

Agricultural Commission Staff Report

Date:

March 7, 2019

To:

El Dorado County Agricultural Commission

From:

LeeAnne Mila; Deputy Agricultural Commissioner

Subject:

CUP18-0012

Horizon Tower Bavarian Hills Site - APN 048-090-04

Planning Request and Project Description:

Planning Services has requested a review by the Agricultural Commission for a Conditional Use Permit for a wireless communications facility, located on a 52 acre parcel at the north end of High Hill Road, approximately 1,700 feet north of the intersection with Carson Road in the Apple Hill area. The project parcel is within the PA-20 and TPZ zone districts.

Request: The applicant is requesting the Approval of a Conditional Use Permit that would allow a wireless communication facility consisting of a proposed 125 foot tall faux pine tree with associated ground mounted equipment.

Agricultural-zoned parcels (Planned Agricultural, PA-20) surround the project site.

The following General Plan Policy directs Commission guidance:

Policy 8.4.2.1 The County Agricultural Commission shall evaluate all discretionary development applications involving identified timber production lands which are designated Natural Resource or lands zoned Timberland Production Zone (TPZ) or lands adjacent to the same and shall make recommendations to the approving authority. Prior to granting an approval, the approving authority shall make the following findings:

 A. The proposed use will not be detrimental to that parcel or to adjacent parcels for long-term forest resource production value or conflict with forest resource production in that general area;

- B. The proposed use will not intensify existing conflicts or add new conflicts between adjacent proposed uses and timber production and harvesting activities;
- C. The proposed use will not create an island effect wherein timber production lands located between the project site and other non-timber production lands are negatively affected;
- D. The proposed use will not hinder timber production and harvesting access to water and public roads or otherwise conflict with the continuation or development of timber production harvesting; and
- E. The proposed use will not significantly reduce or destroy the buffering effect of existing large parcel sizes adjacent to timber production lands.

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.

Please direct the Agricultural Commission to review the application and provide a recommendation.

Parcel Description:

- Parcel Number and Acreage: 048-090-04, 52.24 Acres
- Agricultural District: Yes
- Land Use Designation:AL = Agricultural Lands
- Zoning: TPZ (Timber preservation zone).
- Soil Type: All soils are choice

130.40.350 - Timber Production Zone: Criteria, Regulations, and Zone Change Requirements

G. Required Findings to Support Residential, Recreational and Other Non-Timber Uses. Certain uses within the TPZ may be compatible with growing and harvesting timber in certain circumstances, and may be allowed by Conditional Use Permit. When approving a Conditional Use Permit, as allowed in Table 130.21.020 (Agriculture, Rural Lands and Resource Zone Districts Use Matrix) in Article 2

(Zones, Allowed Uses, and Zoning Standards) of this Title, for compatible, nontimber related uses, the review authority shall consider the recommendations of the Ag Commission and shall make the following findings:

- 1. The proposed use is compatible with and will not detract from the land's ability to produce timber;
- 2. Fire protection and public safety concerns have been adequately met, including the ability to provide adequate public access, emergency ingress and egress, and sufficient water supply and sewage disposal facilities;
- 3. The proposed use will not adversely impact the area's watershed, wildlife, and other natural resources.



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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 March 13, 2019. 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.

RE: CUP18-0012 Horizon Tower Bavarian Hills Site - APN 048-090-04

Planner: Aaron Mount Senior Planner

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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.

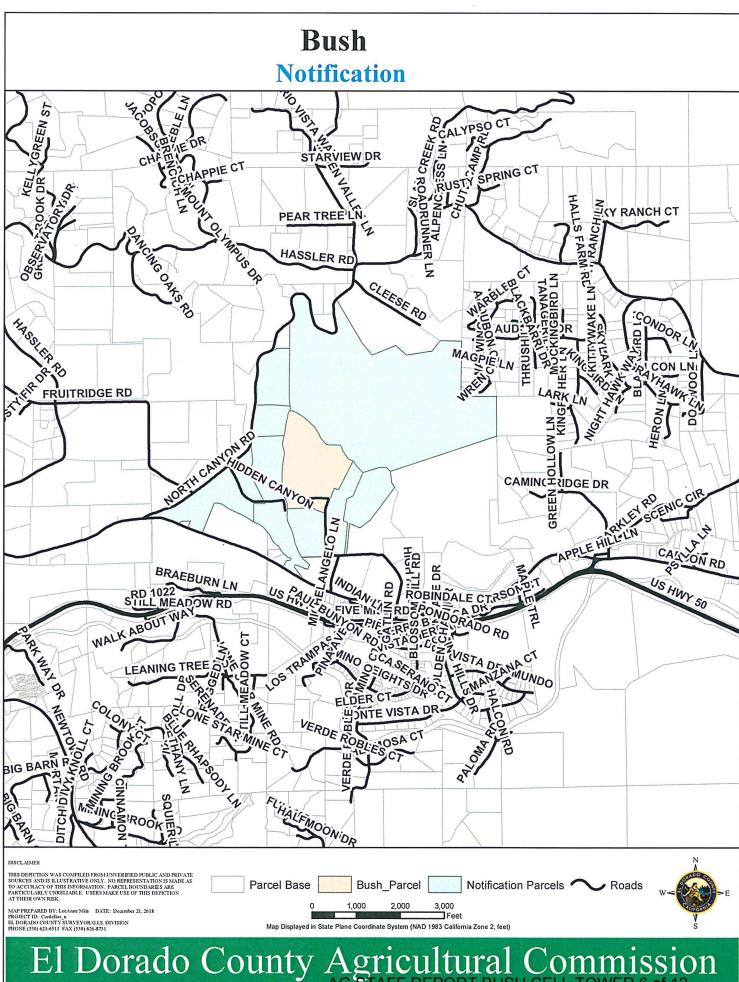
If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact the Clerk to the Agricultural Commission at (530) 621-5520. All questions relating to specific details of the project should be addressed to the Planner identified above at Planning Services, (530) 621-5355.

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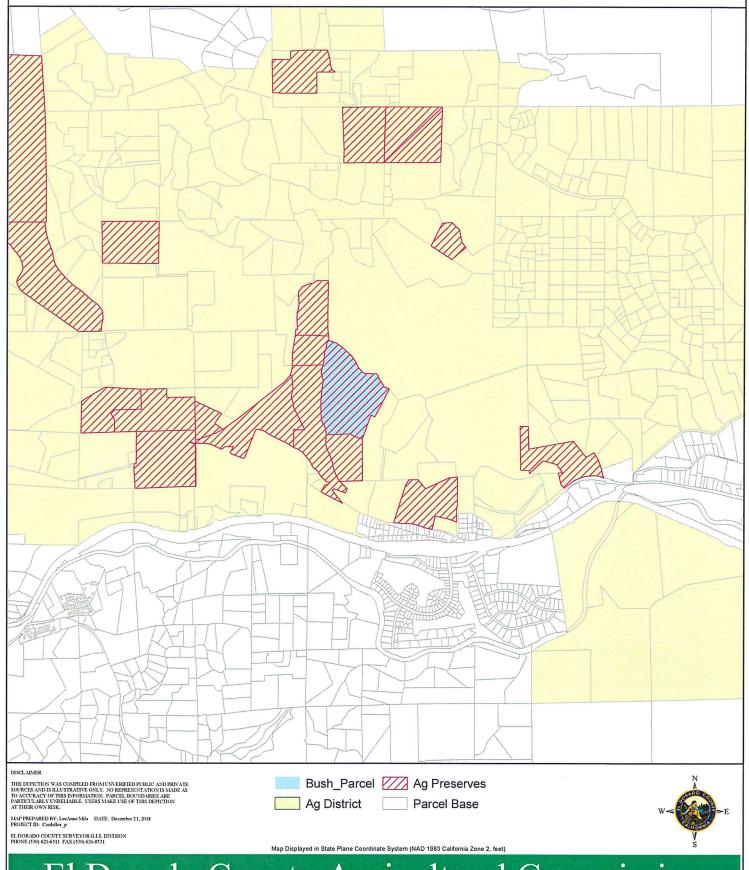
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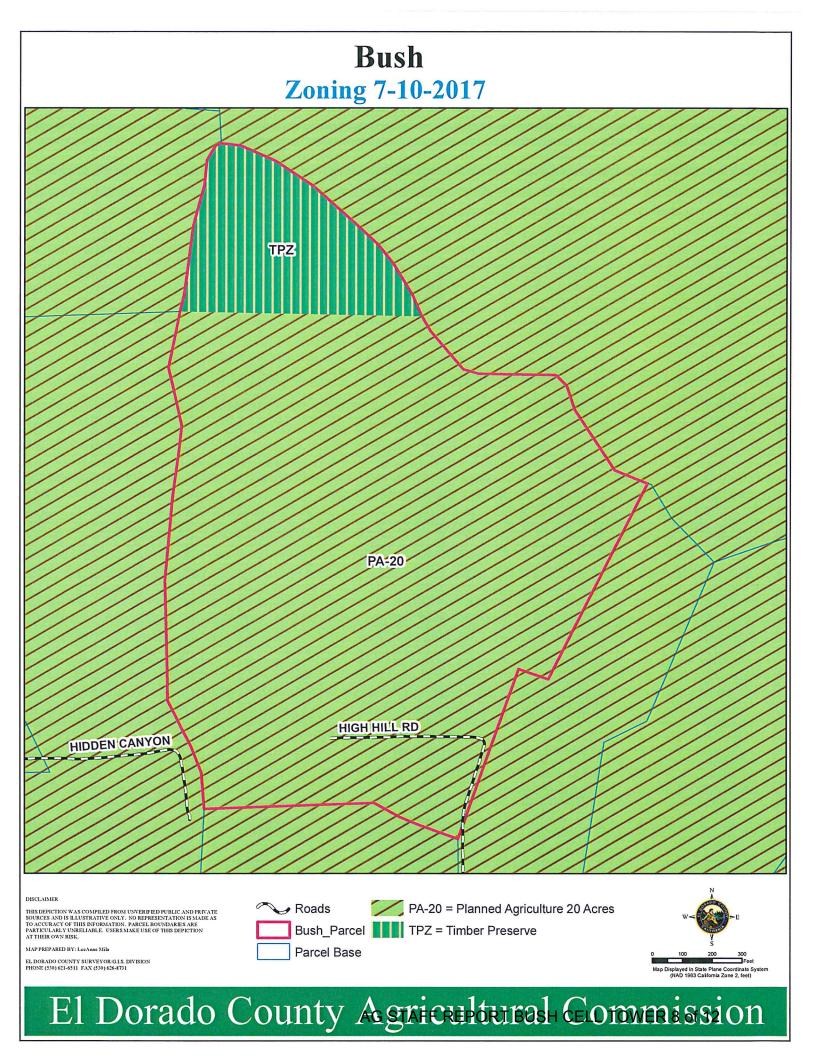
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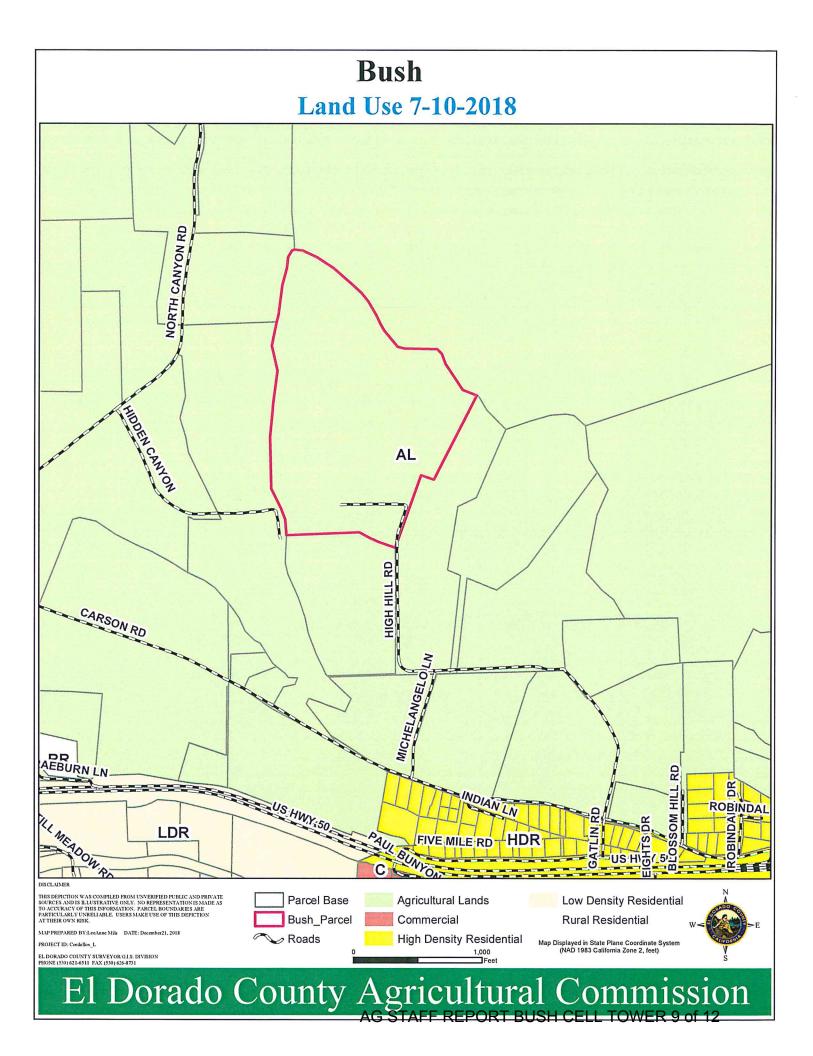


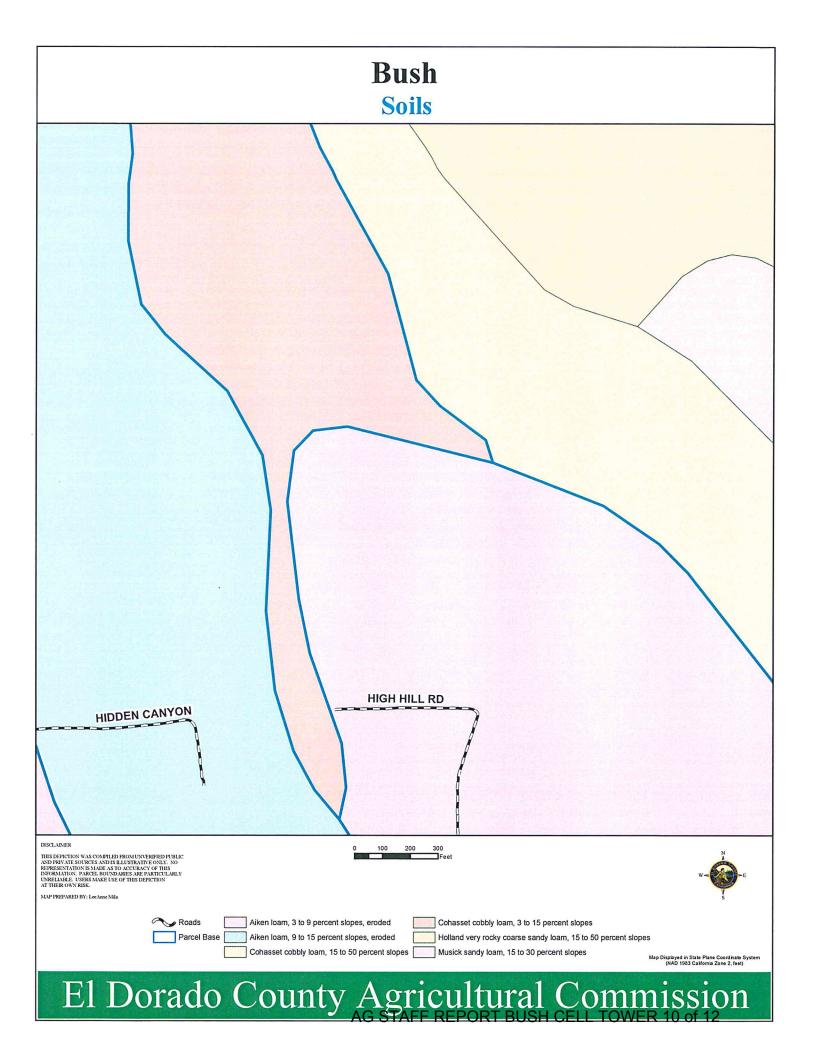
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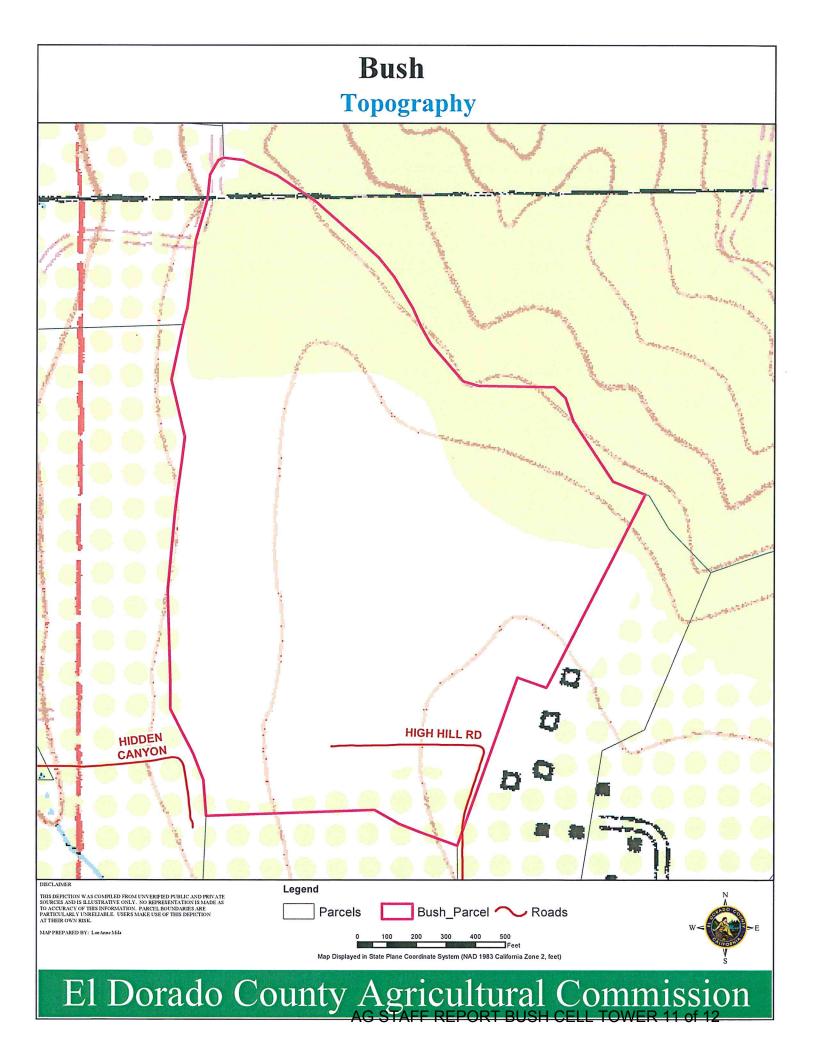


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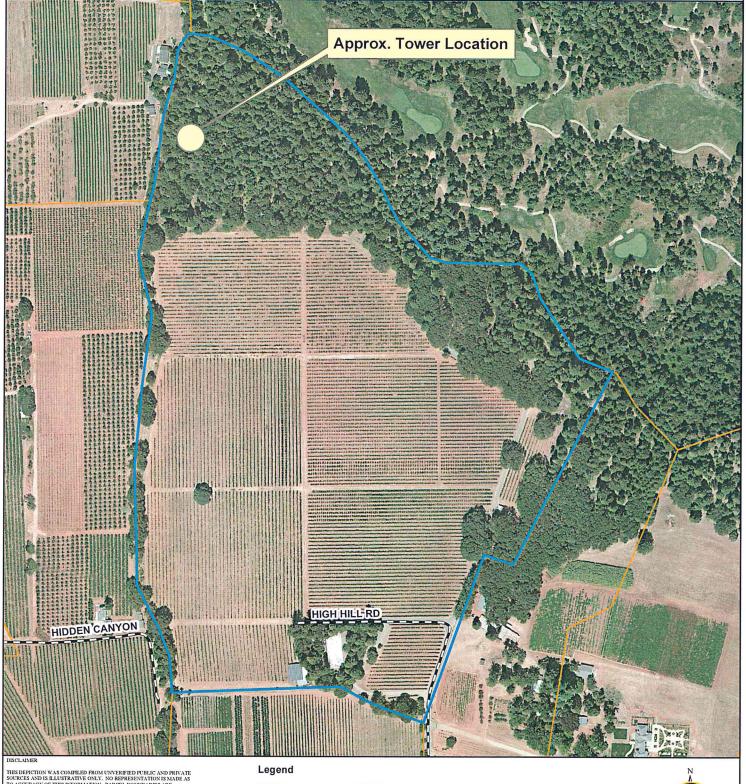






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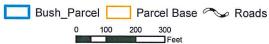
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