEE DETAIL

Fee Description	Fee Notes	Fee Amount
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Cannabis NWIC		\$75.00
CAN: OnTrack Balance		\$(262.56)
		\$2,379.44



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		\$2,175.85



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Cannabis Cultivation in 2018

We are halfway through 2018 and want to update you on some of the most important actions and considerations important to you at this current time.

I. The update of the Commercial Cannabis Land Use Ordinance has been adopted by the Board of Supervisors and is being implemented.

New applications can now be submitted. The Planning and Building Department will not accept incomplete applications and requires that prior to application acceptance the applicant participate in an application assistance meeting. You can schedule an Application Assistance meeting by calling the Planning and Building Department at (707) 445-7245.

II. It is vital to understand the context of the Ordinance has also changed.

On January 1, 2018 the industry regulation changed when State Licensing was implemented. Our Ordinances and policies are now implemented and enforced in that context. When implementing our original CMMLUO, there existed some latitude to allow pre-existing cultivation to continue while permit applications were being processed as the State developed its Cannabis Licensing program. This condition no longer exists. In today's regulatory scheme, cannabis cultivation requires a local permit and a state license to be deemed legal. All other cultivation is illegal.

III. Here are some key things to be aware of:

- While the evidence of a pre-existing cultivation site will still be evaluated as part of the 2.0 permit application process, there is currently NO compliant path to cultivating cannabis on these sites before the permit has been approved. Similar to NEW cultivation areas, there can be NO cannabis cultivation on pre-existing sites UNTIL BOTH the County Permit is approved AND the State License has been granted.
- There is no legal outlet for unpermitted cultivators to sell products, thus sales of unpermitted cannabis flower/extracts etc. are black market sales.
- There will NOT be affidavits or Interim Permits for pre-existing cultivation permits applied for under Cannabis Ordinance 2.0.

- All applications under Ordinance 1.0 will be processed to either decision or the limit which the submitted information allows before beginning evaluations on Cannabis Ordinance 2.0 projects.
- Any property with unpermitted cannabis cultivation enforcement actions resulting in Notices to Abate and/or Notices of Violations will not be eligible for 2.0 application submission until the Notices are cured by all corrective actions, including site restoration and fines/penalties paid.

IV. Interim Permit Update

If you were issued an Interim Permit under 1.0 with an expiration of June 30, 2018 the expiration date is being extended to September 30, 2018.

Part of regulating the cannabis industry is enforcing against those who operate in violation of the law. You will see increasing coordination between the Planning and Building Department, the Sheriff and California Department of Fish and Wildlife to enforce against sites that are in violation of the law. In addition the Planning and Building Department will be increasing the number of Notices to Abate and Notices of Violation for sites with unpermitted cannabis cultivation, grading and cultivation related structures in the coming days and weeks.

Thank you for your efforts to be in compliance, and for your patience as we work to make this program a success.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Ford', is positioned above the printed name.

John Ford, Director
Planning & Building Department
County of Humboldt

LARABEE CREEK ASSOCIATION BUDGET 2019

	2016 Exp.	2017 Exp.	2018 Exp.	2019 Exp.
Office Supplies, Postage	\$52.48	\$118.48	\$209.25	\$252.53
Town Hall Rent	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Annual meeting refreshments	\$53.81	\$45.99	\$32.22	\$30.62
PO Box Rent	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$54.00
Legal Expenses**	\$54.00	\$196.00	\$1,024.00	\$864.00***
Insurance	\$3,932.51	\$3,945.93	\$4,131.69	\$4,283.95
Bookkeeping	\$490.66	\$472.66	\$667.32	\$661.99
Materials:				
Rock/Materials	\$3,377.50	\$13,281.25	\$0.00	\$17,366.49
Culverts	\$13,539.88	\$13,037.00	\$1,446.00	\$103,906.80
Bridge repair	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Heavy Equipment / Labor	\$19,298.75	\$27,122.00	\$17,621.26	\$4,950.00
Hand Labor	\$1,540.00	\$1,760.00	\$620.00	\$4,515.00
Safety Equipment	\$166.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emergency/Bridge Fund	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total Expenses	\$47,601.54	\$70,076.31	\$30,878.74	\$141,960.38

Treasurer's Report

Bridge/Emergency \$46,672.99
Checking Account \$1,400.12

Total in Bank \$48,073.11

Delinquent Accounts

9 parcels

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*** We receive these legal fees when liens are paid



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September 21, 2018

The Homestead Collective Weed Company LLC
Brian Roberts
PO Box 244
Blocksburg, CA 95514

RE: Extension of Zoning Clearance Certificate for Interim Permit
Application No. 12237 ; Parcel No.: 217-401-011-000

This Letter is to advise you that the expiration date for the Zoning Clearance Certificate for Interim Permits is being extended from September 30, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

As a holder of a Zoning Clearance Certificate for an Interim Permit you were authorized to seek state licensure and continue cultivation operations until completion of the local permit review process or denial of a County permit, or September 30, 2018; whichever occurs first. Other than this change of the Interim Permit expiration date, all provisions of the Cannabis Compliance Agreement for a Zoning Clearance Certificate for an Interim Permit remain in full force and effect.

We recognize your efforts working with County staff to complete the local permit review process for your application. This extension is intended to make it possible for applicants to complete this process before the interim permit is set to expire. If additional information has been requested by County staff, we ask that you submit it immediately to avoid any processing delay, or notify us of the arrangements made to obtain the information. Please note that an Interim Permit may only be extended for cause beyond the control of the applicant.

Sincerely,

John H. Ford, Director
Planning and Building Department

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12/21/2018

Green Road Consulting, Inc.
Kaylie Saxon
1650 Central Ave. Suite C
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Notice of Interim Permit Extension

Assessor Parcel Number: 217-401-011-000
Apps Number: PLN-12237-SP

The 2018 Zoning Clearance Certificate (ZCC) for an Interim Permit for existing cannabis cultivation associated with your ongoing application under the Humboldt County Commercial Medical Marijuana Land Use Ordinance (CMMLUO) has been **approved for extension** and continuance through the 2019 calendar year.

The new expiration date for your Interim Permit is **December 31, 2019**. This extension includes the requirement to comply with all the terms of the existing ZCC. This includes, but is not limited to, remaining within the ZCC's square footage, cultivation type, and original cultivation location, enrolling in track and trace program, application for state licensing and paying associated taxes. Most importantly, it is vital that you take every possible action to get your regular permit application processed to decision and approval. Interim permits beyond 2019 will not be available under the current state cannabis regulations.

Sincerely,

John H. Ford, Director
Planning and Building Department



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City Blocksburg **State** CA **Zip** 95514

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SITE INFORMATION

Parcel Number 217-401-011-000 **Application Number** PLN-12237-SP

Street Address 5576 Homestead Rd **City** Blocksburg **State** CA **Zip**

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Soil report is required due to

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Appr.SRA req. need to be shown on plot plan

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Grading permit required

Incomplete submittal Construction Plan

Erosion and sediment control measures req.

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Project appears to be within wet area

FIRM panel number

Is 2nd Flood Certificate Required?

SRA requirements apply

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Plot plan incomplete, must be revised Yes

Submit engineered foundation for

Applicant must locate property lines

Other concerns exist

Inspector Notes

Planning Referral

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4.16.2019

RE: Application (APPS#): 12237

Key APN: 217-401-011

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, Agent

Enc: Project Transmittal, CalFire Basic
Project Review Input

Assigned Planner information

Individual
Meghan Ryan
United States

Home Phone:7074457541
Work Phone:7074412622
E-mail:myan2@co.humboldt.ca.us

Application Information

PLANNING

Project Type Primary: Special Permit (CCLU01)
Case Type 1: SP1
Slope Stability: 3
Overlays/Combining Zone: FR-B-5(40)
Cannabis Project: Yes
Project Location: Yes

The project is located in Humboldt County, in the Blocksburg area, on the North and South side of Homestead Road, approximately 1 miles West from the intersection of Browning Road Road and Homestead Road, on the property known as 5576 Homestead Road.
CEQA Exemption Section: Environmental Review Required
Plan Designation:
Residential Agriculture (RA), 2017 General Plan, Density: 40 acres per unit, Slope Stability: High Instability (3).
File Location: Main Files

Zoning Information

Present Zoning:
Forestry Recreation (FR), Minimum building site area is 40 acres (B-5(40))

CANNABIS

Cannabis Project Status: Existing
Compliance Agreement: Unknown
Regional Board Enrollment Required: Unknown
Cultivation: Yes
Cultivation Outdoor: 9000
Processing: Yes
Cultivation Area: 9000
Eligible for Interim Permit: Yes
Interim Permit Status: Issued 2.0
Interim Permit Outdoor Sq Ft: 9000
Issued: 08/29/2018
Interim Permit Expiration: 12/31/2019

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