

7/23/10

Mr. Dennis Mayo  
Humboldt County Planning Commission  
Humboldt County Courthouse  
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Dennis:

Thanks for your offer to help with getting a client's APN #402-251-45, small acreage parcel (20 acres or so) not be designated TI and designated T. My last checks found no change in designation on proposed General Plan maps.

The long story is as follows:

- I requested this change in 2/5/10 (see accompanying copy of letter). I left the number "1" out of the APN # (I used #402-25-45 and should have used #402-251-24). This problem has been corrected in the record by a series of phone calls and letters.
- The Planning department through a Mr. Miller has told me our request for zoning change will be passed onto the Planning Commission.
- I have heard no more from the county as of 7/23/10. I get the impression needed small items of change like this are being lost in the weeds by the very confusing and complicated General review re-write process.

Your help on my client's specific problem will be appreciated, but if you and other commissioners really want to make things right, staff needs to be instructed to be sure no other small landowners get caught in this inappropriate zoning change. As a California Registered Professional Forester with a lot of experience, I find the push for separate zoning ("T" and "TI") to be without merit for timber producing lands.

Since I got your attention, I got to say one more thing about the "Eco System Values" deal. Why not simply say "General Plan will conform to all currently applicable state, federal, and other regulations involving timber harvesting"; thereby, covering all the eco-concerns that are being discussed, and avoid putting new unclear standards in the General Plan for some unaccountable regulator to interpret and duplicate what other regulatory agencies are already doing. Humboldt county has enough to do and does not need to waste money duplicating what is already covered by other public agencies.

Thank you for your help on this matter.

Yours,

  
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Dear Staff and County Planning Commission:

402-251-45

Based on instructions from you folks, I am requesting Assessor parcel #~~402-25-45~~ be designated as "T" and no change to current designation be made during the current ongoing General Plan revision process. Mapping information on maps reviewed and verified by staff to be applicable show this parcel being changed from "T" to "TI" under Alternative "A". With such a change not fitting the historical and physical uses of the involved property, there is no basis for applying the "TI" designation.

There is an existing NTMP on the involved property which requires only harvesting an amount of timber equal to what is grown, and this parcel is not being managed the same as industrial timberland. Copies of the NTMP are available upon request.

I was told county staff has recognized the provided reasons for not applying the "TI" designation to this parcel and has recommended parcels like this one under similar conditions not be given the "TI" designation; so, I have to assume the "TI" designation has been incorrectly applied on maps showing proposed changes.

I request all those involved in the development of the new General Plan receive a copy of this letter, and if there is any reason why this correction of the proposed General Plan can not be done, I am to be notified.

Please contact me if anyone has any questions.

Yours,



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