#### GARDNER MINOR SUBDIVISION

Appeal of Planning Commission Approval of Minor Subdivision MNS12-0004 and Mitigated Negative Declaration

October 7, 2019
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#### **TODAY'S HEARING**

Project History

Project Description

Key Issues

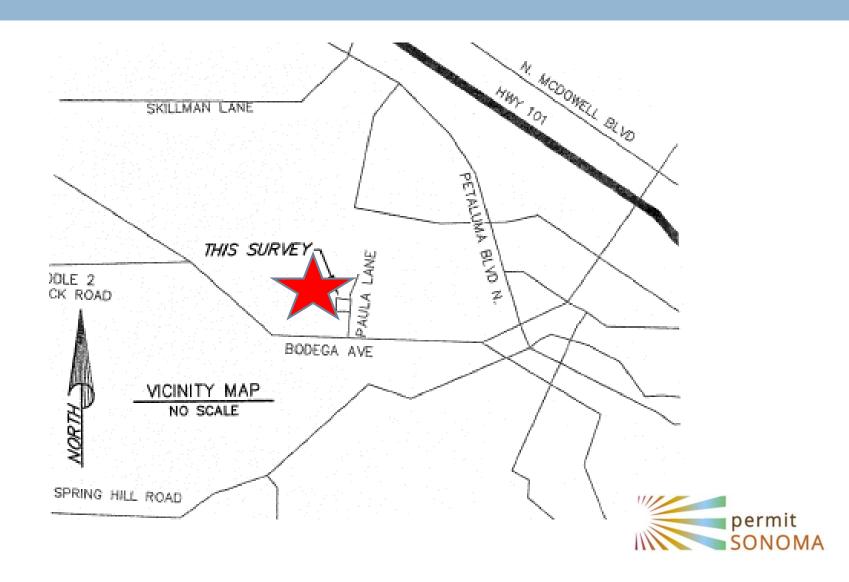
Environmental Findings



#### PROJECT HISTORY

- 2012 Application submitted
- 2012 & 2013 Grading code violations, then legalized
- 2016 Encroachment permit for well testing
- 2017 Septic Permit + Well & Septic Field Review
- 2017 & 2018 Revisions to Tentative Map show 2 new wells and septic areas
- 2018 Planning Commission approved minor subdivision per Sec. 25-43; appeal filed

#### PROJECT SITE LOCATION



## **GENERAL PLAN LAND USE**



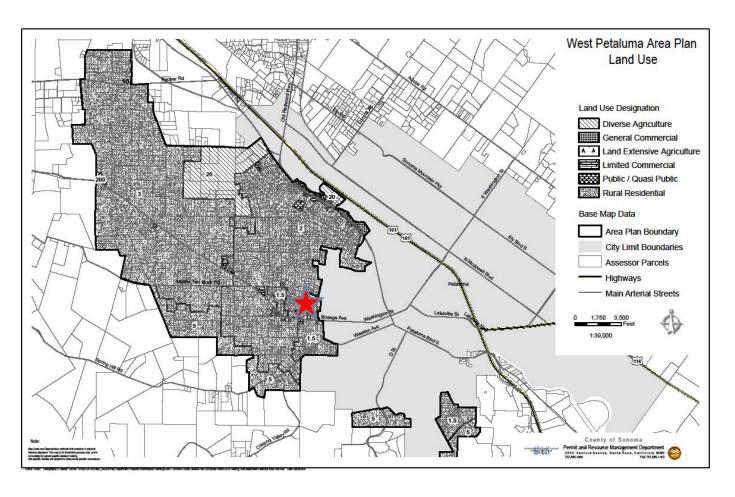
Land Use Designation:

RR Rural Residential

2 acres per DU

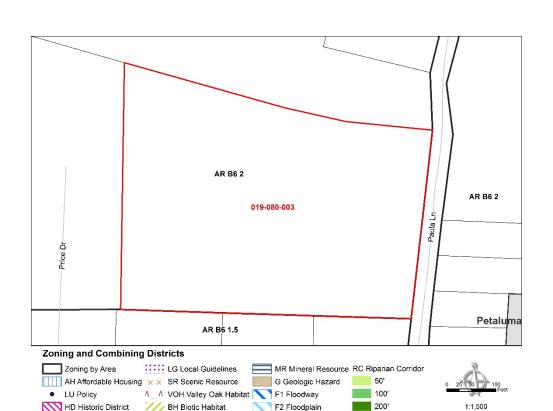


#### WEST PETALUMA LAND USE



West Petaluma Area Plan - Rural Residential 1.5 acres per DU

#### ZONING



#### **Zoning:**

AR Agricultural and Residential

2-acre density

**No Combining Zones** 



#### **PROJECT SETTING**



CITY OF PETALUMA

OPEN SPACE PRESERVE

PROJECT SITE

**PAULA LANE** 

BODEGA AVENUE

## PROJECT PARCEL



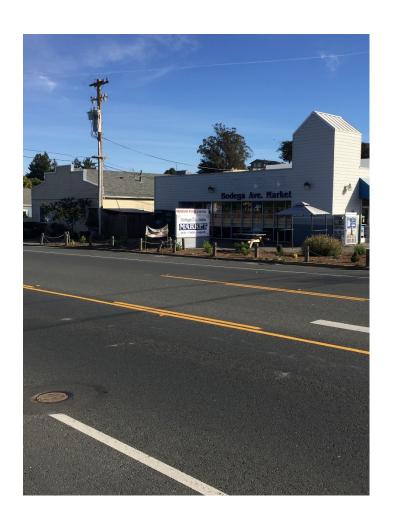
**PAULA LANE** 

**BARN** 

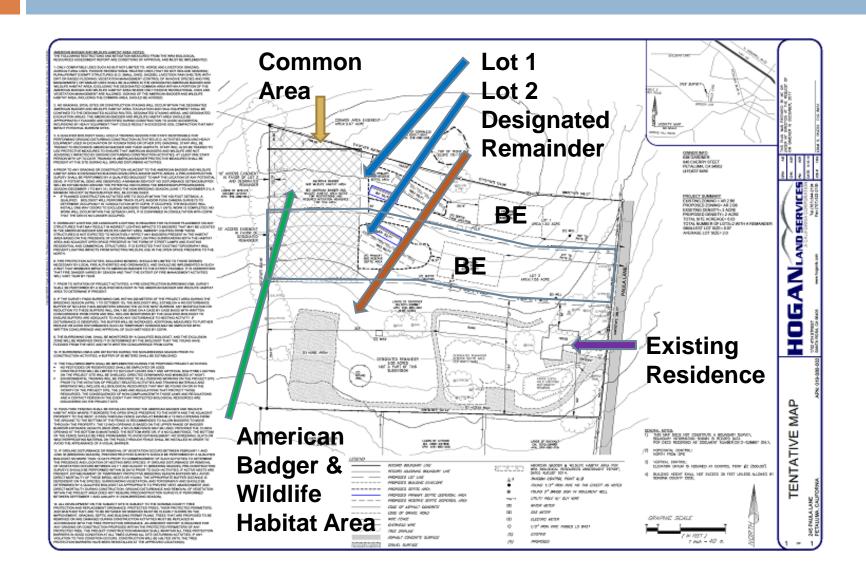
**EXISTING**RESIDENCE

## COMM'L NODE-PAULA LN/BODEGA AV





#### **TENTATIVE MAP**



#### REDUCTION OF STANDARDS

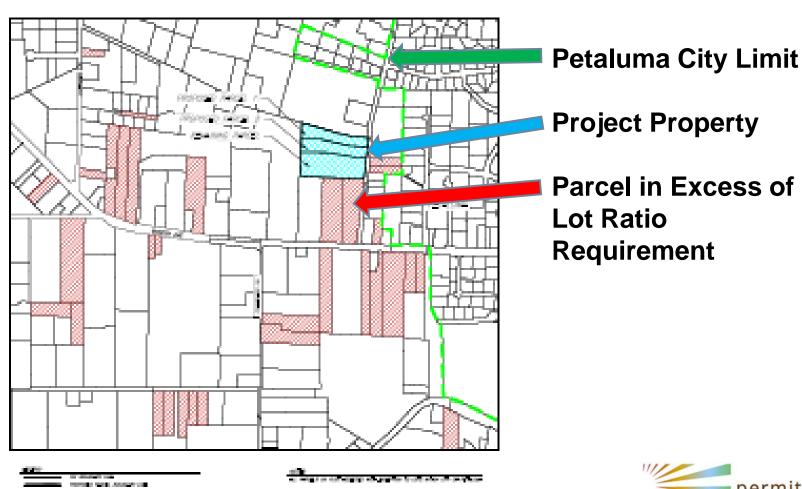
#### Sec. 25-42. – Lots (b)

- Lot depth shall not be greater than 3 times width
- Planning Commission may approve lots exceeding minimums

# Sec. 25-43. Optional design and improvement standards

Map of development showing lot arrangements,
 shape plus size and street pattern required

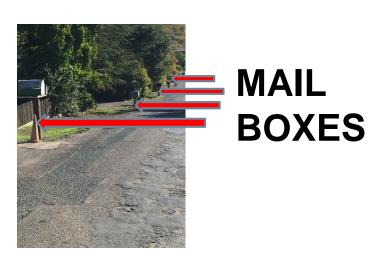
#### **NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT MAP**





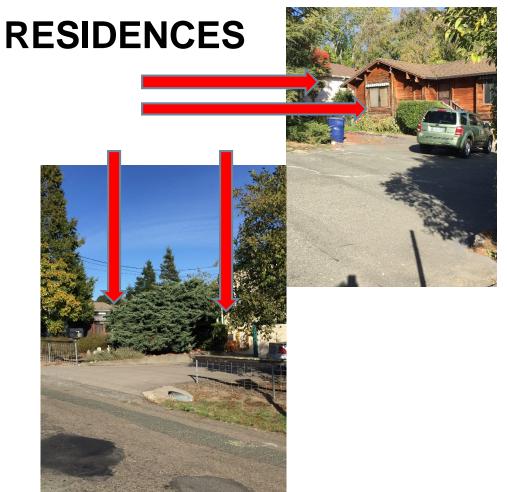


#### **SMALL LOTS ACROSS PAULA LANE**





**APTS. BEHIND PROJECT** 



#### **EXPANDED PROTECTION**



UTILIZED
HABITAT BY
AMERICAN
BADGER ADJACENT CITY
OF PETALUMA
PAULA LANE
OPEN SPACE
PRESERVE

DESIGNATED
AMERICAN
BADGER AND
WILDLIFE
HABITAT ON
LOTS 1 AND 2

#### **KEY FINDINGS**

- Is Minor Subdivision Consistent with General Plan Designation and Zoning?
- Are Impacts Mitigated To Less-than-Significant?
- Is Use Compatible with Neighborhood?



#### KEY ISSUES

- Former Grading in 2012 and 2013
- Potential Visual and Biological Impacts
- American Badger and Wildlife Habitat
  - Any effects on project parcel
  - Any effects on adjacent City of Petaluma
     Paula Lane Open Space Preserve
- Lot Length to Width Ratio



#### FORMER GRADING

- Former Grading on Designated Remainder
  - Unpermitted grading in 2012 and 2013
  - Grading permits issued to legalize grading
  - Potential disturbance of American Badger on Project Parcel and
  - Paula Lane Open Space Preserve



#### POTENTIAL VISUAL IMPACTS

#### **TOP OF RESIDENCE**



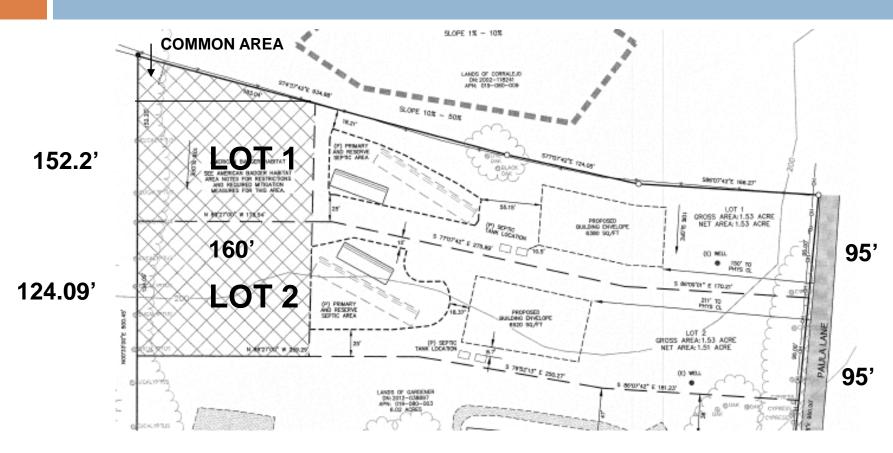
#### **TOP OF RESIDENCE**



#### AM. BADGER & WILDLIFE HABITAT

- Designated American Badger and Wildlife Habitat Area
  - Signs of use by American Badger observed
  - American Badger and Wildlife Habitat Areas designated on Lots 1 and 2
  - Mitigation measures developed with CDFW
  - Mitigation measures are conditions of approval and required as notes on plans and map.

#### LOT LENGTH TO WIDTH RATIO



- LENGTH OF LOT 1 (INCLUDING HABITAT AREA) IS 623' (90° TO BACK LOT LINE)
- LENGTH OF LOT 2 (INCLUDING HABITAT AREA) IS 615' (90° TO BACK LOT LINE)



#### CONCLUSION

- Minor Subdivision Consistent with Sonoma County General Plan, West Petaluma Area Plan and Zoning
- All Impacts Mitigated To Less-thansignificant
- Project Compatible With Neighborhood



#### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

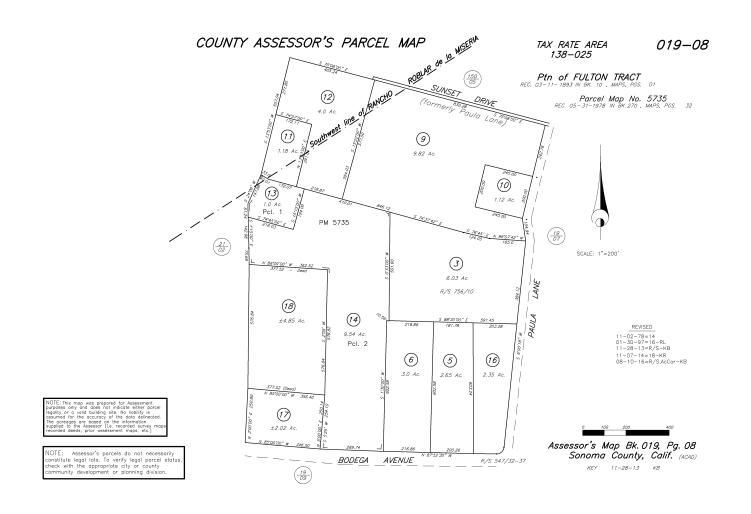
- Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration
- Deny the Appeal
- Approve the Minor Subdivision pursuant to Sec. 25-43 as shown on the Tentative Map



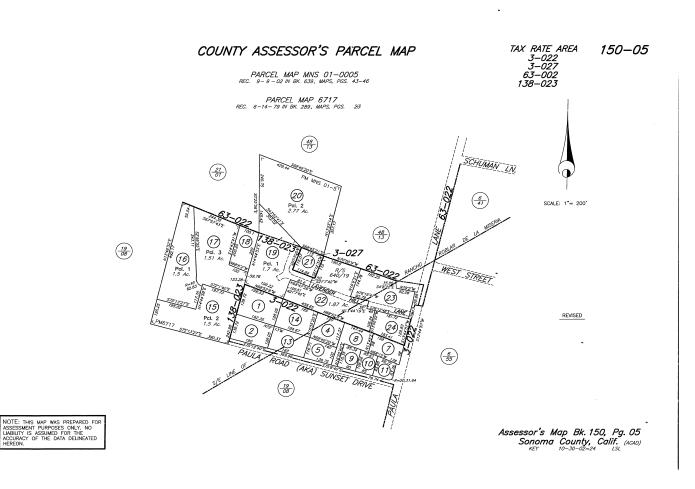
# QUESTIONS?



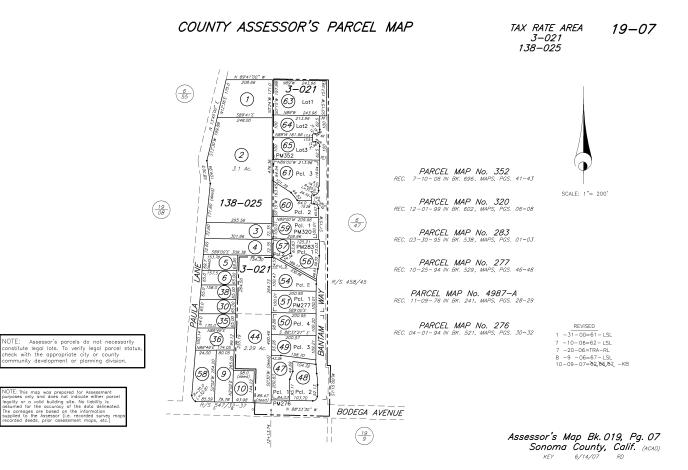
## **PARCEL MAP**



#### PARCEL MAP NORTH



#### PARCEL MAP EAST



#### PROJECT SITE LOCATION

