BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Certified Copy of Portion of Proceedings for the Meeting of August 13, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 24 –

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT MAKING REQUIRED FINDINGS FOR GRANTING THE REZONE AND REZONING APPROXIMATELY 1,557 ACRES ON 14 PARCELS FROM AGRICULTURE EXCLUSIVE WITH A 160-ACRE MINIMUM PARCEL SIZE (AE-B-5(160)) AND UNCLASSIFIED ZONING INTO TIMBERLAND PRODUCTION ZONE (TPZ), RECORD NO. PLN-2023-18252.

WHEREAS, **Cottrell Ranch, LLC,** submitted an application and evidence in support of approval of a Zone Reclassification (ZR) to reclassify approximately 1,557 acres from Agriculture Exclusive with a 160-acre minimum parcel size (AE-B-5(160)), Agricultural Exclusive (AE) and Unclassified (U) Zoning to Timberland Production Zone (TPZ); and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Building Department reviewed the application and supporting evidence and referred the application materials to applicable reviewing agencies for site inspections, comments and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the application was reviewed by referral agencies including the County's Forestry Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2024, the Planning Commission considered the application, and adopted a Resolution which recommended that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors do the following: Adopt the necessary findings set forth in this resolution; and Approve the rezoning of approximately 1,557 acres out of AE-B-5(160), AE, and U zoning into TPZ on APN's 208-163-003-000, 210-072-003-000, 210-072-004-000, 210-073-001-000, 210-105-003-000, 210-105-004-000, 210-106-014-000, 210-106-015-000, 210-106-016-000, 210-121-002-000, 210-122-003-000, 210-122-004-000, 210-126-001-000, and 210-250-006-000 ; and Direct the Clerk of the Board to record a Notice of Timberland Production Status; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors held a public hearing, *de-novo*, on August 13, 2024 and reviewed, considered, and discussed the application for a Zone Reclassification; and reviewed and considered all public testimony and evidence presented at the hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors makes all the following findings:

1. **FINDING:** The applicant requests a Zone Reclassification to rezone approximately 1,557 acres of the Cottrell Ranch into Timberland Production Zone (TPZ). The lands are currently zoned Agriculture Exclusive with a 160-acre minimum parcel size (AE-B-5(160)), Agriculture Exclusive (AE) and Unclassified (U). These lands have been managed as timberlands and harvested periodically from the late 1950's up to 2017 under various Timber Harvest Plans. After the proposed zone reclassification all the contiguous properties will be fully rezoned TPZ.

   EVIDENCE: Project File: PLN-2023-18252

2. **FINDING:** **CEQA.** The project is statutorily exempt from environmental review per Section 15264 of the CEQA Guidelines.

   EVIDENCE: a) The Zone Reclassification will adopt Timberland Production Zone, which is exempt from requiring submission of an EIR or Negative Declaration.

   b) No development is proposed and there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project will have a significant effect on the environment.

FINDINGS FOR ZONE RECLASSIFICATION

3. **FINDING** The proposed Zone Reclassification is in the public interest.

   EVIDENCE a) The Zone Reclassification will be consistent with the existing and intended future use for timber production. The Timber Management Plan details the ability to conduct timber production on the subject parcels.

4. **FINDING** The amendment is consistent with the County General Plan.

EVIDENCE a) Agriculture Grazing (AG), Timber (T), and Residential Agriculture designations are applied to more remote, steep and high hazard areas or where appropriate to ensure compatibility with adjacent resource production and open space uses.

b) The TPZ Zone is consistent with the Agriculture Grazing (AG) and Timber (T) designations use designations according to Table 4-H of the General Plan.

c) Rezoning the property to Timberland Production Zone (TPZ) meets Forest Resources Goals of the General Plan to actively protect and conserve timberlands for long-term economic utilization and to actively enhance and increase county timber production capabilities.

5. FINDING The amendment does not reduce the residential density for any parcel below that utilized by the Department of Housing and Community Development in determining compliance with housing element law.

EVIDENCE a) The properties are not included in the residential land inventory of the Housing Element.

6. FINDING The amendment is consistent with the requirements of Section 312-50.8 of the Humboldt County Code, Supplemental Timberland Production Zoning Procedures.

EVIDENCE a) Maps have been prepared showing the assessor's parcel numbers for the properties desired to be zoned Timberland Production Zone.

b) A timber management plan and Zone Reclassification Petition has been submitted and approved by the Forestry Review Committee on March 7, 2024.

c) The areas to be rezoned are contained within the same ownership and are contiguous with other TPZ parcels in the ownership.

d) The areas proposed for rezoning have been managed for timber and grazing for over 100 years.

e) The site provides very good timber soil that would be capable of growing an average annual volume of wood fiber of at least 15 cubic feet per acre.

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the above findings and evidence, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors does hereby:

1. Approve the rezoning of approximately 1,557 acres out of AE-B-5(160), AE, and U into TPZ on APN's 208-163-003-000, 210-072-003-000, 210-072-004-000, 210-073-001-000, 210-105-003-000, 210-105-004-000, 210-106-014-000, 210-106-015-000, 210-106-016-000, 210-121-002-000, 210-122-003-000, 210-122-004-000, 210-126-001-000, and 210-250-006-000; and

2.Direct the Clerk of the Board to record a Notice of Timberland Production Status.

Dated:_____

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Supervisor Rex Bohn, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor_____, Seconded by Supervisor _____, and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors: --
NAYES: Supervisors: --
ABSENT: Supervisors: --
ABSTAIN: Supervisors: --
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
County of Humboldt

I, Tracy Damico, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original made in

the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.

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NIKKI TURNER
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California