

Santos, Steven A

From: Tim Metz <tim@restorationforestry.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 3:50 PM
To: Santos, Steven A
Cc: Giacomo Renzullo; Mikal Jakubal
Subject: Plant Humboldt Biological Report
Attachments: Plant Humboldt_BA_20260225.pdf

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Dear Steven,

We spoke last year regarding the SMA reduction request for Plant Humboldt's nursery operations in Briceland, California. The owner of the property has pointed out an error in our version management regarding the width of the SMA as you enter the property. The final version should have read from the top of the Cut Bank rather than 20' from the top of the cut bank which is unworkable for the property and adds no usable filter strip to the SMA. This 20' is literally packed gravel, driveway and containers to the edge of the cut bank as it used to be the County road alignment.

The biologist and I completely agreed with the project proponent at the time, but somehow our final version continued to add this unhelpful extra width. We would be happy to add a 6" straw waddle along the outside edge of the flat former county road alignment in order to eliminate any potential fines from migrating off the parking area and to the filter strip of the riparian zone. I have highlighted the mistaken text in this version of the report. This mistake was just brought to our attention today or we would have advocated for this change almost 9 months ago. I'm available for a phone call if needed. My number is listed below.

We would like a way forward to correct our mistake and give the project proponent the use that makes sense commercially and biologically for this property.

Sincerely,
Timothy Metz

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From: Santos, Steven A
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 11:36 AM
To: 'Jakubal, Mikal'
Cc: Johnson, Cliff; tim@restorationforestry.com
Subject: RE: 12788 Plant Humboldt LLC staff recommendation for SMA and conditions of approval

Your correspondence has been received, and the project will be agendized as a public hearing on April 16.

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From: Jakubal, Mikal <mikal@mikaljakubal.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 11:19 AM
To: Santos, Steven A <sasantos@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: Re: 12788 Plant Humboldt LLC staff recommendation for SMA and conditions of approval
Importance: High

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Then agendize it so I can call in and spend three loud minutes making it abundantly clear how pointless and punitive and vindictive this all is just because I'm growing cannabis and how I'm sure that I speak for everyone who ever made the mistake of trying to actually work within the system when I say we are all very, very tired of being treated as criminals.

On Apr 7, 2026, at 9:40 AM, Santos, Steven A <sasantos@co.humboldt.ca.us> wrote:

Hi Mikal,

We have not received a reply to our email yesterday. If we do not hear back from you by 5PM today with a clear communication regarding the options, the project will be continued to a date uncertain, and you will need to cease operating until the project receives final approval.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to hearing from you.

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From: Santos, Steven A
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2026 12:42 PM
To: Mikal Jakubal <mikal@mikaljakubal.com>
Cc: Tim Metz <tim@restorationforestry.com>; Johnson, Cliff <CJohnson@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: RE: 12788 Plant Humboldt LLC staff recommendation for SMA and conditions of approval
Importance: High

Hi Mikal, thanks for getting back to us so quickly. I have consulted with my Planning Manager and Director. The Planning Commission meeting for April 16 has already been scheduled and your project has already been noticed in the paper and to neighboring properties.

You have a couple of options:

1. The project can be agendized as a public hearing (instead of consent calendar) on April 16 and you can make your request regarding the streamside management area directly to the Planning Commission at the hearing. OR
2. You can request that the project be continued. If the project is continued, you won't be able to operate until the project is acted on by the Planning Commission. Additionally, if the project is continued it must be continued to either a "date certain" or "date uncertain." If the project is continued to a date certain such as May 21, 2026 (the next available meeting) then the noticing does not have to be redone. If it is continued to a date uncertain, the project will have to be noticed again once a date is selected and those noticing costs will be your responsibility.

Please let us know by the end of day which option you choose. If choosing option 2, please also let us know if you wish to continue it to May 21 or a date uncertain.

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From: Mikal Jakubal <mikal@mikaljakubal.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2026 3:53 PM
To: Santos, Steven A <[sasantos@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:santos@co.humboldt.ca.us)>
Cc: Tim Metz <tim@restorationforestry.com>; Johnson, Cliff <CJohnson@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: Re: 12788 Plant Humboldt LLC staff recommendation for SMA and conditions of approval

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I'm looking at legal options. I wouldn't schedule a planning commission meeting yet. This is clearly not going anywhere at the moment.

To start with, I want a glowing commendation added to any documents pertaining to either the zone change or the CUP, talking about the amazing job I've done there over 30 years of controlling erosion, providing bird, amphibian and other wildlife habitat, improving soil

permeability, filtering runoff by building swales, and generally improving the visual and social quality in the neighborhood by cleaning up what was a junkyard for 30 years prior to my purchase of the parcel.

You're welcome.

On Apr 2, 2026, at 4:56 PM, Santos, Steven A
<sasantos@co.humboldt.ca.us> wrote:

Mikal, attached are the updated conditions of approval to be recommended to the Planning Commission on April 16. The update to the conditions was exclusively to condition of approval A8. Also attached is a photographic exhibit describing the recommended streamside management area (SMA) alignment. These documents were prepared in consultation with CDFW and reviewed by my Planning Manager.

Please let us know if you consent to this proposal. If so, the project will be agendaized on the consent calendar for the Commission. Please reply no later than end of day Monday April 6.

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<12788 Plant Humboldt LLC Recommended SMA Alignment.pdf>
<Attachment 1A - 12788 Conditions of Approval Revised Updated.pdf>