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**PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

825 Fifth Street
Board of Supervisors Chambers
Eureka, California

ACTION SUMMARY

Thursday, December 15, 2022

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting - Hybrid

NOTE: The County of Humboldt Planning Commission meeting will be held virtually pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 until further notice.

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1. **In Person:** Any person may appear and present testimony in regard to this matter at the hearing located in the Board of Supervisors' Chamber, Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, California. The Planning Commission needs 15 COPIES of any materials submitted at the meeting.
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PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO THE MEETING:

Public comments may be submitted via email to Planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us. Please provide the project title, record or case number and date of the hearing. The deadline for submitting written comments is 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 14, 2022. After the deadline, written comments may be submitted to the commission in person during the meeting. Verbal comments may be made in person, or on zoom. Comments received after the agenda is posted on Friday, December 9, 2022, can be found at the "Attachments" section of the "Meeting Details" link next to the posted Agenda at: <https://humboldt.legistar.com>, and will be included with the administrative record. If you do not have access to email, contact the Planning Clerk at 707-267-9409.

NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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All public comment and supplemental information submitted after Wednesday, December 14, 2022, will be included with the administrative record after the fact.

A. CALL TO ORDER / SALUTE TO FLAG**B. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Present : 6 - Commissioner Alan Bongio, Commissioner Noah Levy, Commissioner Brian Mitchell, Commissioner Mike L Newman, Commissioner Peggy O'Neill and Commissioner Thomas Mulder

Absent : 1 - Commissioner Melanie McCavour

C. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS****E. CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner O'Neill, that the remaining items on the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Newman, Commissioner O'Neill and Commissioner Mulder

1. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Humboldt County Planning Commission for the period of December 15, 2022, through January 14, 2023, Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner O'Neill, that the remaining items on the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Newman, Commissioner O'Neill and Commissioner Mulder

2. Review and approval of November 17, 2022, Action Summary;

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner O'Neill, that the remaining items on the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Newman, Commissioner O'Neill and Commissioner Mulder

3. Review and approval of December 1, 2022, Action Summary;

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner O'Neill, that the remaining items on the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Newman, Commissioner O'Neill and Commissioner Mulder

4. Geck-Moeller Coastal Development Permit
Record Number PLN-2022-17700 (filed 03/30/2022)
Assessor's Parcel Number 308-231-002-000
Loleta Area

A Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the construction of a new approximately 2,024 SF two-story residence, 984 SF uncovered deck, 40 SF entry deck, gravel driveway, and a detached two-car garage constructed on an existing 25x25-foot concrete slab. The CDP will also authorize brush clearing north of the residence for the planting of fruit trees, logan berries, and a residential garden area. The parcel is currently developed with a well and on-site wastewater treatment system.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner O'Neill, that the Geck-Moeller CDP continued as part of the Consent Agenda The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Newman, Commissioner O'Neill and Commissioner Mulder

6. Georgi Stoyanov Conditional Use Permit
Record Number: PLN-11816-CUP (filed 12/14/2016)
Assessor's Parcel Number: 221-201-007
Ettersburg area

A Conditional Use Permit for 11,600 square feet (SF) of existing outdoor cannabis and 1,190 SF of ancillary propagation. Irrigation water is sourced from three points of diversion and rainwater catchment. Estimated annual water use is 164,100 gallons. There will be a total of 164,100 gallons of onsite water storage. Processing occurs onsite. Power is provided by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). A Special Permit is also requested for development within the Streamside Management Area for the continued use and maintenance of the points of

diversion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner O'Neill, that the remaining items on the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Newman, Commissioner O'Neill and Commissioner Mulder

8. Canigou Inc.

Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 221-271-001
 Record No.: PLN-12847-SP & PLN-12860-CUP
 Ettersburg area

&

Solimar, LLC
 Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 221-271-001
 Record No.: PLN-13310-ZCC
 Ettersburg area

Denials of three applications on one legal parcel. The denial of application PLN-13310-ZCC (a Zoning Clearance Certificate for 10,000 square feet (sf) of new mixed-light cannabis cultivation on historic parcel 221-211-022), a denial of application PLN-12847-SP (a Zoning Clearance Certificate for 10,000 sf of new outdoor cannabis cultivation, and a Special Permit for a wholesale nursery on historic parcel 108-064-003), and a denial of application PLN-12860-CUP (a Zoning Clearance Certificate for 10,000 sf of new outdoor cannabis cultivation, and a Conditional Use Permit for 7-acres of new outdoor cannabis cultivation on historic parcel 108-063-015).

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner O'Neill, that the projects be denied as part of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Newman, Commissioner O'Neill and Commissioner Mulder

G. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Merry Whether Farms, LLC, Special Permit**
 Record Number: PLN-11734-SP (filed 12/09/2016)
 Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 221-111-028
 Whitethorn area

A Special Permit for 9,950 square feet (SF) of existing outdoor cannabis cultivation and 1,000 SF of ancillary propagation. Irrigation water is sourced from rainwater catchment. There will be a total of 162,900 gallons of onsite water storage. Estimated annual water usage is 150,000 gallons. Drying and curing occurs onsite, with all other processing occurring offsite at a licensed processing or manufacturing facility. Power is provided by solar, with a generator utilized for backup.

A motion was made by Commissioner Newman, seconded by Commissioner Bongio, that the Merry

Whether Farms, LLC Special Permit be continued to a date uncertain. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye: 4 - Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Mitchell and Commissioner Newman
- Nay: 2 - Commissioner O'Neill and Commissioner Mulder

2. Xotic Flavorz, LLC

Assessor Parcel Number(s) (APN) 107-272-007
 Record No.: PLN-2022-17861
 Honeydew area

The applicant is seeking a Special Permit for 33,560 square feet of new outdoor commercial cannabis cultivation, in addition to 43,330 square feet of permitted cannabis cultivation that is already occurring on the property (PLN-11067-SP). 10,000 sf of the existing permitted cannabis on the property was existing and 33,300 sf was permitted through an RRR. The proposed 33,560 sf of cannabis cultivation would bring the total permitted non-RRR cannabis on the site to the maximum one acre allowable under the Humboldt County Code. Including the RRR receiving cultivation a total of 76,890 square feet of commercial cannabis cultivation will be occurring onsite. The applicant is proposing 3,300 square feet of additional ancillary propagation. The applicant anticipates there will be a maximum of three cultivation cycles occurring annually. Artificial lighting used for project activities will adhere to shielding and International Dark Sky Association standards as set forth in the CCLUO. Water for irrigation will be provided by an existing 2.5-million-gallon rainwater catchment pond. The applicant projects an annual water use of 1,000,000 gallons for the combined 76,890 square feet of cannabis cultivation (approximately 13 gallons per square foot per year). All processing will occur onsite in a previously approved commercial processing facility. The applicant anticipates a maximum of ten (10) employees will be required for proposed operations, in addition to a maximum of twenty-six (26) employees required for existing operations, for a total of thirty-six (36) employees at peak operations. Power for the previously approved project is sourced from existing PG&E service, and the power for the proposed project will be sourced from a proposed solar array, transitioning to renewable energy from PG&E if and when available. The applicant will keep a generator on site for emergency backup use in power outage events.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulder, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, that the Xotic Flavors, LLC Special Permit be approved with added condition A11 and modification to condition B2. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye: 4 - Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Mitchell and Commissioner Mulder
- Nay: 1 - Commissioner O'Neill
- Recused: 1 - Commissioner Newman

F. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

5. Allison Shore Special Permits
Assessor Parcel Number: 314-203-008
Record Number: PLN-10946-SP
Kneeland area

A Special Permit for 10,000 square feet (SF) of existing outdoor cannabis cultivation utilizing light deprivation techniques and 1,000 SF of ancillary propagation. Irrigation water is sourced from a spring diversion, with plans to add rainwater catchment and install a groundwater well. Existing available water storage is 36,500 gallons in six (6) HDPE water storage tanks and a 10,000-gallon bladder. Estimated annual water usage is 107,600 gallons. Processing, including drying, trimming, and packaging, occurs onsite. A maximum of two (2) people will be on-site during peak operations. Power is provided by two (2) Honda generators, with long-term plans to convert to solar. A Special Permit is also requested for development within the Streamside Management Area (SMA) for continued use and maintenance of the point of diversion infrastructure.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulder, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, that the Allison Shore Special Permits be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Newman, Commissioner O'Neill, and Commissioner Mulder

7. Jesse Carnes Conditional Use Permit
Record Number: PLN-11919-CUP (filed 12/15/2016);
Assessor's Parcel Number: 314-191-014
Maple Creek area

A Conditional Use Permit for the continued cultivation of 22,000 square feet (SF) of existing outdoor cannabis cultivation and 1,170 SF of ancillary propagation. Irrigation water is sourced from a 700,000-gallon rainwater catchment pond. Existing available water storage is 715,000 gallons. Estimated annual water usage is 175,000 gallons. Processing with a trim machine occurs onsite. Power is provided by two (2) generators and the applicant has long-term plans to switch to solar power.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Newman, that the Jesse Carnes Conditional Use Permit be continued to January 19, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Bongio, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Newman, Commissioner O'Neill, and Commissioner Mulder

H. NEW BUSINESS**I. REPORT FROM PLANNER**

Director Ford presented a response to the letter received from Mark Thurmond and the Planning Commission discussed the item.

H. PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION ITEMS**I. ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT MEETING January 5, 2023 6:00 p.m. Regular meeting - Hybrid

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