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Sonoma County Board of Zoning Adjustments Agenda

Permit Sonoma Hearing Room
2550 Ventura Ave.
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January 23, 2025
Meeting No.: 25-02

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Roll Call

Commissioner Carr, District 1
Commissioner Reed, District 2
Absent, District 3
Commissioner Koenigshofer, District 5
Commissioner McCaffery, Chair, District 4

Staff Members

Cecily Condon, Permit Sonoma Division Manager
Jacob Sedgley, Project Planner
Levan King Cranston, Project Planner

Joshua Miranda, Project Planner
Tasha Levitt, Administrative Assistant
Ivan Jimenez, Deputy County Counsel III
Jennifer Klein, Chief Deputy County Counsel

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Materials

Available digitally through the link in the Agenda and on the Board of Zoning Adjustments website. You can also email PlanningAgency@sonoma-county.org or the project planner to request materials.

1:00 PM Call to order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence

Planning Commission/Board of Supervisors Actions

Commissioner Announcements

Public Appearances for Non-Agenda Items

Items scheduled on the Agenda

Board of Zoning Adjustments Regular Calendar

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Item No.: 1

Time: 1:05 PM

File: UPE22-0067

Applicant: Public Safety Towers LLC

Owner: Sonoma County Water Agency

Cont. from: September 12, 2024

Staff: Jacob Sedgley

Env. Doc: Class 3 Categorical Exemption (14 CCR § 15303)

Proposal: Use Permit for a new Intermediate Freestanding Commercial Telecommunications Facility, including a 110-foot monotree, a generator for backup emergency power, and associated ground equipment all located within a 1,125-square foot lease area enclosed by a 6-foot fence on a 78.11-acre parcel zoned RRD (Resources and Rural Development).

Recommended

Action: Staff recommends that the Board of Zoning Adjustments find the project exempt from CEQA and approve use permit request.

Location: 10290 Westside Road, Healdsburg, CA

APN: 110-280-007

District: Fifth

Zoning: Resource and Rural Development (RRD B6 160), with the Floodway and Floodplain Combing Districts (F1 F2), Oak Woodland and Valley Oak Habitat Combing Districts (OAK VOH), Riparian Corridor Combining District (RC50/25 RC200/100), and Scenic Resources Combining District (SR – Scenic Corridor)

Action:

Appeal Deadline:

Resolution No.: 25-0_

Vote:

Commissioner Carr

Commissioner Reed

District 3

Commissioner Koenigshofer

Commissioner McCaffery

Item No.: 2
Time: At or after 1:10 PM
File: PLP23-0019
Applicant: Matt Moore on behalf of AT&T
Owner: Josephine Franceschi Trust et al.
Cont. from: September 26, 2024
Staff: Levan King Cranston
Env. Doc: Categorical Exemption, Section 15303, New Construction of a Small Structure
Proposal: Request for a Coastal Permit and Use Permit for new 70-foot tall intermediate freestanding commercial telecommunications facility to include a stealth monopine design, with associated ground equipment, and a 30kw diesel generator for backup emergency power located within a 900 square foot leased area on a 337.7-acre parcel located west of Highway 1.

Recommended

Action: Permit Sonoma recommends that the Board of Zoning Adjustments approve the requested Coastal Permit and Use Permit to allow for a new 70-foot high intermediate freestanding telecommunications facility, subject to the attached conditions for approval, and find the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303.

Location: 17400 Hwy 1 B, Valley Ford
APN: 103-030-001
District: Fifth
Zoning: Land Extensive Agriculture CC (allowed density: B6 standard lot) and combining zone for Accessory Dwelling Unit Exclusion, Riparian Corridor (100/50 setback) and Scenic Resource.

Action:
Appeal Deadline:
Resolution No.: 25-0_

Vote:
Commissioner Carr
Commissioner Reed
District 3
Commissioner Koenigshofer
Commissioner McCaffery

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:
Abstain:

Item No.: 3
Time: At or after 1:15 PM
File: PLP24-0012
Applicant: Mario and Katherine Ghilotti
Owner: Mario Ghilotti
Cont. from: N/A
Staff: Joshua Miranda
Env. Doc: Revised Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse # 2024-070225)
Proposal: Request to allow agricultural support and visitor serving uses in an existing 5,020 square foot barn, including: 1) a Zoning Permit to allow a 215 square foot farm retail sales facility, operating with 2 employees, open to the public by appointment only from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, seven days a week; 2) a Zoning Permit to allow a 3,575 square foot small-scale agricultural processing facility to process lavender grown onsite into various products including essential oils, and hydrosol, and perfumes, operating daily with up to 4 employees from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM; and, 3) a Use Permit to allow 28 annual agricultural promotional events ranging in size from 40 – 200 attendees, between the hours of 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, with amplified music limited to indoors only. Construction includes legalizing grading and building modifications and developing a new access road, bridge, and 10 parking spaces near the barn. Onsite event parking for up to 150 vehicles will be provided in a graded and mowed pasture. Located on a 56.76 acre parcel subject to a Land Conservation (Williamson Act) Contract at 4485 D Street, Petaluma; **APN 020-130-037. Supervisorial District 2.**

Recommended

Action: Permit Sonoma recommends that the Sonoma County Board of Zoning Adjustments adopt the revised Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program and approve the project subject to the attached Conditions of Approval.

Location: 4485 D Street, Petaluma

APN: 020-130-037

District: Second

Zoning: Land Extensive Agriculture with 60 acre per dwelling unit (LEA B6 60) with Combining Districts for Accessory Dwelling Unit Exclusion (Z), Scenic Resources (SR), Oak Woodland (OAK), and Valley Oak Habitat (VOH)

Action:

Appeal Deadline:

Resolution No.: 25-0_

Vote:

Commissioner Carr

Commissioner Reed

District 3
Commissioner Koenigshofer
Commissioner McCaffery

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:
Abstain:

Permit Sonoma Hearing Waiver Calendar

This calendar serves only to notify the public of hearing waiver projects. The projects listed below are not on the current agenda.

File: UPC24-0004
Project Name: Wingo Ranch B Outdoor Cannabis
Applicant: Wingo Ranch B, LLC / Ivan Escobar
Staff: Ken Compton
Location: NA, Sonoma (APN: 128-471-006)
APN: 128-471-006

Project

Description: Use permit to cultivate up to one acre (43,560 square feet) of outdoor cannabis and accessory propagation on a 320.57-acre parcel zoned Land Extensive Agriculture (LEA). Operation would convert an existing 40,000 square foot multitenant zoning permit with minor expansion and no changes to project area. No onsite processing. Infrastructure to serve the operation is existing, including fencing and water irrigation lines.

Last Day for

Public Comment: January 27, 2024

File: UPC24-0005
Project Name: Wingo Ranch D Outdoor Cannabis
Applicant: Wingo Ranch D, LLC / Barry Wood
Staff: Ken Compton
Location: 1495 Fremont Dr, Sonoma (APN: 128-444-002)
APN: 128-444-002

Project

Description: Use permit to cultivate up to one acre (43,560 square feet) of outdoor cannabis and accessory propagation on a 45.72-acre parcel zoned Land Extensive Agriculture (LEA). Operation would convert an existing 40,000 square foot multitenant zoning permit with minor expansion and no changes to project area. No onsite processing. Infrastructure to serve the operation is existing, including fencing and water irrigation lines.

**Last Day for
Public Comment:** January 27, 2024

Public Appearances for Non-Agenda Items: Shortly after the hearing begins, the BZA invites public participation regarding the affairs of the County. Any person desiring to speak on any matter which is not scheduled on this agenda may do so. Comments may be limited to three minutes, or as imposed at the discretion of the Chair. Under State Law, matters presented during public appearances cannot be discussed or acted upon by the BZA commissioners.

Public Appearances for Agenda Items: PC hearings begin at 1:00 PM and are recorded. Agenda items begin on or after the time stated on the agenda. After a county staff project presentation and commission questions, the public hearing is then opened. The applicant may then give a 10-minute project presentation followed by public comments. The time limit for public comments is at the Chair's discretion and is typically three minutes per speaker. Please state your name for the record when you are called upon. Questions raised by the public may be answered after all public comments are given. The Commission may request staff or the applicant to answer questions, and the applicant is given the opportunity to respond to any public comments. The public hearing is then closed, and no further public comments are received. The commissioners discuss the project and make a decision by motion and roll call vote.

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Hearing Waiver Calendar: The hearing waiver calendar lists projects proposed for public hearing waivers for informational purposes only. The listed items are not scheduled on the current or uncontested calendars. For more information on the hearing waiver item, contact the planner assigned to the project or fill out a 'Request for Information' card.

Uncontested Calendar: All items listed on the uncontested calendar are considered to be routine. The Chair will open the public hearing on all items simultaneously. If no one from the

public addresses the BZA, the hearing will be closed, and the items may be acted upon with a single majority vote.

Public Comments

Please follow the instructions below to submit a Public Comment in writing, email or in person via the hearing room. The BZA invites interested persons to submit comments which are entered into the permanent record. Written comments received prior to and during the hearing are distributed to the commissioners, staff, and are available to the public via the public copies link in the calendar section of this agenda. Written comments received after the package is made public may be read into the record.

Mail Public Comments: Address letters to: Permit Sonoma, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Attn: Planning Agency Secretary, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 and include the project number.

Email Public Comments: Email comments to: PlanningAgency@sonoma-county.org. Please provide your name and the project number. It is advised to email comments (no later than the day before) prior to the hearing date to give commissioners and staff review time.

If you wish to speak on an item which appears on this agenda, please fill out a speaker card and drop it in the box near the staff table. You will be called by the Chair in the order received. Your name, will be announced when it's your turn to speak (1 public comment is allowed per person). The meetings are recorded and all in person testimony must be given through the microphone. Please state your name upon approaching the microphone. Each person may speak only once and is usually granted 3 minutes. Time limits are at the discretion of the Chair. Questions raised by the public are to be directed to the Commission. At the end of the hearing, the Commission may ask staff or the applicant to respond to any questions raised during the hearing.

If you wish to comment on a hearing waiver item, submit your comment directly to the assigned planner prior to the "last day for public comment" date listed for each item.

Please Be Respectful of others and the varying points of view. No clapping, booing, or speaking out of turn.

Please Be Courteous turn off cell phones and pagers while the meeting is in session.