

Agricultural Commission Staff Report

Date: November 8, 2018

To: El Dorado County Agricultural Commission

From: LeeAnne Mila; Deputy Agricultural Commissioner

Subject: Sweigart Zone Change and Tentative Parcel Map

Project File: Z18-0009/P18-0011

Assessor's Parcel Number: 087-010-35

<u>Planning Request and Project Description:</u>

Planning Services is processing the attached application for a new Tentative Parcel Map and Zone Change and requests the project be placed on the Agricultural Commission's Agenda. The applicants are requesting the following:

Z18-0009/P18-0011 is based on the following project description: Zone Change and Tentative Parcel Map for a 81.81± acre parcel, APN 087-010-35. The zone change request would change the parcel's zoning designation from Rural Lands 40-Acres (RL-40) to Rural Lands 20-Acres (RL-20). The tentative parcel map proposes that the property be split into three parcels of 26.70 acres, 28.90 acres, and 33.13 acres. The project site is located on the north side of South Shingle Road west of the intersection with Latrobe Road in the Latrobe Area. The property is adjacent to Millers Hill School.

(Board of Supervisor Shiva Frentzen, District 2)

Relevant Policies:

General Plan Policy 8.1.4.1 - The County Agricultural Commission shall review all discretionary development applications and the location of proposed public facilities involving land zoned for or designated agriculture, or lands adjacent to such lands and shall make recommendations to the reviewing authority. Before granting approval, a determination shall be made by the approving authority that the proposed use:

A. Will not intensify existing conflicts or add new conflicts between adjacent residential areas and agricultural activities; and

- B. Will not create an island effect wherein agricultural lands located between the project site and other non-agricultural lands will be negatively affected; and
- C. Will not significantly reduce or destroy the buffering effect of existing large parcel sizes adjacent to agricultural lands.

General Plan Policy 8.1.3.5 –On any parcel 10 acres or larger identified as having an existing or potential agricultural use, the Agricultural Commission must consider and provide a recommendation on the agricultural use (except for parcels assigned urban or other non-agricultural uses by the land use map for the 1996 General Plan) or potential of that parcel and whether the request will diminish or impair the existing or potential use prior to any discretionary permit being approved.

General Plan Policy 8.1.3.1 - Agriculturally zoned lands including Williamson Act Contract properties shall be buffered from increases in density on adjacent lands by requiring a minimum of 10 acres for any parcel created adjacent to such lands. Parcels used to buffer agriculturally zoned lands should have a similar width to length ratio of other parcels when feasible.

General Plan Policy 8.1.2.2 – Some lands within Rural Regions have historically been used for commercial grazing of livestock and are currently capable of sustaining commercial grazing of livestock. If they can be demonstrated to be suitable land for grazing, and they were not assigned urban or other nonagricultural uses in the Land Use Map for the 1996 General Plan, those lands shall be protected with a minimum of 40 acres unless such lands already have smaller parcels or the Board of Supervisors determines that economic, social, or other considerations justify the creation of smaller parcels for development or other nonagricultural uses. Where 40-acre minimum parcel sizes are maintained, planned developments may be considered which are consistent with the underlying land use designation. Before taking any actions to create parcels of less than 40 acres in areas subject to this policy, the Board of Supervisors and or Planning Commission shall solicit and consider input from the Agricultural Commission.

Rural Residential (RR): This land use designation establishes areas for residential and agricultural development. These lands will typically have limited infrastructure and public services and will remain for the most part in their natural state. This category is appropriate for lands that are characterized by steeper topography, high fire hazards, and limited or substandard access as well as "choice" agricultural soils. The RR designation shall be used as a transition between LDR and the Natural Resource (NR) designation. Clustering of residential units under allowable densities is encouraged as a means of preserving large areas in their natural state or for agricultural production. Typical uses include single family residences, agricultural support structures, a full

range of agricultural production uses, recreation, and mineral development activities. The allowable density for this designation is one dwelling unit per 10 to 160 acres. This designation is considered appropriate only in the Rural Regions.

Parcel Description:

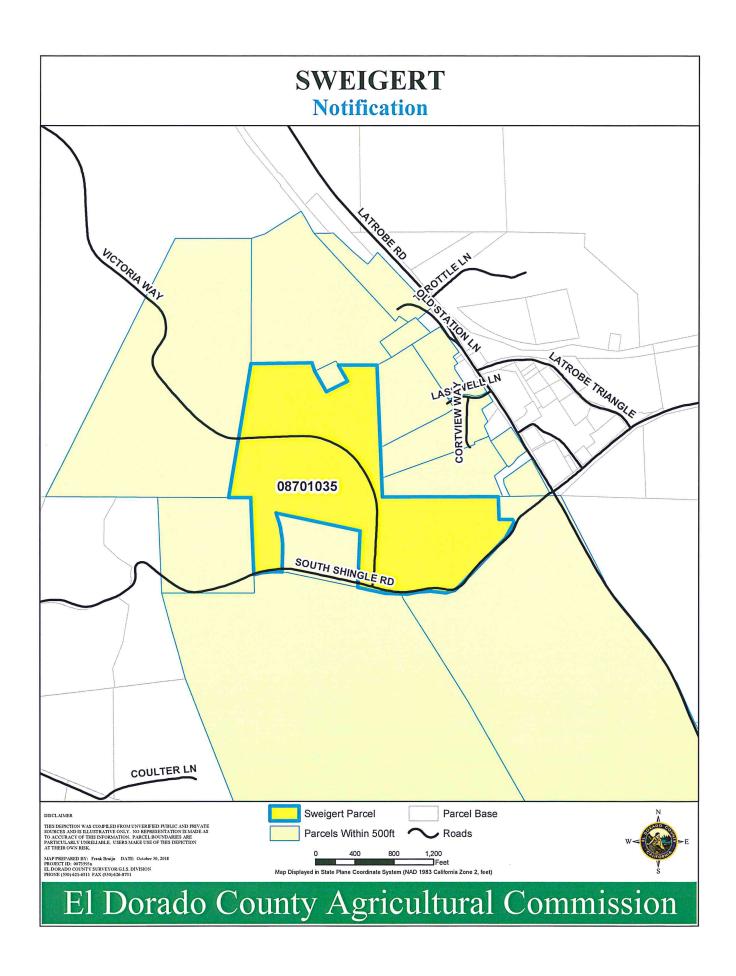
- Parcel Number and Acreage: 087-010-35, 81.81 acres
- Agricultural District: No
- Land Use Designation: RR Rural Residential
- Zoning: RL-40 Rural Land 40 Acres
- Soil Type:
 - o No choice soil

Discussion:

A site visit was conducted on October 30, 2018 to review consistency with pertinent General Plan policies.

Assessment of the proposed parcel map was conducted for consistency with General Plan policy 8.1.3.1, in regards to the AG-40 property to the south. All three proposed parcels have parcel sizes greater than 20 acres which is consistent with General Plan Policy 8.1.3.1.

Currently there is no grazing operation on the parcel. The last grazing operation, according to the applicant, was prior to 2004.





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MEETING NOTIFICATION

The El Dorado County Agricultural Commission has been requested to review a project application for a parcel that is located in the proximity of your property. It is the customary business practice for this Commission to notify all parcels located within 500 feet of the subject parcel's boundary lines. <u>Please note that the requested project may or may not affect your property.</u>

The project listed below will be heard by the El Dorado County Agricultural Commission on November 14, 2018. This meeting is a public hearing that will begin at 6:30 pm in the Building A Board of Supervisors Hearing Room 330 Fair Lane, Placerville, California.

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The Agricultural Commission is an <u>advisory</u> body to and for the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission on all matters pertaining to agriculture. The Agricultural Commission reviews and makes recommendations only on the <u>agricultural element</u> of the project. **Please note that the exception to this is a "Request for Administrative Relief from an Agricultural Setback" which is processed solely through the El Dorado County Department of Agriculture with the Agricultural Commission's decision being able to be appealed to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors.

All interested parties for the above-mentioned project are encouraged to attend this meeting. Public testimony will be received on each agenda item as it is called. Individual comments are limited to 3 minutes; and individuals representing a group are allocated 5 minutes.

If you wish to view the meeting agenda in its entirety, please go to following website: https://eldorado.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx The agenda is also posted in the lobby of the Bethell-Delfino Agriculture Building located at 311 Fair Lane, Placerville, California. A copy of the project's submitted documents may also be reviewed at this location.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact the Clerk to the Agricultural Commission at (530) 621-5520. All questions relating to specific details of the project should be addressed to the Planner identified above at Planning Services, (530) 621-5355.



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