

### Agricultural Commission Staff Report

Date:

May 5, 2021

To:

El Dorado County Agricultural Commission

From:

Charlene Carveth; Agricultural Commissioner

Subject:

CCUP20-0004/ Green Gables Growers Commercial Cannabis

Cultivation

**Commercial Cannabis Use Permit** 

Assessor's Parcel Number: 087-021-057

#### **Planning Request and Project Description:**

Planning Services is processing the attached application for a Commercial Cannabis Use Permit and requests the project be placed on the Agricultural Commission's Agenda. Section 130.41.200.5.N of the Zoning Ordinance states "Recommendation of the Agricultural Commission. An application for a Commercial Cannabis Use Permit for outdoor or mixed-light cultivation must be reviewed by the Agricultural Commission, including any suggested conditions or restrictions, shall be forwarded to and considered by the Planning Commission."

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#### Improvements include:

- Fenced area of 19,855 sf
- Cannabis grow area of 7,825 sf
- Gravel parking area
- Concrete ADA parking space
- Prefabricated ADA restroom
- Septic system

#### Parcel Description:

- Parcel Number and Acreage: 087-021-057, 105 acres
- Agricultural District: None
- Land Use Designation: Agricultural Lands, AL
- Zoning: AG-40 (Agricultural Grazing 40 acres)
- Soil Type: No choice soils (Auburn Very Rocky Silty Loams, 2-30% slopes)

#### Discussion:

A site visit was conducted on April 26, 2021 to review the location for the proposed cultivation area.



Cultivation site area looking north east towards rural residential zoned properties.

#### **Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends support of the applicants proposal for a cannabis cultivation operation on a 105 acre property located at 6914 South Shingle Rd. Shingle Springs, CA -APN: 087-021-057 based on the following analysis of compliance with General Plan policies:

#### **Relevant General Plan Policies:**

#### 2.2.2.2

The purpose of the Agricultural District (-A) overlay designation is to identify the general areas which contain the majority of the County's federally designated prime, State designated unique or important, or County designated locally important soils (collectively referred to as "choice" agricultural soils) and which the Board of Supervisors has determined should be preserved primarily for agricultural uses. This designation does not imply any restrictions on agricultural uses in areas not designated specifically as an Agricultural District but only serves to identify agriculture as the principal activity and to discourage incompatible uses such as higher density residential use.

A. Agricultural Districts shall be used to conserve and protect important agricultural crop lands and associated activities, maintain viable agricultural-based communities, and encourage expansion of agricultural activities and production.

#### Policy 2.2.2.2 is not applicable as the parcels are not in an Agricultural District.

#### 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.

Regarding policy 8.1.3.5: this proposal will not diminish or impair the existing or potential use of this agriculturally zoned parcel. The proposed area does not contain any choice soils. The location is currently being used for agriculture; cattle and horse grazing. With the fenced cultivation area in place the remainder of the parcel could still be used for cattle grazing in conjunction with the commercial cannabis cultivation operation.

#### 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 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

The cultivation site meets the 800 foot setbacks and should not create conflicts. The existing house and grazing land is a buffer between the cultivation site and the RL parcels to the west. Grazing land buffers the site from the RL parcel to the north. The Ag zoned parcels to the east are buffered from the cultivation site by grazing land and South Shingle Rd. The Ag parcel to the south is buffered by grazing land and the horse barn and arenas from the cultivation site.

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

The project does not create an island effect as there is no changes to the zoning.

C. Will not significantly reduce or destroy the buffering effect of existing large parcel sizes adjacent to agricultural lands.

The project will not reduce the size of the parcel.

#### Setbacks:

Commercial cannabis shall be setback a minimum of 800 feet from the property line of the site or public right-of-way.

If waiver is requested from the setback; review the applicant's mitigating measures to reduce conflicts and provide a recommendation which may include suggested conditions or restrictions.

No setbacks waivers have been requested.



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#### MEETING NOTIFICATION

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The project listed below will be heard by the El Dorado County Agricultural Commission on <u>May</u> 12,2021 6:30pm,questions 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

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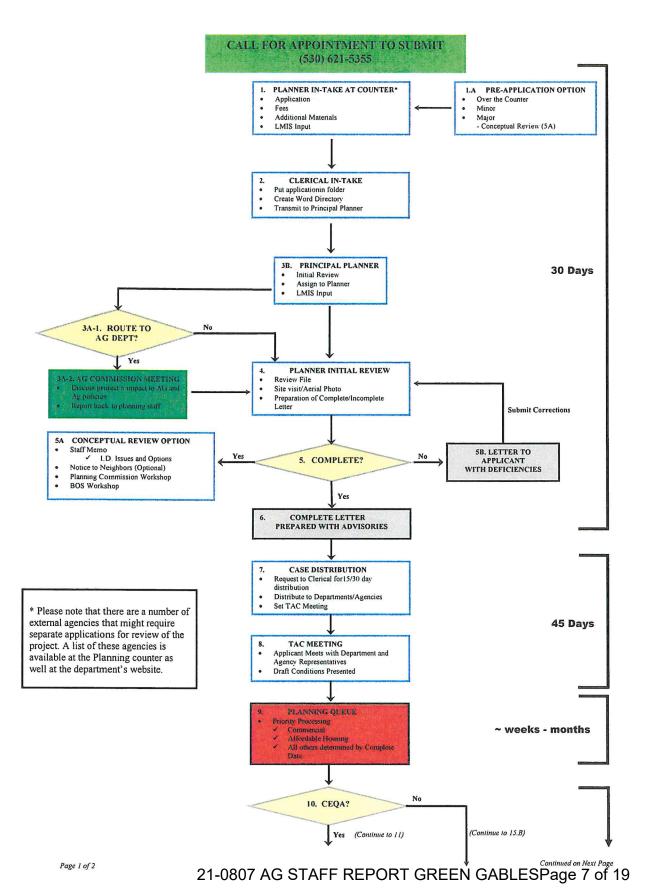
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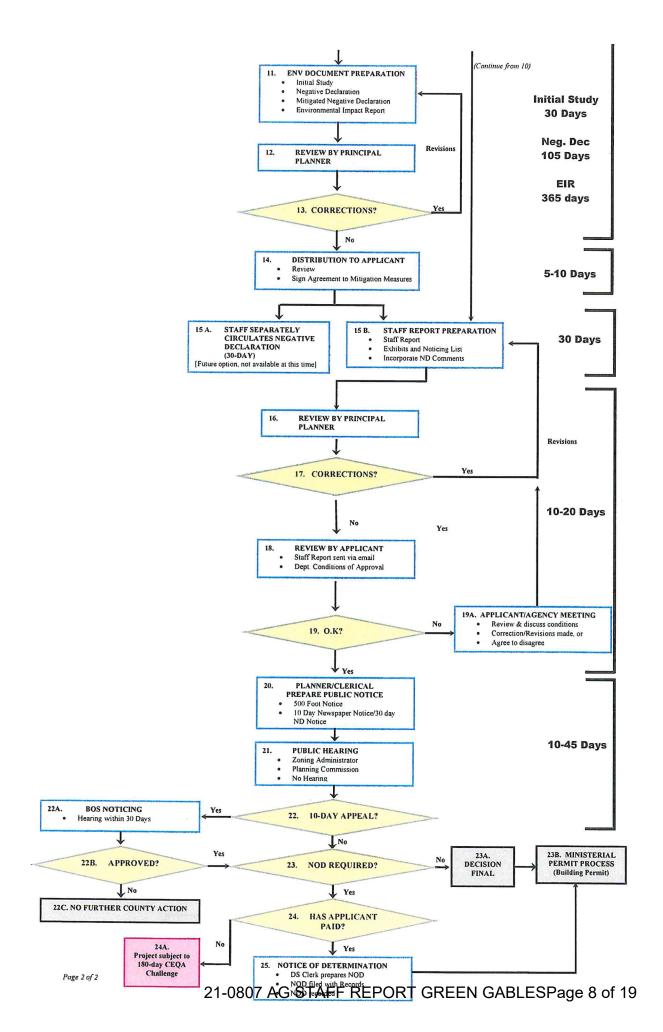
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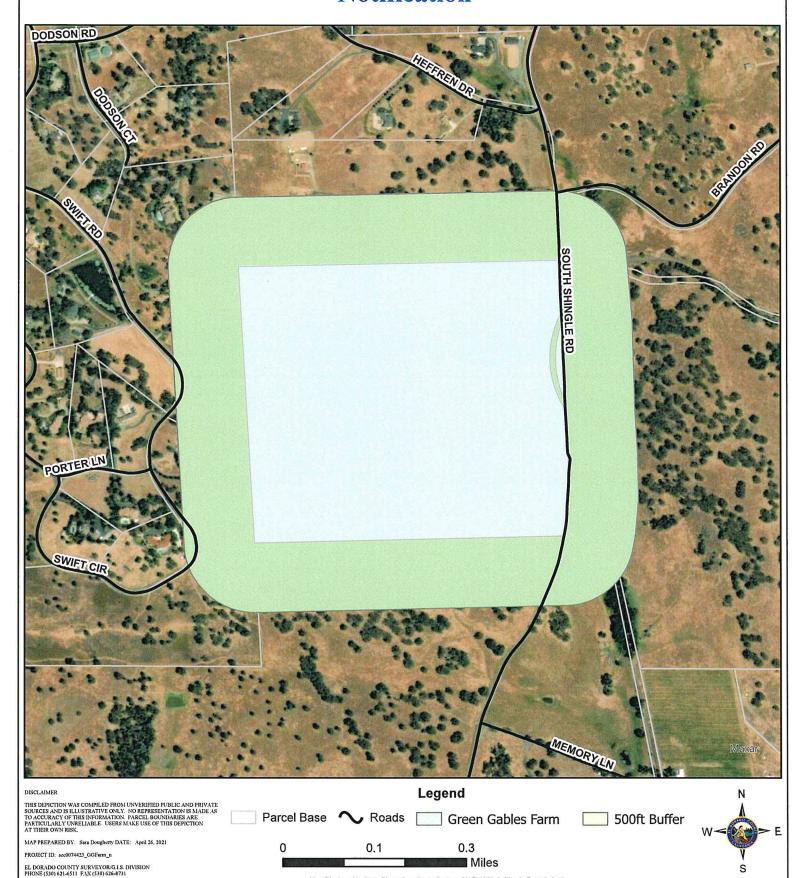
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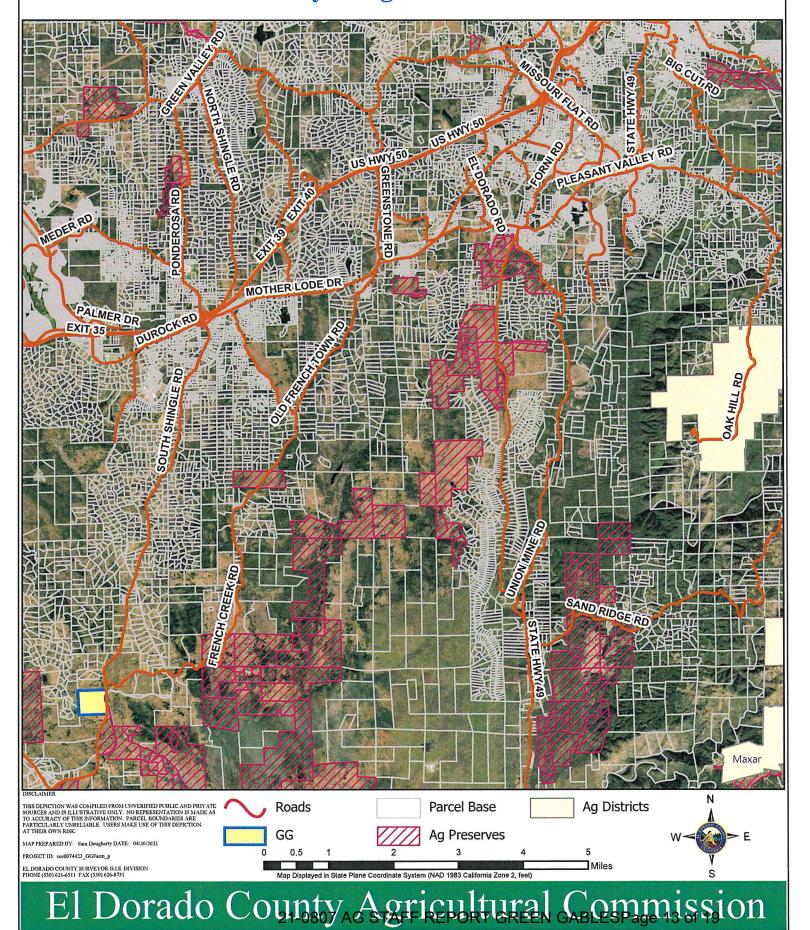
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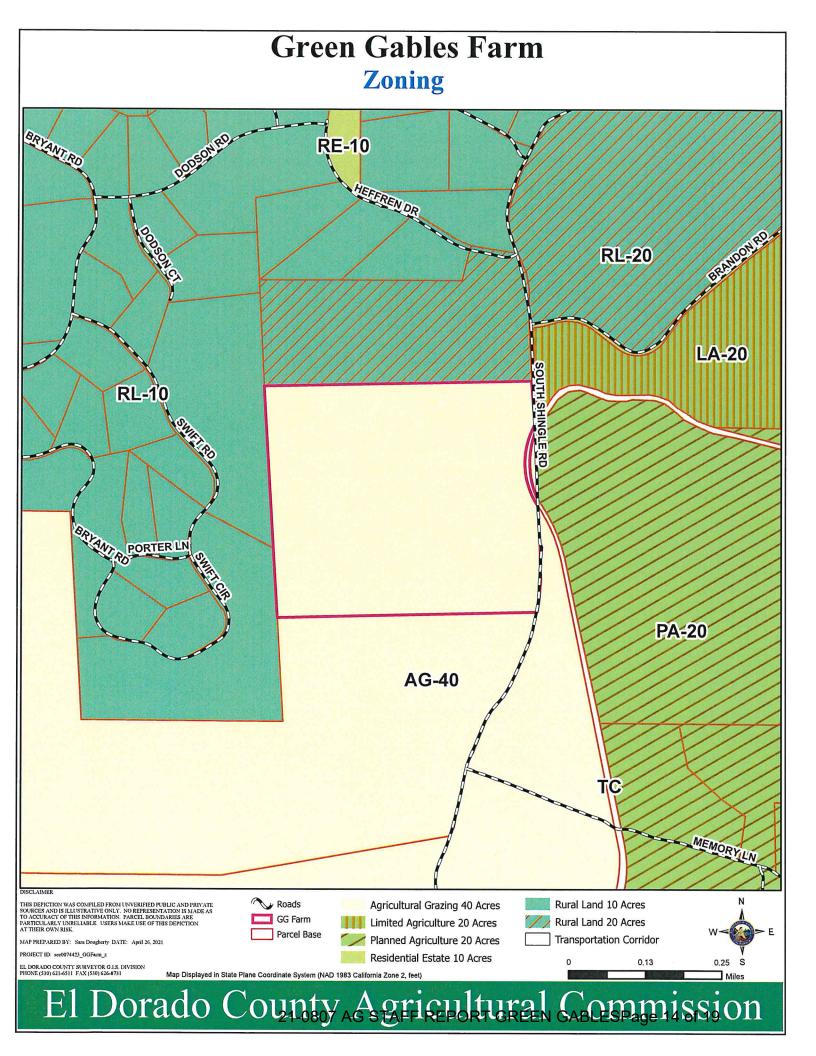


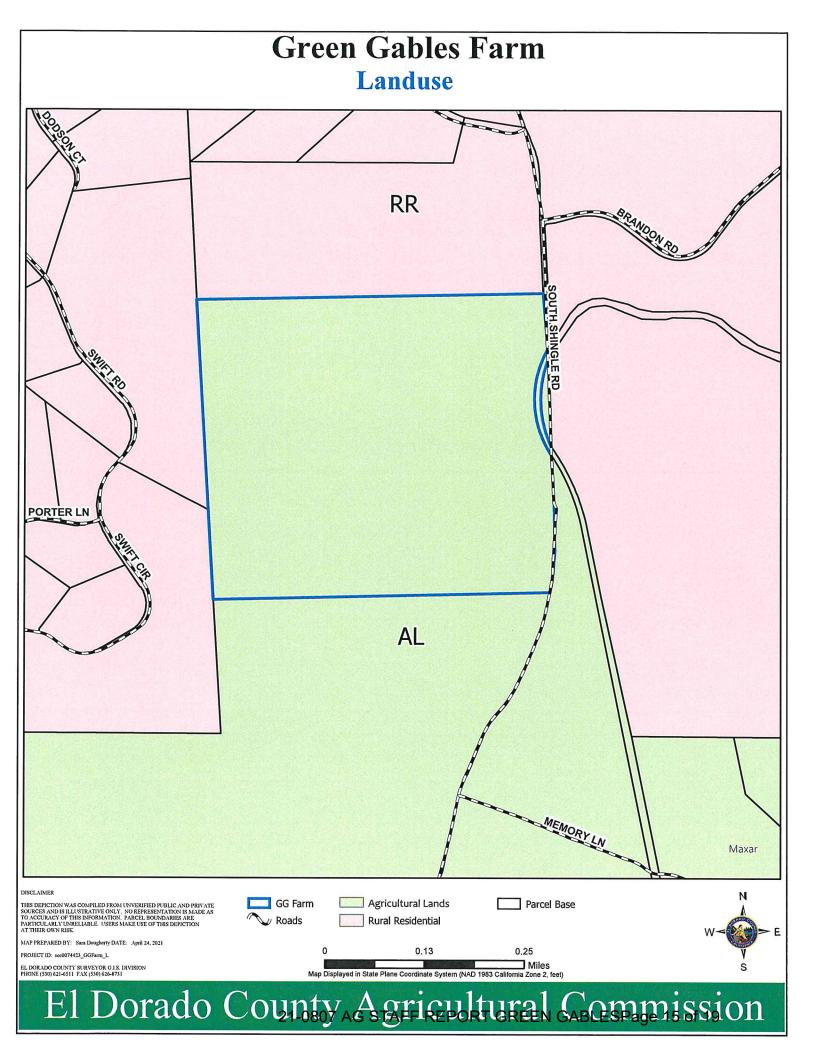
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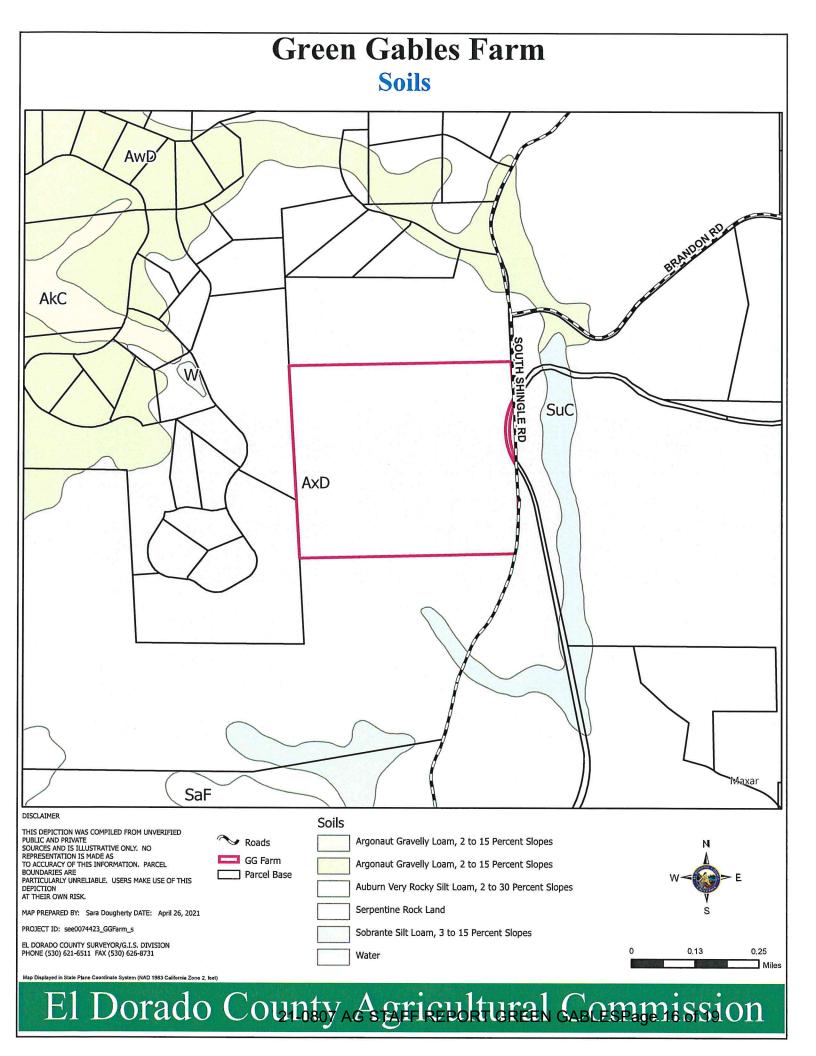
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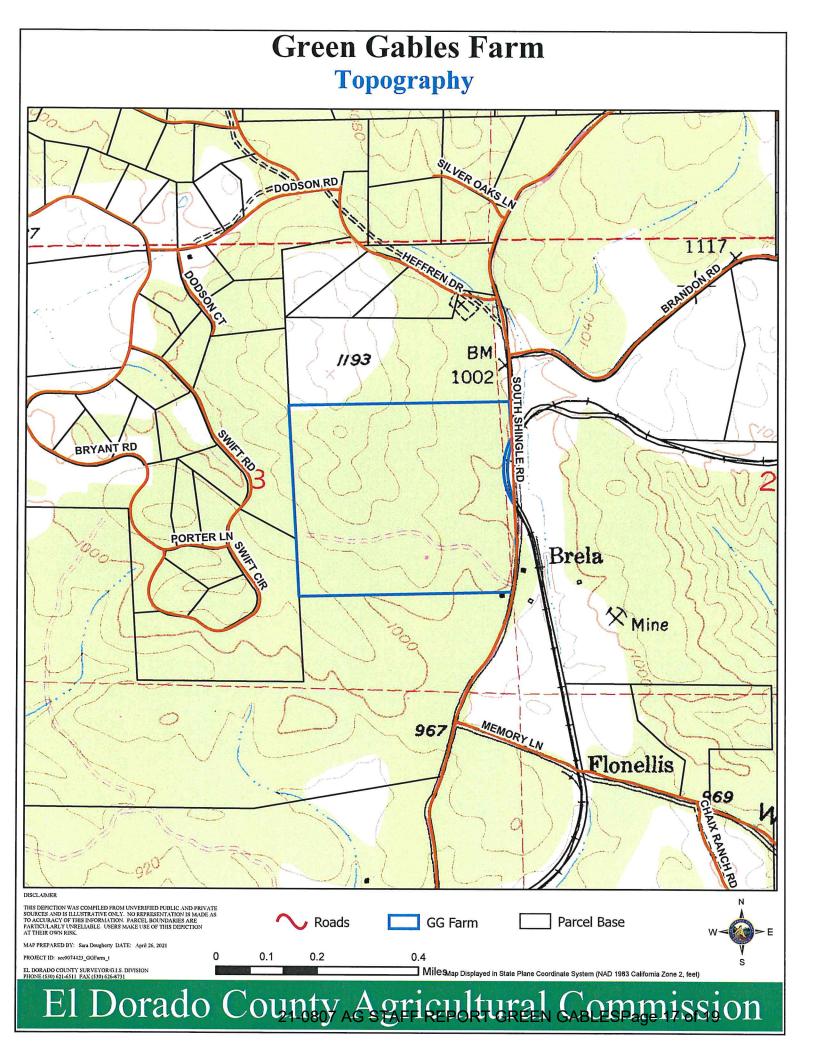
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