



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT
CURRENT PLANNING DIVISION
3015 H STREET, EUREKA, CA 95501 ~ PHONE (707) 445-7541**

4/16/2018

PROJECT REFERRAL TO: United States Army Corps of Engineers

Project Referred To The Following Agencies:

Building Inspection Division, Public Works Land Use Division, Health and Human Services Environmental Health Division, County Counsel, CalFire, California Department of Fish And Wildlife, Northwest Information Center, Bear River Band Rohnerville Rancheria, Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Humboldt County District Attorney, Humboldt County Agriculture Commissioner, SWRCB - Division of Water Rights, Sheriff, Williamson Act Committee, Southern Humboldt Joint Unified School District

Applicant Name Andrea Morris **Key Parcel Number** 216-136-003-000

Application (APPS#) 12573 **Assigned Planner** Cannabis Planner (CPOD) (707) 445-7541 **Case Number(s)** CUP16-751
SP16-575

Please review the above project and provide comments with any recommended conditions of approval. To help us log your response accurately, please include a copy of this form with your correspondence.

Questions concerning this project may be directed to the assigned planner for this project between 8:30am and 5:30pm Monday through Friday.

County Zoning Ordinance allows up to 15 calendar days for a response. If no response or extension request is received by the response date, processing will proceed as proposed.

If this box is checked, please return large format maps with your response.

Return Response No Later Than 5/1/2018 Planning Commission Clerk
County of Humboldt Planning and Building Department
3015 H Street
Eureka, CA 95501
E-mail: PlanningClerk@co.humboldt.ca.us **Fax:** (707) 268-3792

We have reviewed the above application and recommend the following (please check one):

Recommend Approval. The Department has no comment at this time.

Recommend Conditional Approval. Suggested Conditions Attached.

Applicant needs to submit additional information. List of items attached.

Recommend Denial. Attach reasons for recommended denial.

Other Comments: _____

DATE: _____ PRINT NAME: _____



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1455 MARKET STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94103-1398

June 15, 2018

Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: File Number 2018-00288N

Andrea Morris
191 October Place
Castle Rock, CO 80104

Dear Ms. Morris:

This letter is written in response to a request for comments by the Planning Commission Clerk, County of Humboldt Planning and Building Department, dated April 16, 2018 concerning a proposal by Andrea Morris, to seek out a conditional use permit for 24,900 square feet of existing outdoor medical cannabis cultivation operation. The project is located in the Alderpoint area, on the East side of Harris Road, approximately 2.7 miles North from the intersection of Bell Springs Road and Harris Road, then East on a private road for approximately 1.0 miles, on the property known to be in the Northeast quarter of Section 20 and the Northeast quarter of Section 21, Township 01 South, Range 05 East (APN: 216-136-003) in Humboldt County, California. The applicant proposed activities include drying, trimming and curing that will occur on site in an existing processing facility. Irrigation water will be provided by an existing on-site pond. Water is stored in an existing pond (620,000 gallons) and hard tanks (7,900 gallons) for a total of 627,900 gallons. Since this activity may involve impacts to wetlands adjacent to other waters of the United States and, therefore, may impact a water of the U.S.; the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) will need to review those portions of your project.

All proposed discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States must be authorized by the Corps pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 U.S.C. Section 1344). Waters of the United States generally include tidal waters, lakes, ponds, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), and wetlands.

Your proposed work may be within our jurisdiction. **Please note:** Cultivation of marijuana is considered a crime under Federal law and, therefore, the Corps is unable to issue a 404 CWA permit for any discharge of fill into waters of the United States associated with this project. We recommend that the project be designed to avoid all impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States, including Perington Creek and its tributary and any adjacent wetlands that may be present.

We further recommend that a jurisdictional survey (delineation) be conducted for your property and an illustrated and scaled topographic map, or site plan provided to this office for verification. When this document is forwarded, the Corps staff will validate and authenticate the limits of Corps jurisdiction. While it is not necessary to confirm all boundary points, the Corps will verify the jurisdictional boundary along one or more transects and may visit random intermediate points. All delineations of wetlands must be conducted in accordance with the 1987

Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual, or appropriate Regional Supplement, and submitted to the District for review and verification. Two Regional Supplements have been approved for use within the boundaries of the San Francisco District: the Arid West Supplement, and the Western Mountains, Valleys and Coast Supplement. Copies of these documents are available to download on our website: <http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/JurisdictionDeterminations.aspx>.

Corps staff will do the jurisdictional mapping, if you so choose. However, due to limited staff and resources, response time can be several months or longer. To expedite this process, the San Francisco District encourages applicants to use consultants to conduct wetland delineations, especially for large and/or complex areas. The San Francisco District is not authorized to recommend any private consulting services and advises applicants to check references and referrals of prospective consultants before contracting services.

The Corps also suggests that you contact the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board and California Department of Fish and Wildlife offices to ensure they review your project relative to their permitting requirements for activities that may impact aquatic resources.

You may refer any questions on this matter to the Eureka Field Office Regulatory staff by telephone at 707-443-0855 or by e-mail at Cameron.R.Purchio@usace.army.mil or L.K.Sirkin@usace.army.mil. All correspondence should be addressed to the Regulatory Division, North Branch, referencing the file number at the head of this letter.

Sincerely,



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Regulatory North Branch Chief