

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/1/2023

File #: 23-756

From: Planning and Building Department

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

New Earth Farms, LLC, Special Permit Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) 524-072-010 Record No.: PLN-2022-18049 Willow Creek area

The applicant is seeking a Special Permit for 32,500 square feet (SF) of new mixed-light commercial cannabis cultivation, and a Special Permit for a setback reduction to Public Lands, the Six Rivers National Forest. There is an existing approved permit on-site for 10,000 square feet of mixed-light cultivation. The total area of mixed-light cultivation on-site is proposed to be 42,500 SF. A total 3,000 SF ancillary nursery is proposed to support cultivation activities. The applicant projects three (3) harvests annually. Water for irrigation will be supplied by an existing and proposed rainwater catchment system from roof tops with a total capture area of 52,599 square feet. Existing available water storage totals 17,500 gallons and the total water storage proposed is 600,000. Estimated annual water use for the 42,500 SF of cultivation and 3,000 SF of nursery, is approximately 595,000 gallons (13 gal/SF/yr). The applicant is proposing to conduct all trimming and packaging off-site at a licensed processing facility. Drying and curing is proposed to occur in a proposed 2,400 square foot ag-exempt structure. Energy for the operation will be supplied by PG&E renewable sources. There will be up to 7 employees on-site during peak operations.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Planning Commission:

1. Continue the project to the July 6, 2023 Planning Commission meeting at the request of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Applicant

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Owner Second 707 Realty, LLC

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Agents <u>N/A</u>

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