CCUP21-0002/ Harde Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Commercial Cannabis Use Permit Assessor's Parcel Number: 093-032-071

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 and the recommendation of the Agricultural Commission, including any suggested conditions or restrictions, shall be forwarded to and considered by the Planning Commission."

The applicants are requesting the following:

Commercial Cannabis Use Permit for the cultivation of commercial cannabis located at 6540 Perry Creek Rd., Somerset, Ca -APN: 093-032-071. The project is located on a 57-acre parcel in the PA-20 zone district. This application is for 68,560 square feet of outdoor cannabis cultivation, ancillary activities to cultivation (processing, harvest storage, product packaging), and transportation-only distribution. The operation will have 3 full time and 5 seasonal employees.

Parcel Description:

Parcel Number and Acreage: 093-032-071, 57 Acres

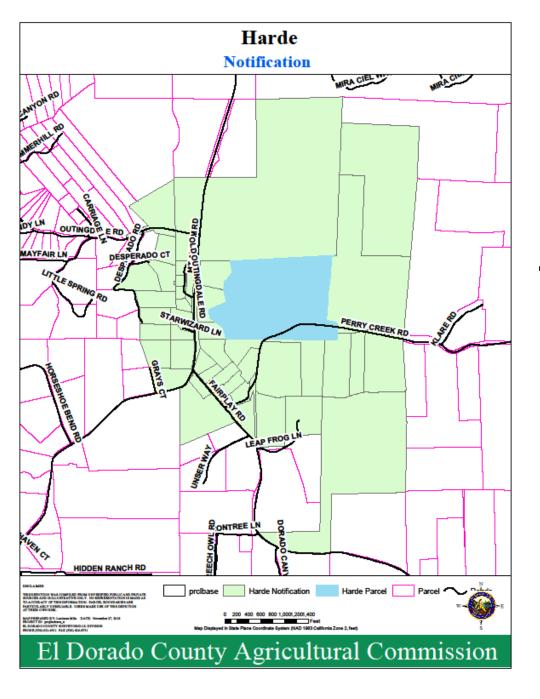
Agricultural District: Yes

Land Use Designation: Agricultural Lands, AL

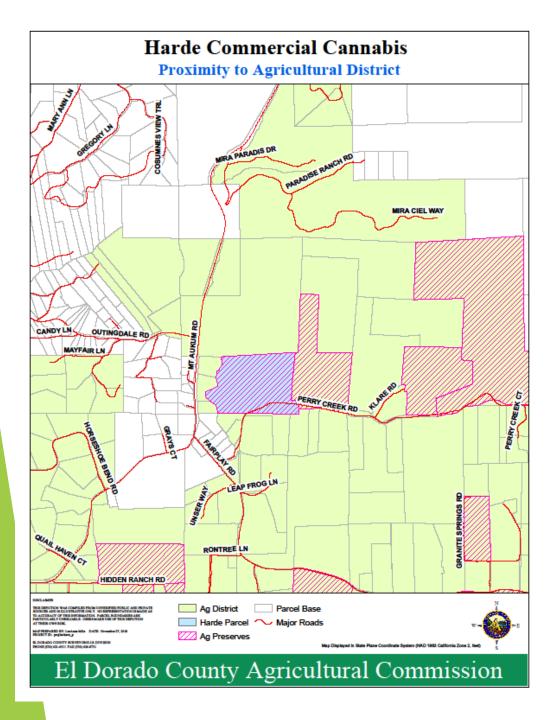
Zoning: PA-20 (Planned Agriculture, 20 Acres).

Choice Soils:

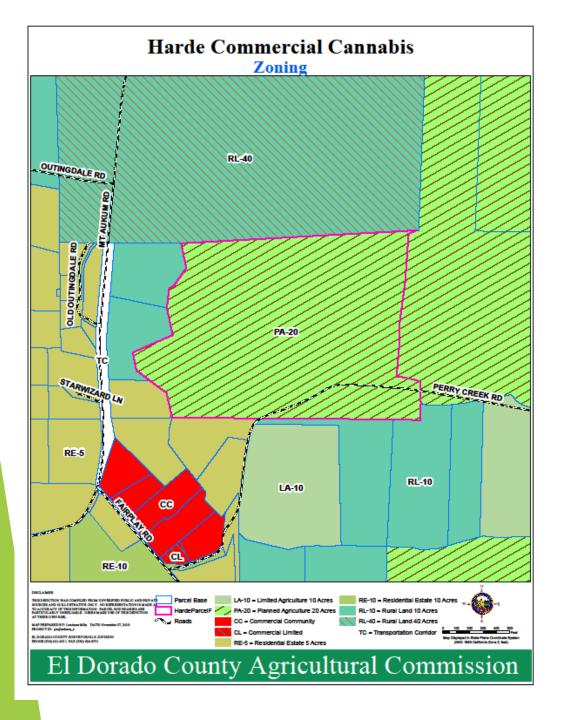
HgC - Holland coarse sandy loam, 9 to 15 percent slopes



1000 Ft. notification

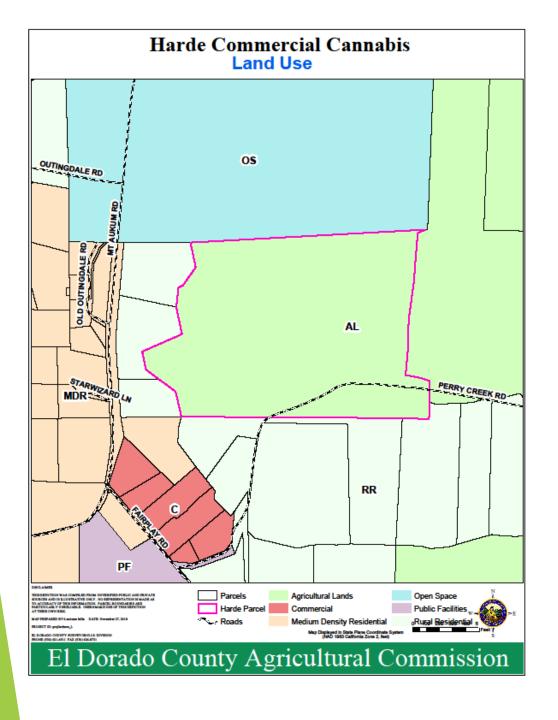


This parcel is in an Agricultural District, and an Ag Preserve.



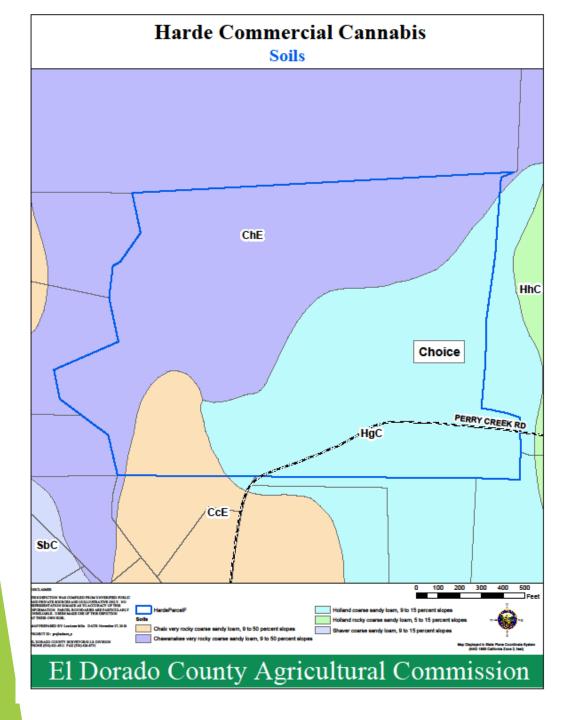
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PA-20: Planned Agriculture, 20 Acres



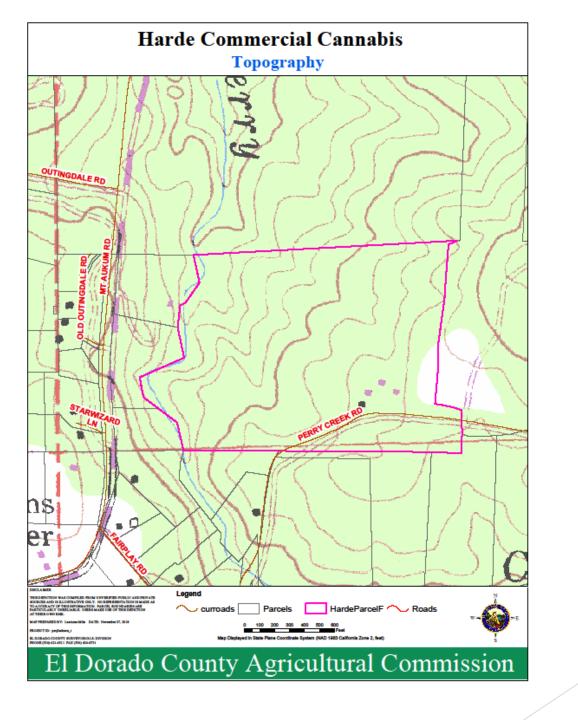
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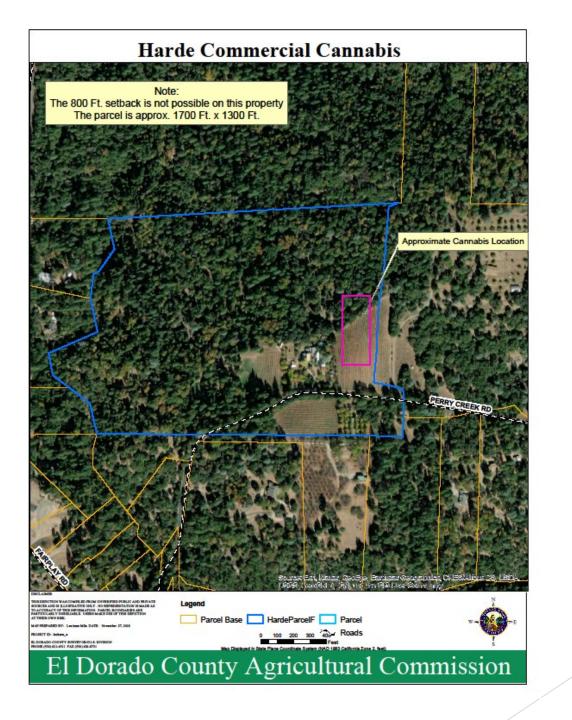
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Discussion:

A site visit was conducted on July 22, 2021 to assess the placement of the proposed cultivation area.

Staff Findings:

Staff finds that there will be no impact on agriculture based on the following analysis of relevant General Plan policies and County design thresholds for Commercial Cannabis

Relevant Policies:

2.2.2.2

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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
- 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.

In regards to Policy 8.1.4.1: no zoning or parcel size changes are proposed. The PA zoned parcel to the east has a walnut orchard approximately 640 feet from the proposed cultivation site. There should not be any affect on the orchard.

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.

In regards to Policy 8.1.3.5:

The existing vineyard is well established and has been interplanted in a previous season with no detrimental effect. The applicants plan is not to remove any of the vineyard or to change the agricultural arts on the proposed cannabis area, or the surrounding agricultural area. It does not appear based on the applicants feedback that this will diminish or impair the parcels agricultural use.

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.

The applicant is requesting a waiver from the setbacks on 3 sides of his project area.

The eastern property line is unable to meet the County's design threshold of 7 DT. Odor mitigation measures have be recommended by the consulting company that completed the odor study. According to the consultants, concentration of odors at nearby homes are not expected to exceed the 7 DT threshold. Mitigation measures considered are an outdoor misting system with a water and odor control platform.

The distances and odor readings are outlined in the odor study as follows:

Location	Distance to Property Line		Maximum Conc.	Conc. At Property Line	Lowest Dilution Ratio	Fenceline DT
	(ft)	(m)				
Eastern Property Line	20	6.1	1,764	1,640	1.08	18.59
North Property Line	550	167.7	17,617	3,619	4.87	4.11
Western Property Line	1250	381.1	17,617	3,926	4.49	4.46
Southern Property Line	250	76.2	17,617	2,407	7.32	2.73
Baseline DT	20					