

Draft Minutes

February 8, 2023 Meeting

I. Attendance

FRC Members Present: Jim Able, Mark Andre, Thomas Blair, Mark Distefano, Mike Lommori, Kurt McCray, Erin Kelly.

FRC Members Absent: Chris Carroll, Yana Valachovic.

Staff Present: Howard LaHaie, Assessor, Trevor Estlow, Planning and Building Department, Cade McNamara, Planning and Building Department, Jacob Dunn, Planning and Building Department, Michael Holtermann, Planning and Building Department, Rodney Yandell, Planning and Building Department.

The Committee welcomed guests: Karla Knapek, Ben Cohoon, Carter Krewson, Eric Taft, Craig Compton.

II. Public Appearances: None.

III. Approval of Minutes from the May 11, 2021.

On a motion by Kurt McCray, seconded by Thomas Blair, the minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting were approved by a vote of 7-0.

IV. New Business:

1. Election of Officers

The Committee discussed the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. Kurt McCray was nominated as chair and Thomas Blair was nominated as Vice-Chair. Both accepted the positions.

2. Green Diamond Resource Company Lot Line Adjustment and Joint Timber

Management Plan Record Number: PLN-2021-17513; Assessor Parcel Numbers 510-011-016, 511-111-056, 511-161-005; McKinleyville area.

Cade McNamara provided the staff report and staff recommendations. The project involves a Lot Line Adjustment (LLA) between four parcels resulting in four parcels, all of which contain less than 160 acres. These are vacant parcels used for timber production. The purpose of the LLA is to facilitate the acquisition of a community forest and conservation easement.

At this time, the Chair opened the meeting to public comments. There were questions regarding the future use of the adjusted parcels. Cade McNamara indicated that the LLA was to facilitate future conveyance to McKinleyville Community Services District as a community forest. Kurt McCray indicated that CALFIRE cannot support development of timberlands. The Committee discussed the layout of the LLA and agreed that using the road as a boundary was beneficial. The Chair then closed the meeting to public comments and returned the discussion to the Committee.

On a motion by Kurt McCray, seconded by Mark Distefano, the Green Diamond Resource Company project was approved by a vote of 7-0.

3. Knapek Zone Reclassification Record Number: PLN-2022-17796; Assessor Parcel Number 107-091-007; Honeydew area.

Jacob Dunn provided the staff report and staff recommendations. The project involves a zone reclassification of approximately 115 acres of Agriculture Exclusive with a special building site combining zone of 160 acres (AE-B-5(160)) to Timber Production Zone (TPZ). The properties consist of two separate legal parcels of approximately 115 acres in total. The areas proposed for rezoning have been managed for timber and grazing for over 100 years.

At this time, the Chair opened the meeting to public comments. The Committee had questions regarding the small AE zoned portion to remain. Ben Cohoon indicated that the area to remain was not forested and contained the residence and other ancillary structures. The Chair then closed the meeting to public comments and returned the discussion to the Committee.

On a motion by Kurt McCray, seconded by Thoma Blair, the Knapek project was approved by a vote of 6-0 (Jim Able abstained).

4. Moore Lot Line Adjustment and Joint Timber Management Plan Record Number: PLN-2022-18031; Assessor Parcel Numbers 205-011-007, 205-011-037, 205-031-005, 205-081-012; Rio Dell area.

Michael Holtermann provided the staff report and staff recommendations. The project involves a Lot Line Adjustment (LLA) between two parcels of approximately 169 acres and 43 acres resulting in two parcels of 81 and 131 acres. The LLA will adjust the boundary between the two parcels to Blue Slide Road to provide more logical management units for both timber and grazing. One parcel is developed with a single-family residence and a barn, and the other parcel is vacant.

At this time, the Chair opened the meeting to public comments. Kurt McCray asked if there was any overall change to the TPZ acreage. There were also questions regarding access. Michael Holtermann indicated that the amount of TPZ land will remain unchanged and both resultant parcels will have access to Blue Slide Road. The Chair then closed the meeting to public comments and returned the discussion to the Committee.

On a motion by Mark Andre, seconded by Kurt McCray, the Morris project was approved by a vote of 6-0 (Jim Able abstained).

5. Wright Lot Line Adjustment, Zone Reclassification and Joint Timber Management Plan Record Number: PLN-2023-18059; Assessor Parcel Numbers: 316-135-004, 316-142-001; Korbel Area.

Rodney Yandell provided the staff report and staff recommendation. The project involves a Lot Line Adjustment (LLA) between two parcels, made up of APNs 316-134-005 (portion), 316-135-004 & 316-142-001, resulting in two parcels. The application includes the rezoning of the approximately one acre of AE zoned land into TPZ. One of the resulting parcels will be approximately 40 acres in size and is developed with a house and associated residential development. The other resultant parcel will be 283.7 acres in size.

At this time, the Chair opened the meeting to public comments. There were questions regarding access through Parcel B and if the intent was to keep the NTMP active on

Parcel B. Craig Compton addressed the access and status of the NTMP. Kurt McCray indicated that the Fire Protection District was incorrect in the JTMP and should include CALFIRE as the responsible agency for wildland fire. Rodney Yandell indicated that the JTMP could be amended and a contact made to Blue Lake Fire Department. The Chair then closed the meeting to public comments and returned the discussion to the Committee.

On a motion by Mark Andre, seconded by Thomas Blair, the Green Diamond Resource Company project was approved by a vote of 6-0 (Jim Able abstained).

There was further discussion on the project and Mark Andre subsequently struck his previous motion and made a new motion to require that the JTMP clarified that the parcels were not within any Fire Protection District and are within the Blue Lake Fire response area and CALFIRE responsibility area. Thomas Blair seconded the new motion and the Green Diamond Resource Company project was conditionally approved by a vote of 6-0 (Jim Able abstained).

V. Future Agenda Items

Kurt McCray recommended meeting more regularly, even for just one item. Mark Andre asked for an update of the zoning implementation of the General Plan as it relates to timberlands.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.