

### Agricultural Commission Staff Report

Date: May 6, 2021

To: El Dorado County Agricultural Commission

From: C.J. Seado; Agricultural Biologist III

Subject: ADM21-0013 James Agricultural Setback Relief Administrative Relief from Agricultural Setback to construct a swimming pool Assessor's Parcel Number: 317-030-007-000

## Planning Request and Project Description:

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### Parcel Description:

- Parcel Number and Acreage: 317-030-007-000, 53 Acres
- Agricultural District: Yes, Gold Hill
- Land Use Designation: Agricultural Land, AL
- Zoning: RL-20 (Rural Lands, 20 Acres).
- Soil Type: Choice Soils
  - o ArB: Auberry Coarse Sandy Loam 5-9 % Slopes

### **Discussion:**

A site visit was conducted on April 13, 2021 to assess the placement of the proposed pool.

## **Staff Findings:**

Staff recommends APPROVAL of the request for potential future development of a swimming pool, no less than 70 ft. from the southern property line, as staff believes that three of the four findings that the Agricultural Commission is required to make by Resolution No. 079-2007 and adopted by the Board of Supervisors on April 17, 2007, can be made:

1. No suitable building site exists on the subject parcel except within the required setback due, but not limited to, compliance with other requirements of the General Plan or other County development regulations;

The 200 foot setback limits the available building sites. The existing home is located within the 200 foot agricultural setback. This was discovered during a subsequent land survey by the neighboring property owner, parcel 317-030-006 (located to the south), that the parcel line was actually further to the north. The proposed placement of the pool is due to the existing placement of the septic system and leach lines behind the home. Placement of the pool to the north of the house would place the swimming pool at a considerable distance away from the home and impact grazing areas on the applicant's property.

2. The proposed non-compatible structure will be located on the property to reasonably minimize the potential negative impact on adjacent agriculturally zoned land;

The proposed site for the pool is placed directly behind the existing house, within a fenced area which is located between an existing chicken coop, and lawn area.

3. Based on the site characteristics of the subject parcel and the adjacent agriculturally zoned land including, but not limited to, topography and location of agricultural improvements, etc., the Commission determines that the location of the proposed non-compatible structure would reasonably minimize potential negative impacts on agricultural or timber production use; and

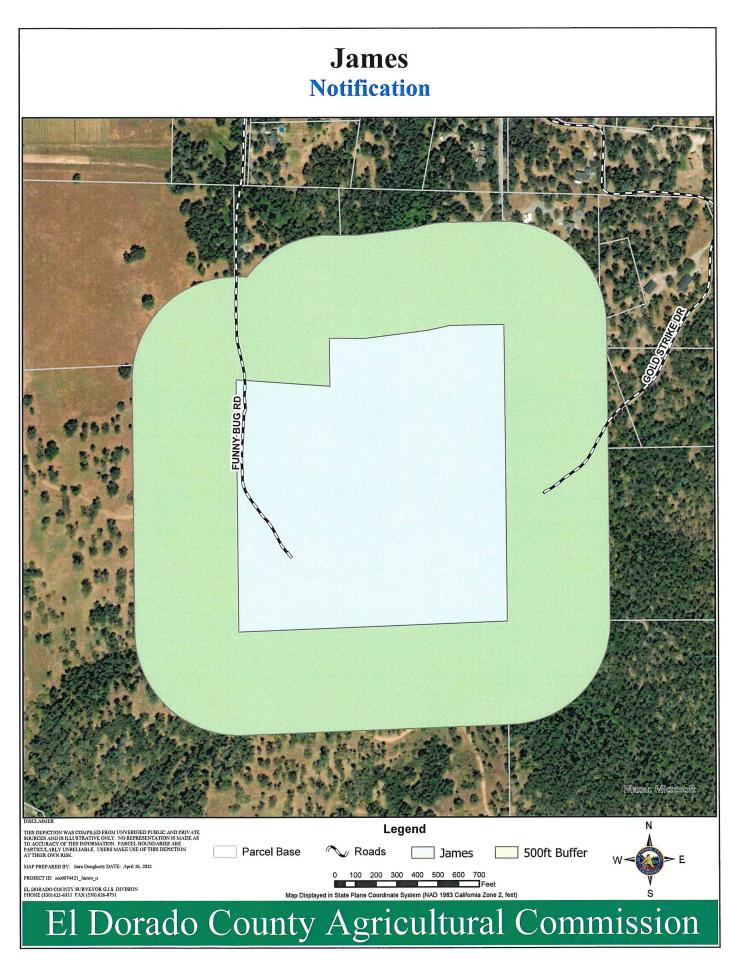
Several natural and previously existing buffers exist that protect the cattle grazing land located to the south and west from the proposed building site. A dense stand of interior live oak trees already provides a visual buffer, while a historic vertical mineshaft prevents any future development within this

### setback. An existing fruit orchard and vegetable planting beds further buffer the grazing land from the proposed swimming pool site.

4. There is currently no agricultural activity on the agriculturally zoned parcel adjacent to the subject parcel and the Commission determines that the conversion to a low or high intensive farming operation is not likely to take place due to the soils and/or topographic characteristics of the adjacent agriculturally zoned parcel or because the General Plan Land Use Designation of the surrounding or adjacent parcels is not agriculture (e.g. Light/Medium/High Density Residential).

Staff also recommends that the applicant comply with Resolution No. 079-2007 Exhibit A of the Board of Supervisors pertaining to the adoption of the Criteria and Procedures for Administrative Relief from Agricultural Setbacks. Section B.5 requires the following action by the applicant: In all cases, if a reduction in the agricultural setback is granted for a non-compatible use/structure, prior to the issuance of a building permit, a Notice of Restriction must be recorded identifying that the non-compatible use/structure is constructed within an agricultural setback and that the owner of the parcel granted the reduction in the agricultural setback acknowledges and accepts responsibility for the risks associated with building a non-compatible use/structure within the setback.

If the Agricultural Commission cannot make the required findings in Resolution No. 079-2007, an application may be made to the Board of Supervisors for administrative relief. Such relief may be granted by the Board of Supervisors upon a determination by the Board taking all relevant facts into consideration that the public interest is served by the granting of the relief. Such applications shall be made to the Development Services Department and a recommendation made to the Board of Supervisors.



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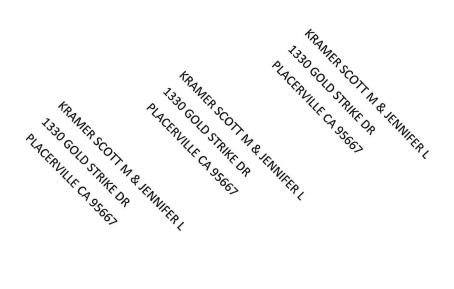
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The El Dorado County Agricultural Commission has been requested to review a project application for a parcel that is located in the proximity of your property. It is the customary business practice for this Commission to notify all parcels located 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 <u>May</u> 12,2021 6:30 pm. You may join the waiting room anytime after 6:25pm. If you have guestions about the meeting please call Myrna at the office at (530) 621-6647 before 12:00pm on 4/12/2021.

Myrna Tow is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/95512047064?pwd=VEk0akZ0N1crT3ptckVCL29OWERLUT09

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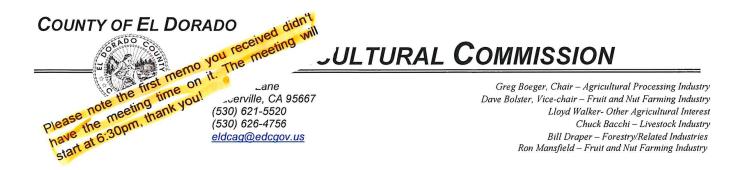
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All interested parties for the above-mentioned project are encouraged to attend this meeting. Public testimony will be received on each agenda item as it is called. Individual comments are limited to 3 minutes; and individuals representing a group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

If you wish to view the meeting agenda in its entirety, please go to following website: <u>https://eldorado.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</u> 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.

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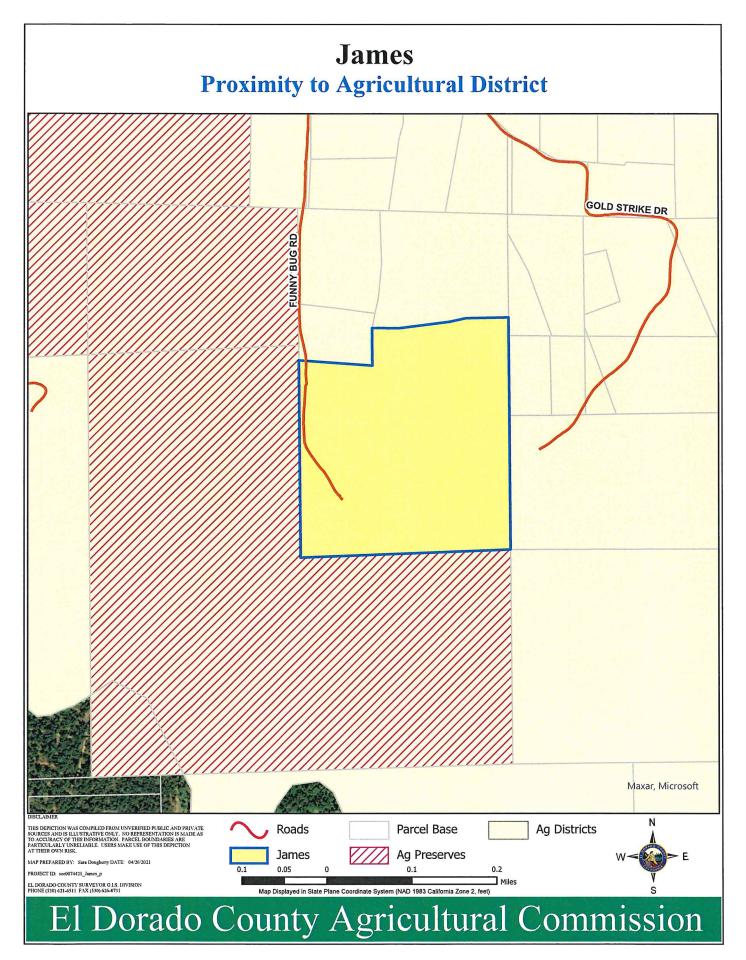
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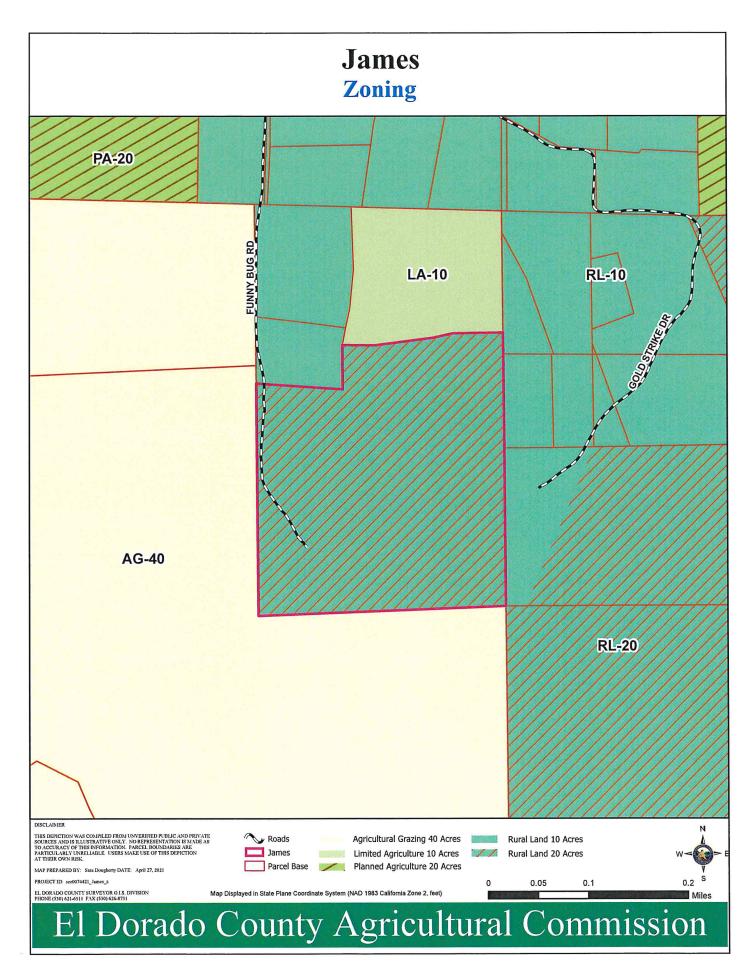
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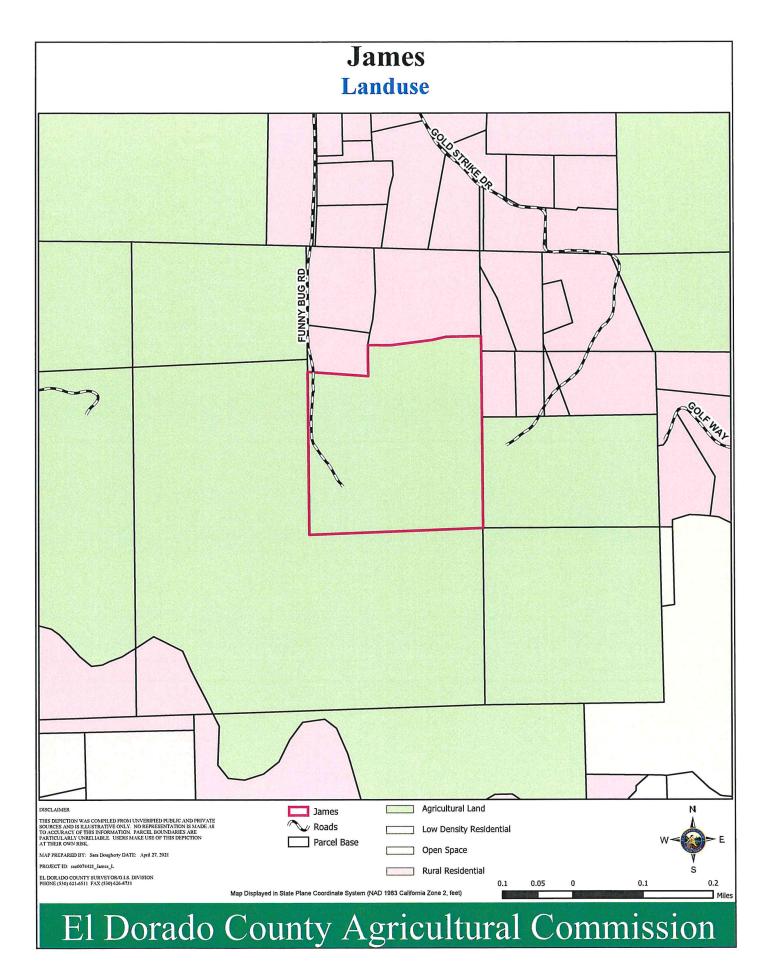
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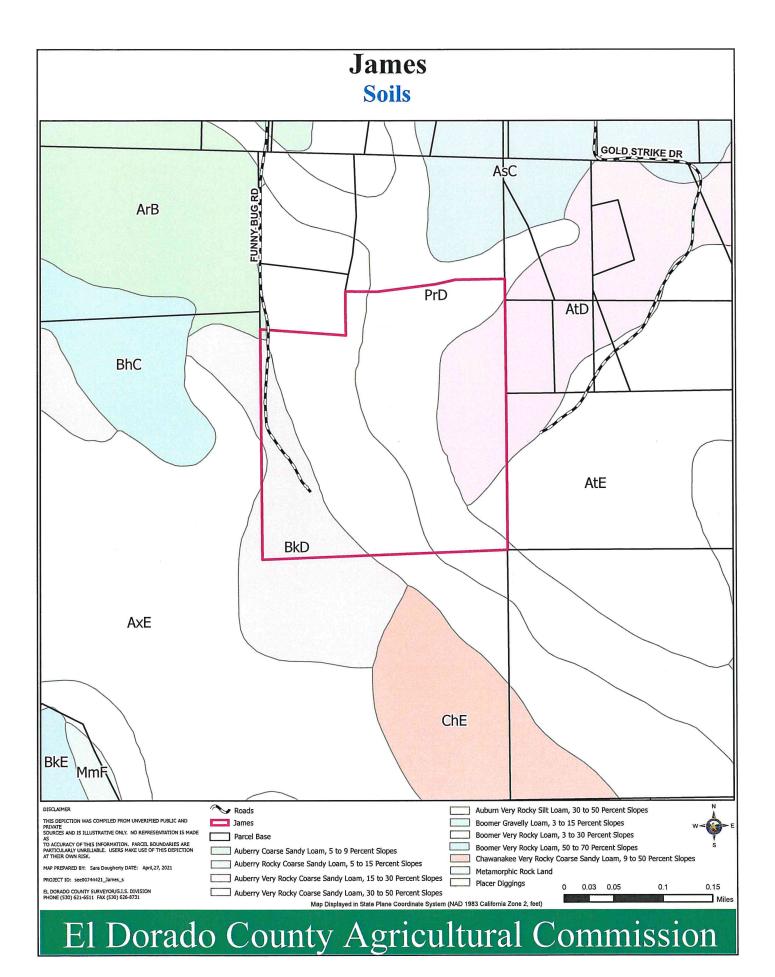
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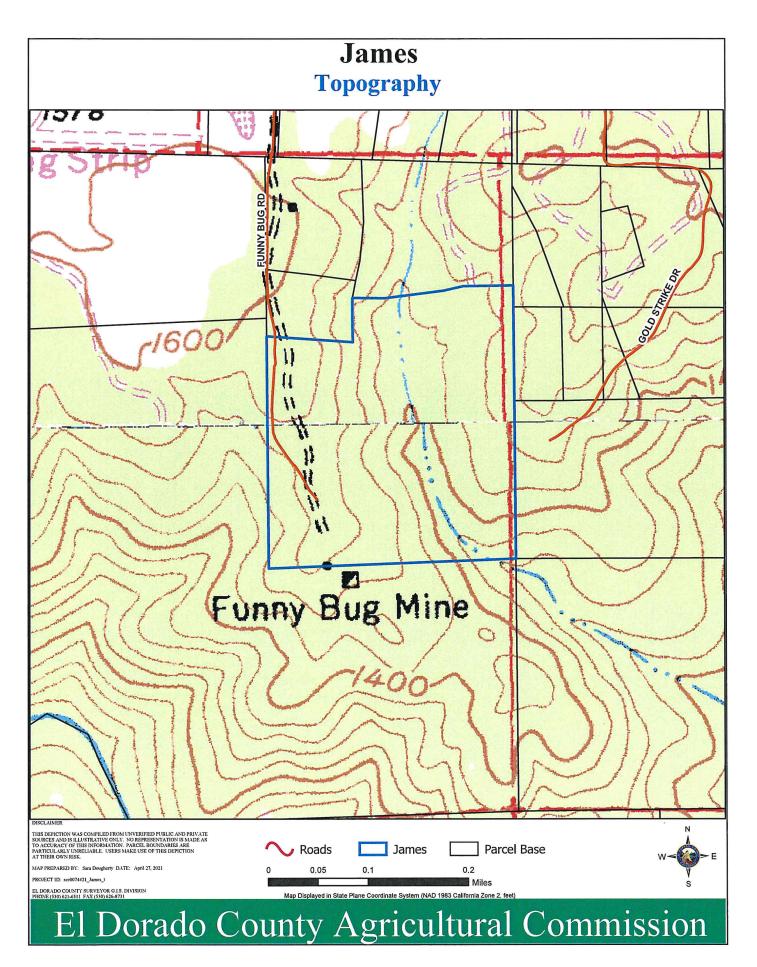
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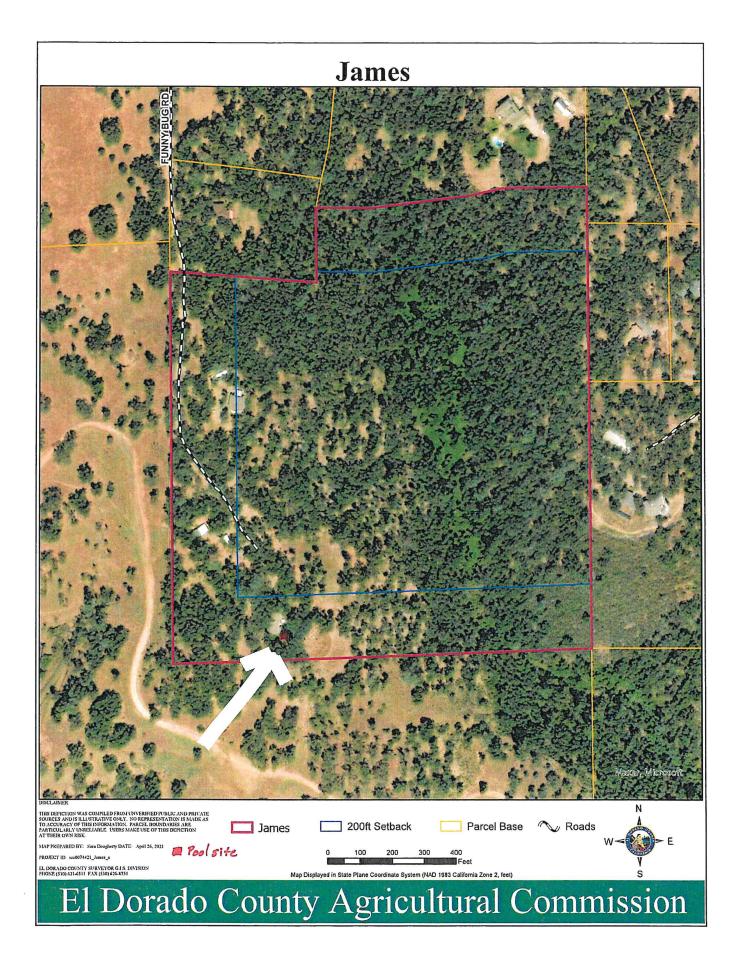
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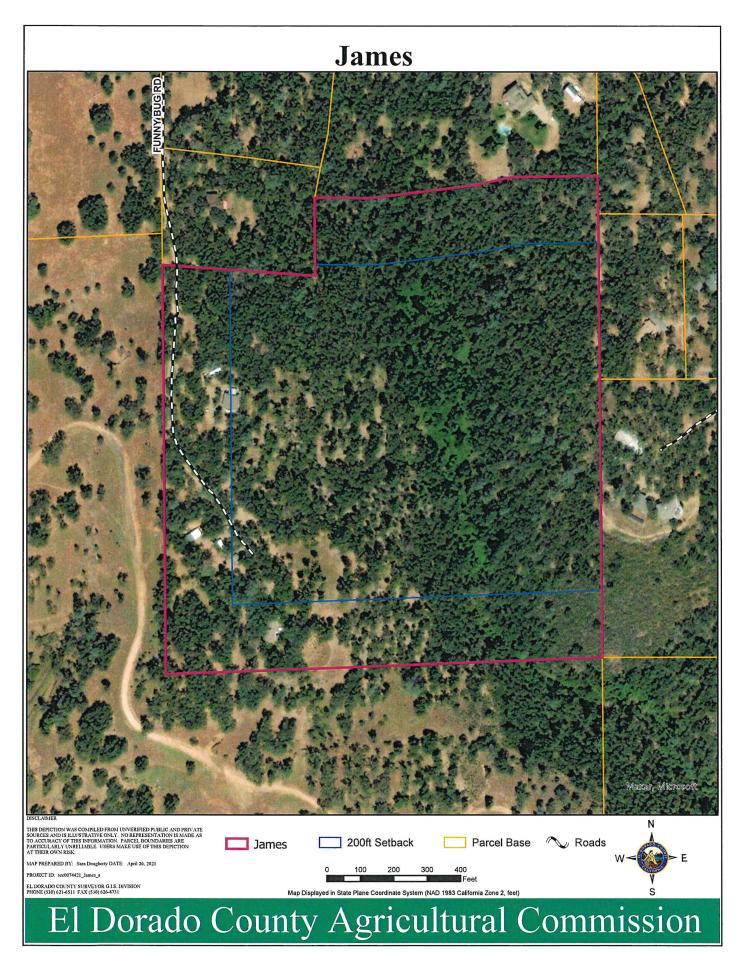
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