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August 13, 2019

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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CASE#: R_2019-0005/U_2019-0008

DATE FILED: 5/10/2019

OWNER/APPLICANT: MENDORICA LLC

AGENT: NICK CASTON

REQUEST: Rezone and Use Permit to rezone the subject parcel from General Commercial (C2) to Limited

Industrial (I1) and allow for cannabis retail.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Exempt per CCR 15183 and Categorically Exempt

LOCATION: 2± miles north of Ukiah center, on the east side of N. State St. (CR 104), 0.3± miles north of its

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SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 1

STAFF PLANNER: SAM VANDEWATER

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TO: Ukiah Daily Journal

FROM: James F. Feenan, Commission Services Supervisor

SUBJECT: Publication of Legal Notice.

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 R 2019-0005/U 2019-0008

SUMMARY

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1206 4TH ST

SANTA ROSA, CA 95404

AGENT: NICK CASTON

3655 CLEVELAND AVE SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

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St., Ukiah (APN 169-242-08).

TOTAL ACREAGE: 0.5± Acres

GENERAL PLAN: Industrial (I)

ZONING: General Commercial (C2:12K)

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 1st District (Brown)

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Exempt per CCR 15183 and Categorically Exempt per

Section 15301, Class 1

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS

STAFF PLANNER: SAM VANDY VANDEWATER

BACKGROUND

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Rezone and Use Permit to rezone the subject parcel from General Commercial (C2) to Limited Industrial (I1) and allow for cannabis retail. The rezone will bring consistency between the existing General Plan Land Use Designation of the parcel and the zoning code.

SITE CHARACTERISTICS: The subject parcel is accessed by North State Street and is located in the Ukiah Valley Fire Protection District. For utilities, the parcel is within the Ukiah Valley Water District and Sanitation District and is provided electricity by PG&E. One permitted structure currently exists on the parcel, formally use as a mortuary, and little vegetation remains except on the eastern periphery.

RELATED APPLICATIONS: The subject parcel was created by major division **MD 76-73**.

PUBLIC SERVICES:

Access: North State Street (CR 104)

Fire District: Ukiah Valley Fire Protection District

Water District: Millview Water District

Sewer District: Ukiah Valley Sanitation District School District: Ukiah Unified School District

SURROUNDING LAND USE AND ZONING:

	GENERAL PLAN	ZONING	LOT SIZES (ACRES)	USES
NORTH	Commercial (C)	Limited Commercial (C1)	1.3±	Commercial
EAST	Industrial (I)	General Industrial (I2)	20.5±	Commercial
SOUTH	Industrial (I)	General Industrial (I2)	20.5±	Commercial
WEST	Commercial (C)	General Commercial (C2)	1.4±	Commercial

AGENCY COMMENTS: On June 14, 2019, project referrals were sent to the following responsible or trustee agencies with jurisdiction over the Project. Their submitted recommended conditions of approval are contained in Exhibit A of the attached resolution. Any comment that would trigger a project modification or denial is discussed in full as key issues in the following section.

REFERRAL AGENCIES	COMMENT
Department of Transportation	Comment
Environmental Health	Comment
Building Inspection	Comment
Assessor	No Comment
Tax Collector	No Response
Air Quality Management District	Comment
California Highway Patrol	No Comment
Mendocino County Sheriff's Office	No Response
Millview Water District	No Response
Ukiah Valley Fire Protection District	No Response
Cloverdale Rancheria	No Response
Redwood Valley Rancheria	No Response
Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians	No Response

KEY ISSUES

1. General Plan and Zoning Consistency: The subject parcel has a General Plan Land Use Designation of Industrial (I) as defined by Chapter 3: Development Element of the Mendocino County General Plan. The Industrial classification is intended,

"to be applied to lands suited for major industrial uses, where necessary services such as transportation systems and utilities exist or can be efficiently provided, where disruption of proximate uses will be least, and where the potential for environmental disruption is minimal or can be adequately controlled. This classification is intended to protect these lands from the pressures of development and preserve them for future use as designated."

The project is consistent with the General Plan designation as it is located within the developed corridor of North State Street. The subject parcel is also served by North State Street, a publically maintained road, further showing the parcel's consistency with the Industrial General Plan designation. Due to the size of the parcel, major industrial uses may be difficult to establish, but the proposed use permit for cannabis retail could be complemented by additional industrial cannabis operations, such as distribution, testing, processing, and manufacturing. The potential for industrial cannabis cultivations exists as well.

The proposed project includes the rezone of the parcel from the current General Commercial (C2) zoning district to the Limited Industrial (I1) zoning district. The purpose of the rezone is to establish consistency between the Industrial General Plan Land Use Designation and the zoning district. Upon the adoption of the Ukiah Valley Area Plan, the General Plan Land Use Designation of number of parcels was changed to encourage specific types of spatial development and land use. The subject parcel was included in this

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change, thus making this rezone a necessary action to begin such development. In addition to bringing the zoning into compliance, the proposed rezone would be a prerequisite for the use permit.

The proposed zoning district for the subject parcel would be Limited Industrial (I1), which is intended,

"to create and preserve areas where manufacturing and industrial uses which evidence no or very low nuisance characteristics may locate. Nonindustrial uses which support or are adjuncts to industrial uses and are compatible with such uses are permitted within the zone particularly administrative, sales and service uses."

With regards to the use permit, the rezone would make the proposed project consistent with both the General Plan and the zoning district. The intended use as a cannabis retail location would be still be consistent in the Limited Industrial zoning district, despite being less industrial than other uses. However, industrial cannabis uses may also be permitted, such as cannabis distribution, processing, and manufacturing, thus increasing the potential development of the parcel. Being enclosed by major transit route (North State Street), as well as other industrial zoned parcels, helps to ensure the nuisance aspects of any future operations are managed and do no impact surrounding residential and commercial areas.

- 2. Use Permit Findings: The proposed use permit is required to meet the use permit findings set forth in the Mendocino County Code (MCC Section 20.196.020). Below is the discussion of each finding and how the use permit appropriately meets those requirements.
 - A. That the establishment, maintenance or operation of a use or building applied for is in conformity with the General Plan;

As shown in the previous section, the proposed rezone and use permit are in conformity of the General Plan, with the approval of the rezone being a prerequisite for the use permit. The intended business permitted by the use permit is compatible with the General Uses of the Industrial Land Use Designation.

B. That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided;

The proposed project is already connected to the Millview Water District and Ukiah Valley Sanitation District. Additionally, the project gains access from North State Street and is located within Ukiah Stormwater Area, ensuring appropriate drainage.

C. That such use will not, under the circumstances of that particular case, constitute a nuisance or be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort or general welfare of persons residing or working in or passing through the neighborhood of such proposed use, or be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the county; provided, that if any proposed building or use is necessary for the public health, safety or general welfare, the finding shall be to that effect:

The proposed rezone is exempt by California Code of Regulations Section 15183 and the proposed use permit was determined to be categorically exempt. However, the proposed use of a cannabis retail business is less intensive than other permitted industrial uses, thus the project will not be a detriment to the wellbeing of surrounding neighbors or the environment. Conditions of Approval are recommended to ensure the use permit aspects of the project will not create a nuisance.

D. That such use preserves the integrity of the zoning district.

Similarly to the General Plan conformity finding above, compliance with the Mendocino County Code zoning district is discussed in the previous section. The rezone from General Commercial (C2) to Limited Industrial (I1) and the subsequent use permit requirement ensures the integrity.

- 3. Environmental Protection: The rezone is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15183 as due to special circumstances and the change in zoning being consistent with the General Plan. The use permit is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA, pursuant to Section 15301, Class 1 of Article 19 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. The Class 1 exemption applies to "the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination." The proposed project meets the criteria of Section 15301 and has been determined to not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.
- **4. Ukiah Valley Area Plan:** The proposed project is subject to the Ukiah Valley Area Plan and has been found to be consistent with the policies of the Plan. In particular, Policy LU 1.4a Land Use Planning encourages increasing land use density and capacity. The project supports this policy by providing more opportunity for industrial cannabis development along the retail proposed by the use permit.

RECOMMENDATION

By resolution, the Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors grant the rezone and approve the use permit for the Project, as proposed by the applicant, based on the facts and evidence contained in the record and subject to the conditions of approval.

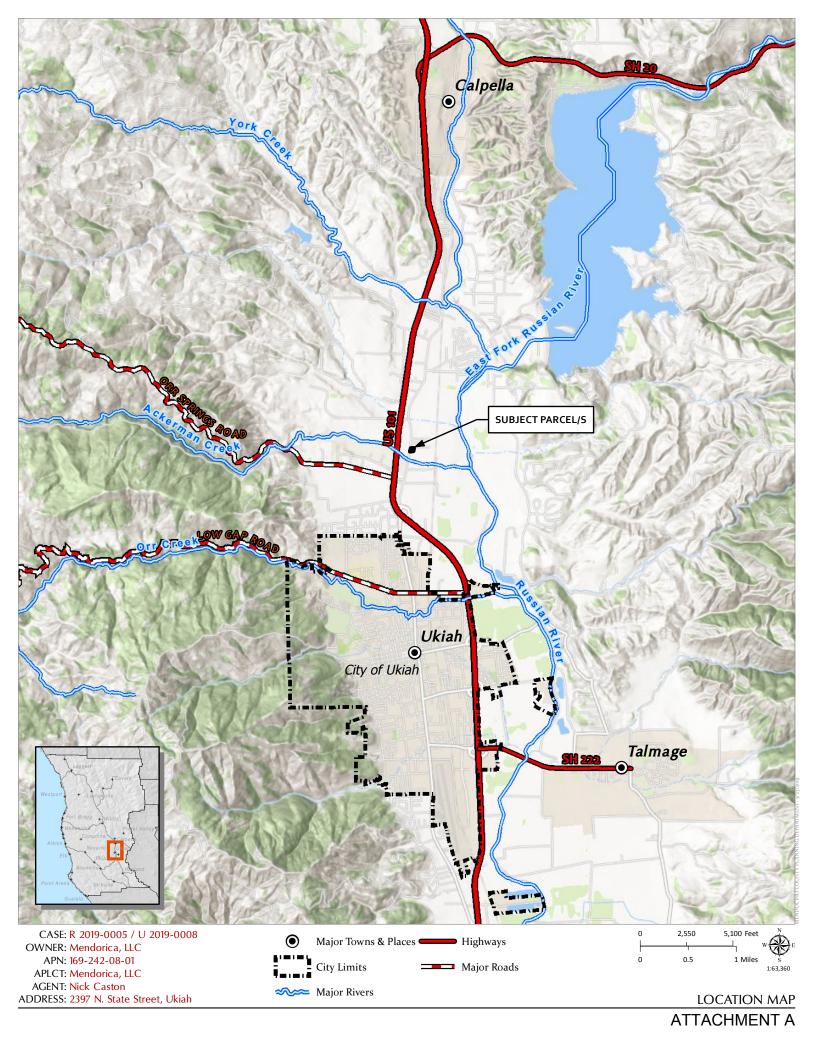
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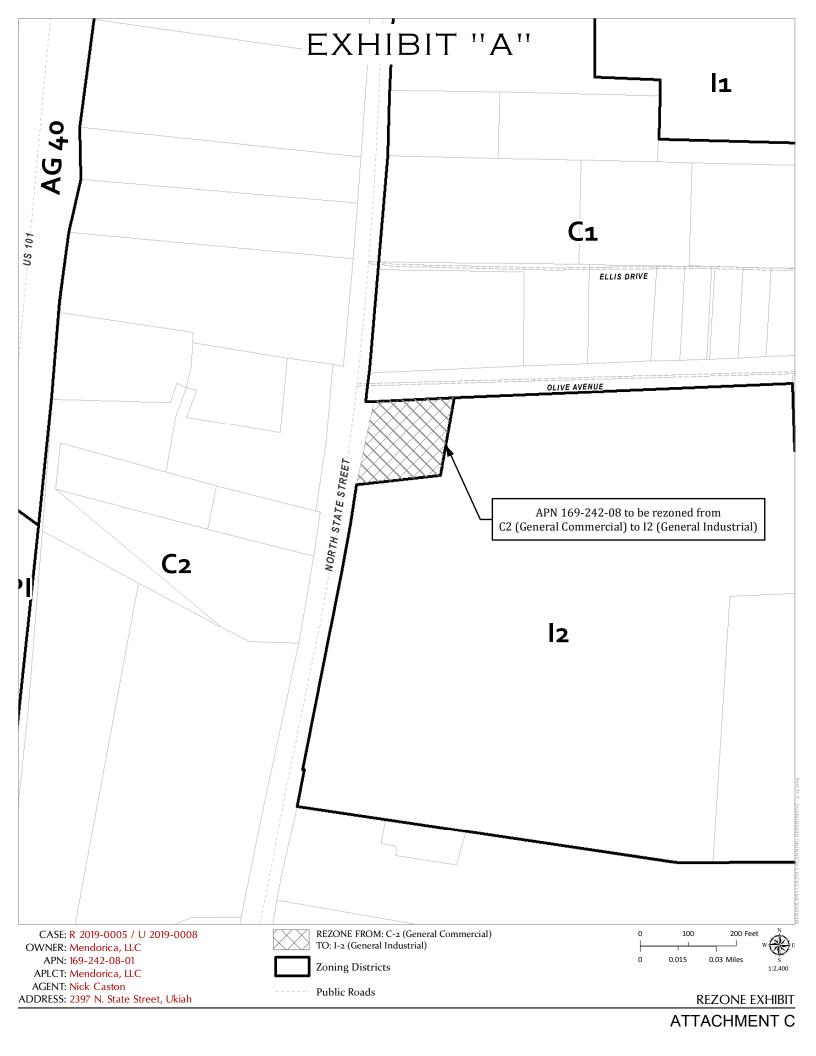
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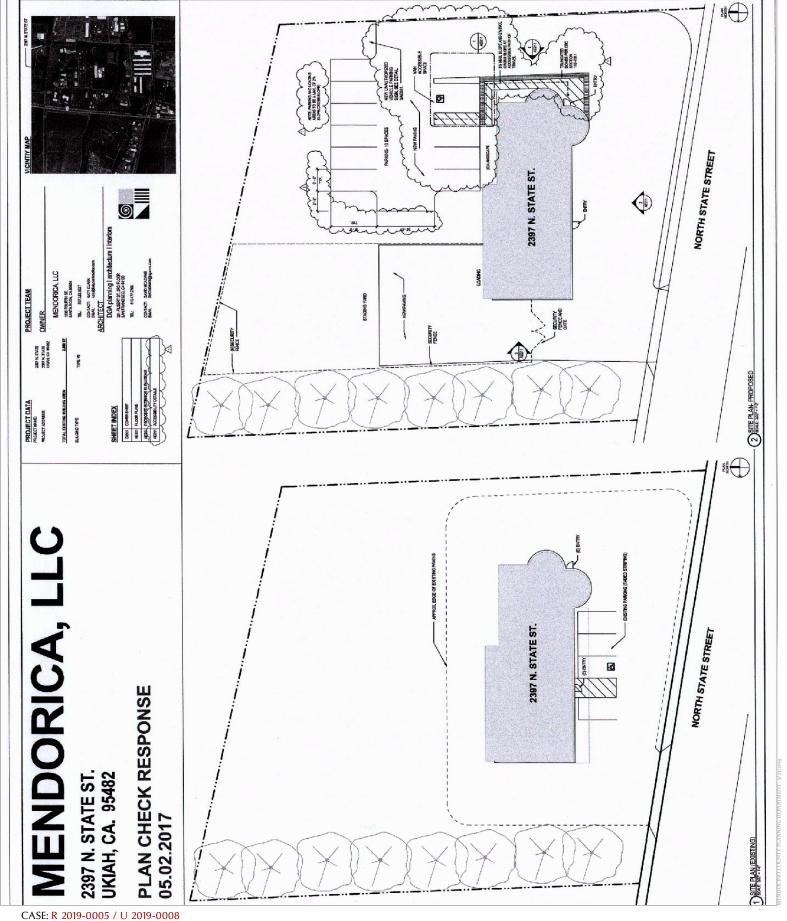
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RESOLUTION AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL (Exhibit A):







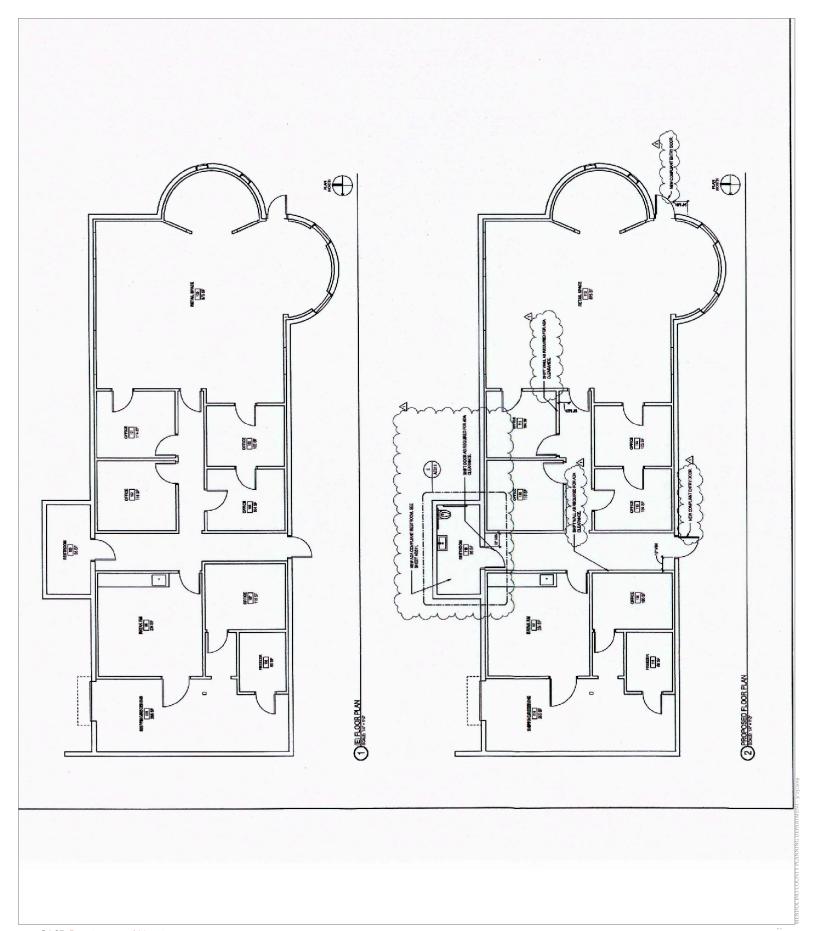


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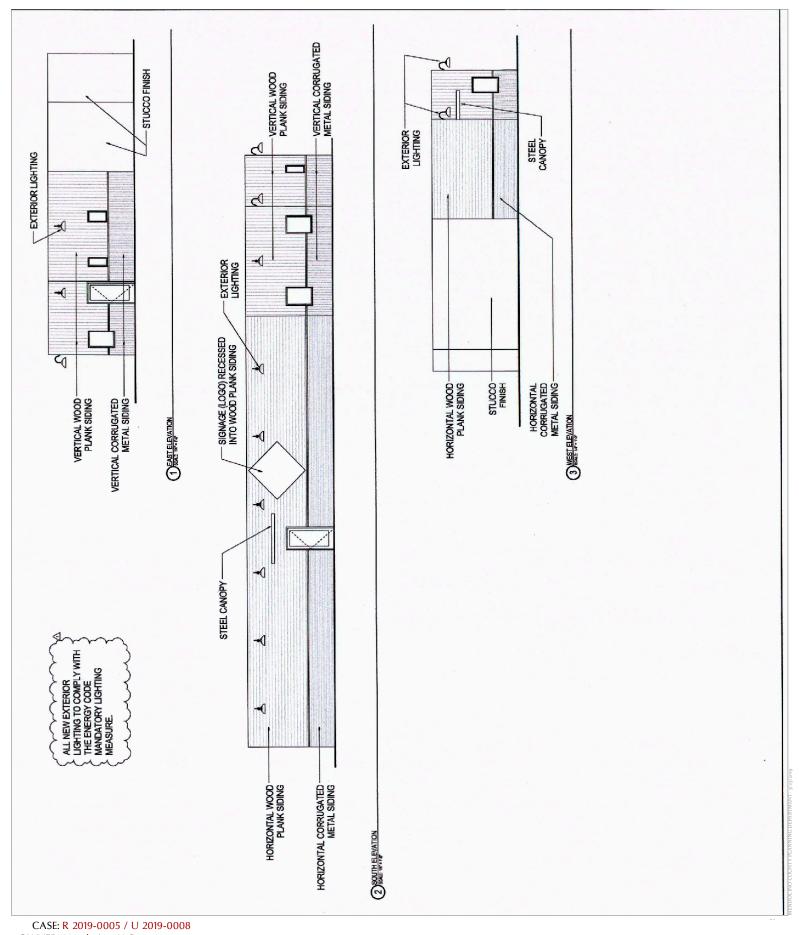
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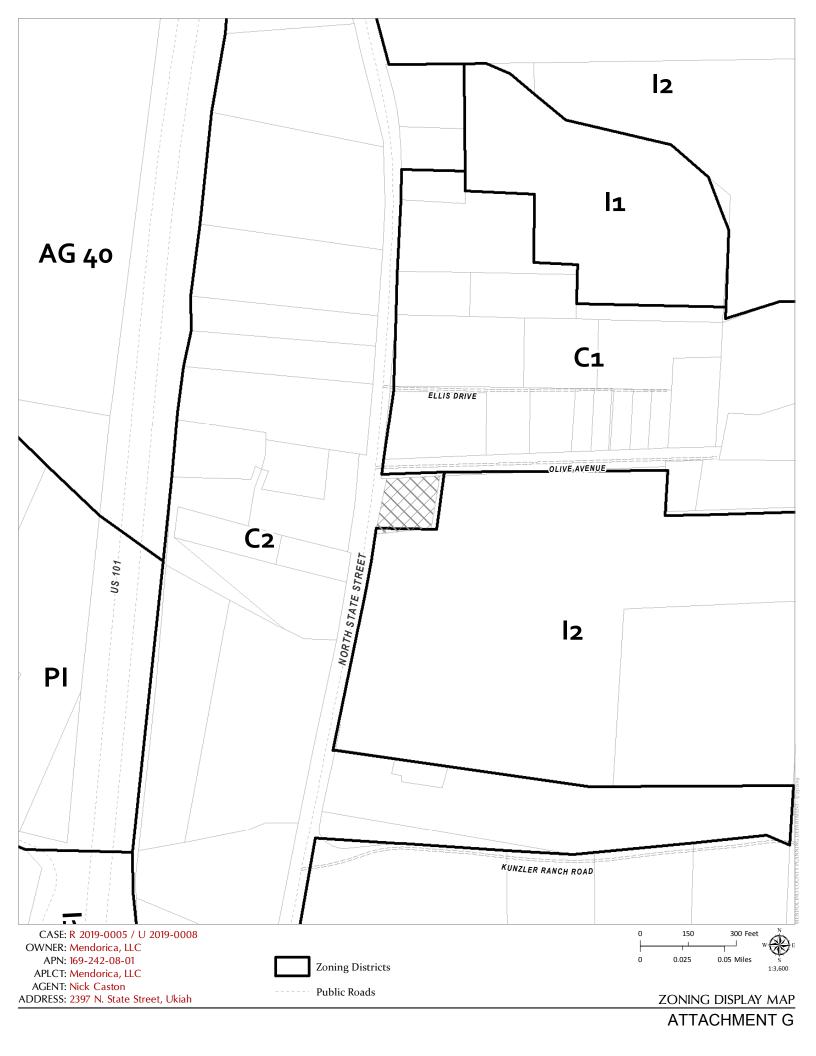
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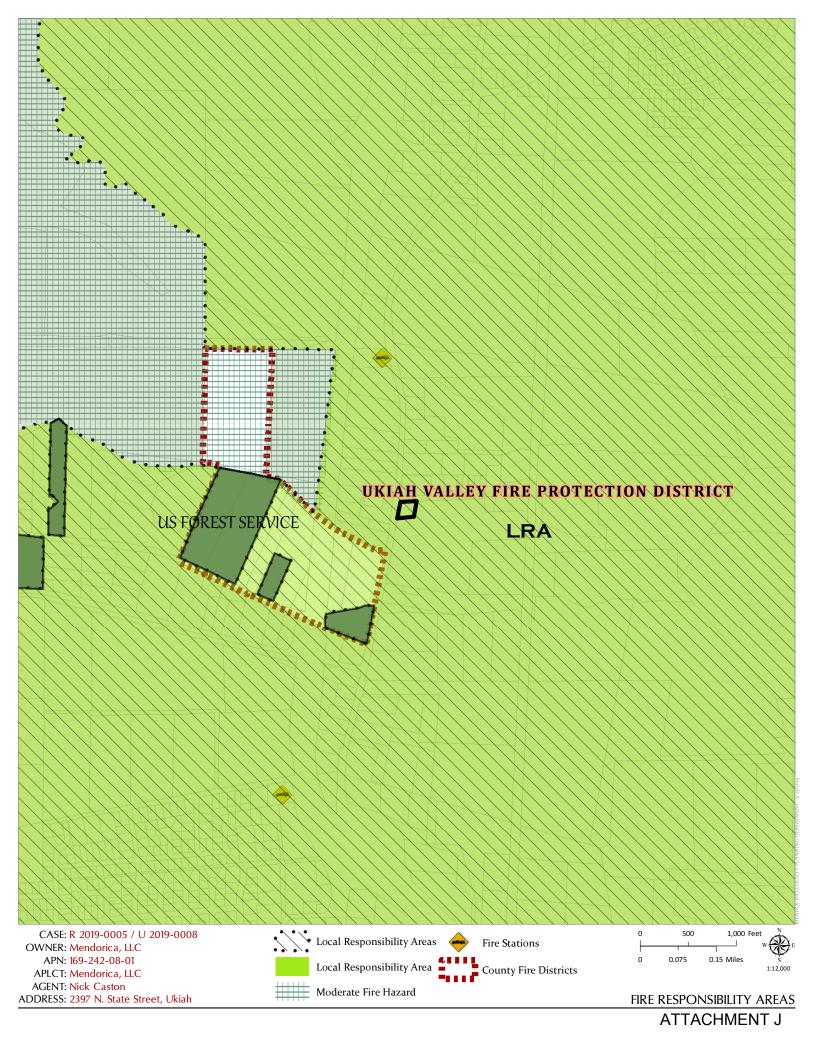
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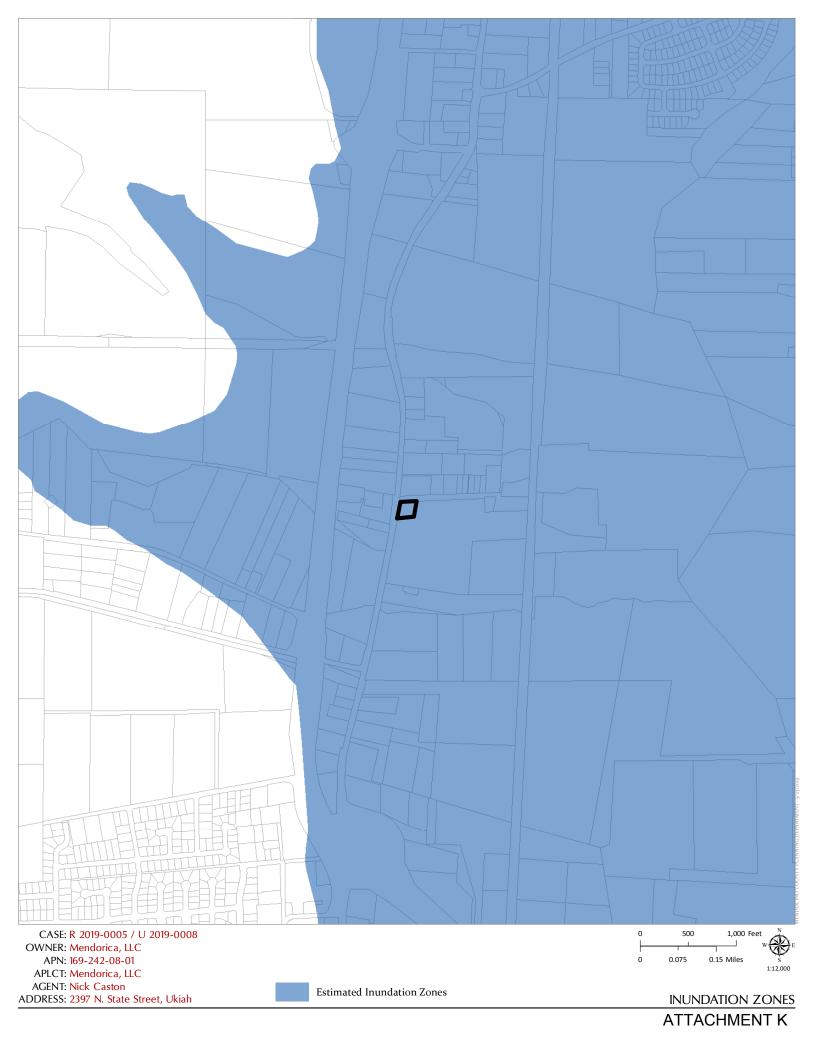
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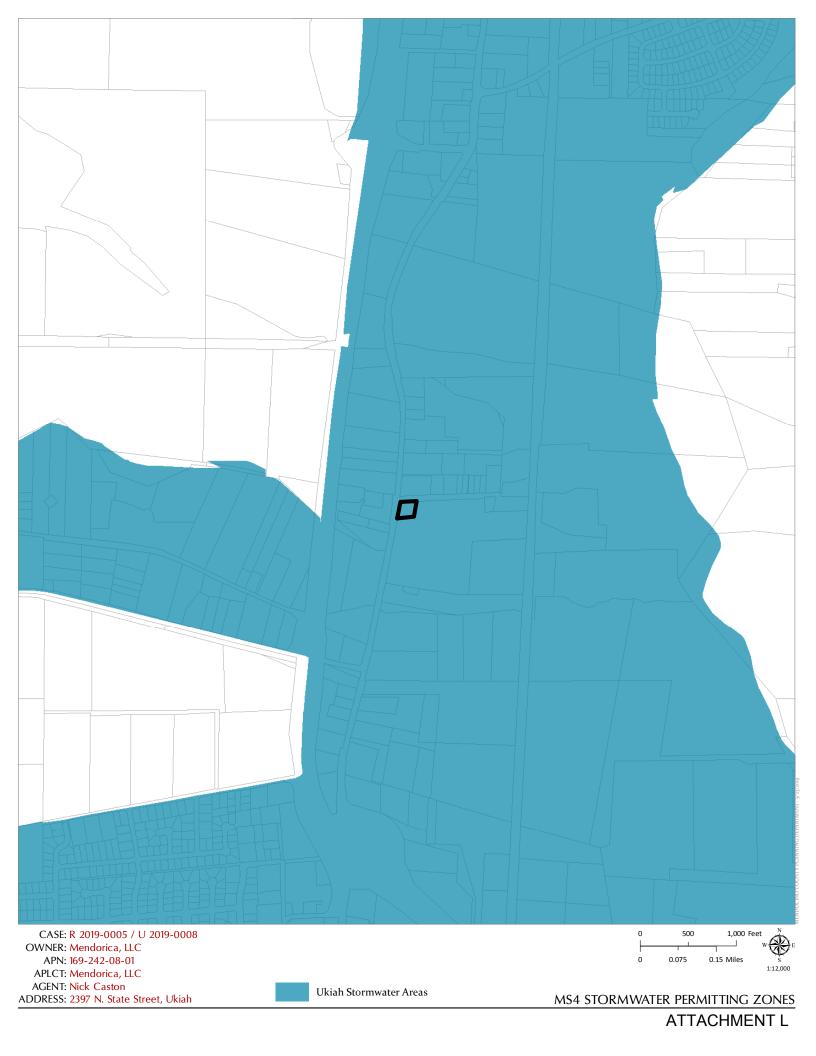


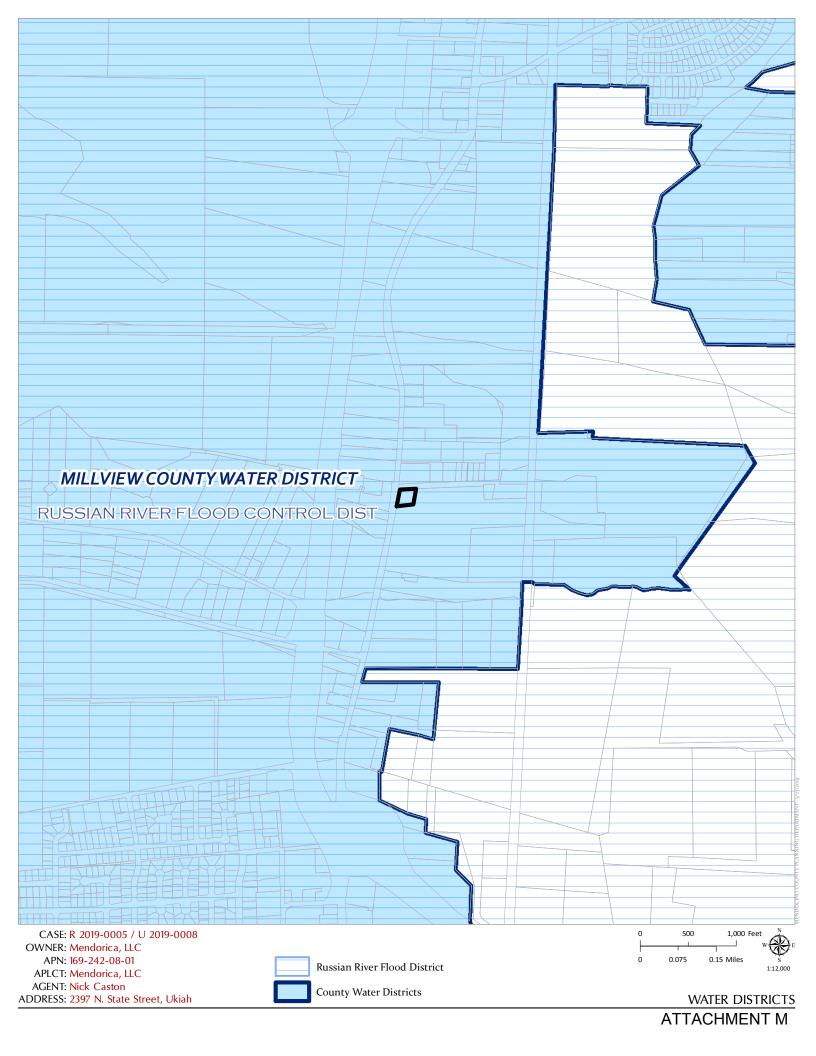


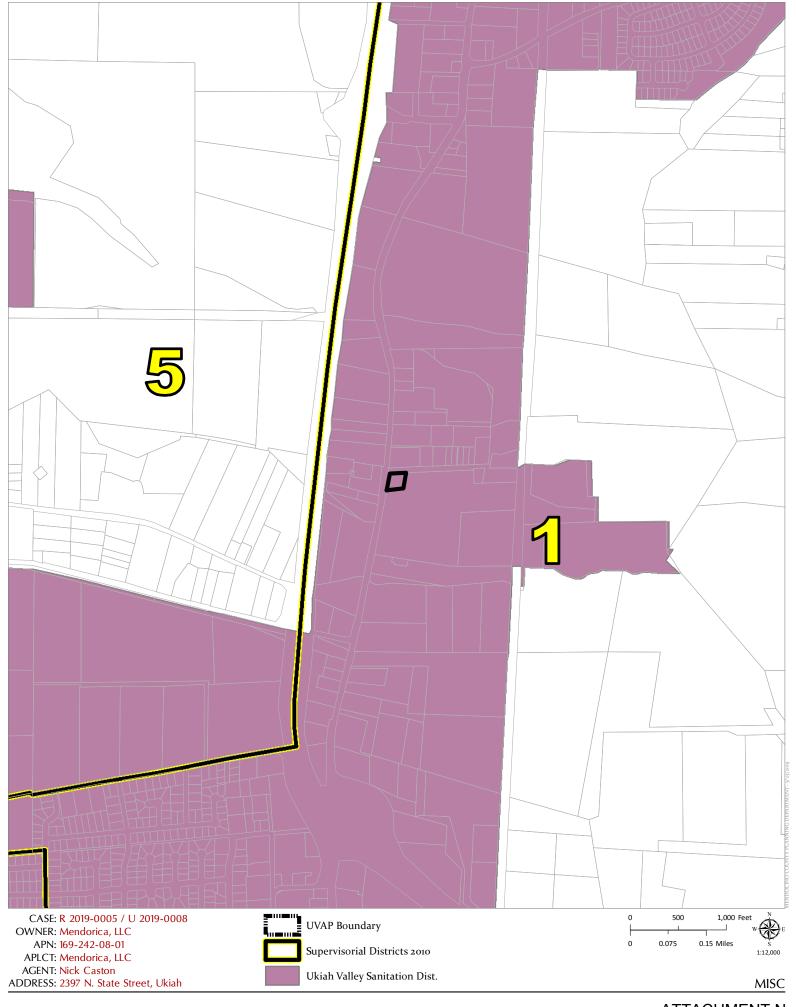












County of Mendocino Ukiah, California

September 5, 2019

R 2019-0005/U 2019-0008 - MENDORICA LLC

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, COUNTY OF MENDOCINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT EXEMPTIONS FROM CEQA AND GRANT A REZONE FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C2) TO LIMITED INDUSTRIAL (I1) AND A MINOR USE PERMIT FOR CANNABIS RETAIL

WHEREAS, the applicant, MENDORICA LLC, filed an application for a rezone and minor use permit with the Mendocino County Department of Planning and Building Services to rezone the subject parcel from General Commercial (C2) to Limited Industrial (I1) and allow for cannabis retail, located 2± miles north of Ukiah center, on the east side of N. State St. (CR 104), 0.3± miles north of its intersection with Orr Springs Rd. (CR 223). Located at 2397 N. State St., Ukiah (APN 169-242-08); General Plan I; Zoning C2:12K; Supervisorial District 1; (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Secretary for Resources has found that certain classes of projects have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and are therefore exempt from the requirement for the preparation of environmental documents, and the use permit was determined to meet the criteria for a categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 1; and

WHEREAS, the rezone is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State and County CEQA Guidelines pursuant to Article 12, Section 15183 governing Special Situations and Projects Consistent with a General Plan; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable provisions of law, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on, September 5, 2019, at which time the Planning Commission heard and received all relevant testimony and evidence presented orally or in writing regarding the exemptions and the Project. All interested persons were given an opportunity to hear and be heard regarding the exemptions and the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has had an opportunity to review this Resolution and finds that it accurately sets for the intentions of the Planning Commission regarding the exemptions and the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors make the following findings based on the evidence in the record;

- General Plan and Zoning Findings: The proposed project is located within the Industrial General Plan Land Use Designation and both aspects of the project are consistent with this classification. The rezone is necessary for the consistency between the General Plan Designation and the zoning district and the use permit is consistent with the proposed zoning district of Limited Industrial (I1).
- 2. **Use Permit Findings:** The Project satisfies the Use Permit required findings per the Mendocino County Code §20.196.020; and

- 3. **Environmental Protection Findings:** The proposed project is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to Article 12, Section 15183 for the rezone and a Class 1 categorical exemption from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301.
- 4. **Ukiah Valley Area Plan:** The proposed project is consistent with the Ukiah Valley Area Plan and promotes Policy LU 1.4a.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt the exemptions which have been completed, reviewed, and considered, together with the comments received during the public review processes and the evidence in the record in compliance with CEQA and State and County CEQA Guidelines, and finds that the exemptions reflect the independent judgement and analysis of the Planning Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission hereby recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the requested (1) Rezone and (2) Minor Use Permit as described in the staff report and attachments subject to the Conditions of Approval in Exhibit "A", attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission designates the Secretary as the custodian of the document and other material which constitutes the record of proceedings upon which the decision herein is based. These documents may be found at the office of the County of Mendocino Planning and Building Services, 860 North Bush Street, Ukiah, CA 95482.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission action shall be final on the 11th day after the date of the Resolution unless an appeal is taken.

I hereby certify that according to the Provisions of Government Code Section 25103 delivery of this document has been made.

ATTEST:	JAMES F. FEENAN Commission Services Supervisor
Ву:	
	Γ SCHULTZ Director

MARILYN OGLE, Chair Mendocino County Planning Commission

EXHIBIT A: CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL EXHIBIT B: REZONE EXHIBIT MAP

EXHIBIT A

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL R_2019-0005/U_2019-0008 September 5, 2019

<u>APPROVED PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</u> Rezone and Use Permit to rezone the subject parcel from General Commercial (C2) to Limited Industrial (I1) and allow for cannabis retail.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

**All of the below conditions are predicated on the successful rezoning of the property as approved by the Board of Supervisors.

STANDARD CONDITIONS

- 1. The permit shall become effective on the 11th day after Planning Commission Administrator approval and shall expire and become null and void at the expiration of two years after the effective date except where use of the property in reliance on such permit has been initiated prior to its expiration.
- 2. The use and occupancy of the premises shall be established and maintained in conformance with the provisions of Division I of Title 20 of the Mendocino County Code.
- 3. The application, along with supplemental exhibits and related material, shall be considered elements of this permit, and that compliance therewith is mandatory, unless an amendment has been approved by the Planning Commission Administrator.
- 4. This permit shall be subject to the securing of all necessary permits for the proposed development from County, State and Federal agencies having jurisdiction.
- 5. The applicant shall secure all required permits from the Building Inspection Division of the Department of Planning and Building Services for all construction, structural modifications, establishment of signs and compliance with handicapped accessibility for the facility if required.
- 6. This permit shall be subject to revocation or modification upon a finding of any one or more of the following:
 - a. The permit was obtained or extended by fraud.
 - b. One or more of the conditions upon which the permit was granted have been violated.
 - c. The use for which the permit was granted is conducted so as to be detrimental to the public health, welfare or safety, or to be a nuisance.
 - d. A final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction has declared one or more conditions to be void or ineffective, or has enjoined or otherwise prohibited, or the operation of one or more such conditions.
- 7. This permit is issued without a legal determination having been made upon the number, size or shape of parcels encompassed within the permit described boundaries. Should, at any time, a legal determination be made that the number, size or shape of parcels within the permit described boundaries are different than that which is legally required by this permit, this permit shall become null and void.

AESTHETICS

8. The cannabis facility shall avoid or minimize odor and light impact on residential uses.

AIR QUALITY

9. The applicant shall comply with those conditions in the *Mendocino County Air Quality Management District* response dated June 28, 2019 (Attachment O).

CANNABIS

- 10. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to adhere to all applicable regulations of Section 6.36 of the Mendocino County Code.
- It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to adhere to all applicable regulations of Section 10A.17 of the Mendocino County Code.
- 12. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to adhere to all applicable regulations of Section 20.242 of the Mendocino County Code.
- It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to adhere to all applicable regulations of Section 20.243
 of the Mendocino County Code.

HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

14. The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits and ensure all operations, including structures, adhere to the requirements of the Mendocino County Department of Environmental Health.

TRANSPORTATION

- 15. Applicant shall construct curb, gutter, and sidewalk along North State Street (CR 104), in accordance with Mendocino County Road and Development Standards No. A40A and A40B. The sidewalk shall be seven (7) feet wide and ADA compliant.
- 16. A urban driveway approach shall be constructed onto North State Street (CR 104), in accordance with Mendocino County Road and Development Standards No. A50, or as modified b applicant and approved by Department of Transportation staff during field review.
- 17. Mendocino County Department of Transportation shall review and approve onsite parking plan if any parking spaces are proposed on the west side of the building to assess possible conflict with County right-of-way.
- 18. Applicant shall obtain an encroachment permit from the Mendocino County Department of Transportation for any work within County rights-of-way.

