



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

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James Andersen Conditional Use Permit

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

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