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To: [Ross Markey](mailto:Ross.Markey)
Cc: [Marcucci, Mike@CALFIRE](mailto:Marcucci.Mike@CALFIRE); [Sone, Kim@CALFIRE](mailto:Sone.Kim@CALFIRE); [Hall, Dennis@CALFIRE](mailto:Hall.Dennis@CALFIRE); [Headley, Shawn@CALFIRE](mailto:Headley.Shawn@CALFIRE)
Subject: RE: Sonoma County Rezoning into TPZ
Date: Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:46:23 PM

EXTERNAL

Good afternoon Ross,

CAL FIRE has reviewed the rezone application and supporting materials, and we are not opposed to the rezoning of the property to Timberland Production.

Thanks for your patience as we worked through the application review. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thanks again,

Eric K. Huff, RPF No. 2544
Staff Chief – HQ Forest Practice Program

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From: Ross Markey <Ross.Markey@sonoma-county.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:45 PM
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Great! Thank you, Eric.

Please let me know if you need anything else to complete your review.

Sincerely,

Ross

From: Huff, Eric@CALFIRE <Eric.Huff@fire.ca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 17:25

To: Ross Markey <Ross.Markey@sonoma-county.org>

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Good afternoon Kim and Ross,

Kim, thanks for looping us in.

Ross, Shawn Headley is the new Forester III Forest Practice Program Manager following Bill Solinsky's retirement. Shawn and I will review the materials you've provided and correspond further with you and Kim.

Thank you,

Eric K. Huff, RPF No. 2544

Staff Chief – HQ Forest Practice Program

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Hi Ross

I think we need to get Sacramento staff involved with providing some input and direction. I've included Chief Hall and Chief Huff to get their perspective.

Thank you

Kim

----- Original message -----

From: Ross Markey <Ross.Markey@sonoma-county.org>

Date: 6/28/22 5:10 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: "Solinsky, Bill@CALFIRE" <Bill.Solinsky@fire.ca.gov>, "Sone, Kim@CALFIRE"

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Hi Bill & Kim,

I am reaching out to you both as you were our Cal Fire contacts for a 2018 TPZ rezoning application processed by Permit Sonoma. We are processing a new application which includes a request for rezoning into TPZ that we could use your help with. We sent a referral to Cal Fire for this project back in 2020 and received no response. We would appreciate any help that you can give us in making a determination as to whether or not Cal Fire would support this application for rezoning.

The current application includes the legalization of an existing resort use on a 210 acre property that is currently zoned for Resources and Rural Development (RRD) and is under a Williamson Act contract. In addition to legalization of the existing use, the applicant proposes a zone change from RRD to TPZ, including immediate cancellation of the existing Williamson Act contract per Government Code Section 51282.5 (were the provisions of Gov. Code Sec. 51113 are met).

The subject property is under an existing conservation easement held by the Golden State Land Conservancy (GSLC). This conservation easement does not prohibit commercial timber harvesting, but timber harvesting is not prioritized and instead, management of the existing timber resources, including firewood for domestic use, thinning of trees and reduction of fuel loads, removal of diseased or unsafe trees, cutting down trees for lumber or access purposes, reforestation activities, and the occasional harvest of trees for on-site construction purposes (10,000 board feet of lumber in an ten year period from live trees).

The applicant has prepared a Forest Management Plan (FMP) and has demonstrated that the requirements of Gov. Code Section 51113 for rezoning to TPZ are met, however, 51113 does require that a plan demonstrate for the “eventual harvest of timber within a reasonable period of time.” The applicant proposes to harvest timber for those uses outlined in the paragraph above that are expressly allowed by their recorded conservation easement.

I would appreciate your input on this application and if there is anyone else I could connect with, please let me know.

Application materials are located here: <https://share.sonoma-county.org/link/Pnk9rdFuBFE/>

Sincerely,

Ross

Ross Markey

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