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AGENDA

March 13, 2013 6:30pm

Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

330 Fair Lane - Building A, Placerville, California

Public testimony will be received on each agenda item as it is called. The applicant is allocated 10 minutes to speak; individual comments are limited to 3 minutes; and individuals representing a group are allocated 5 minutes.

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NOTICE: All Agricultural Commission Administrative Relief decisions pertaining to AGRICULTURAL SETBACKS may file an application with the Board of Supervisors within 10 days of the decision. Such applications shall be made to the Development Services Department.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of January 16, 2013

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

V. AG EMPLOYEE HOUSING DISCUSSION – Shawna Purvines and CJ Freeland

VI. S 13-0004- (John E. Blevens TR/Complete Wireless/MST Architects); Request for Agricultural Commission Review of a Special Use Permit for a cell tower facility consisting of one 100 foot monopine having three antenna sectors with three antennas per sector for a total of nine antennas, one 50X50 square foot equipment compound with a standby diesel generator and a 210 gallon fuel tank enclosed by slatted chainlink fencing. Two future microwave dishes are to be added to the monopine. The property, identified by Assessor's Parcel Number 078-060-16, consists of 19.79 acres and is located on the

south side of Rainbow Ridge Road approximately .25 miles east of the intersection with Pleasant Valley area. (District 2)

Staff Recommendation: *Staff recommends APPROVAL of S 13-0004, a request for a special use permit for a telecom site consisting of a 100 foot monopine in a 2,500 square foot enclosure on APN 078-060-16, as all of the findings required for General Plan Policy 8.1.4.1. and Policy 8.4.2.1. can be made, the project will not negatively impact any existing or future agricultural or timber harvesting pursuits, and according to State law, a communication tower is a compatible use on TPZ zoned land.*

- VII. S 13-0003- (Opportunity Acres);** Request for Agricultural Commission Review of a Special Use Permit pursuant to County Zoning Ordinance Section 127.15.030.D, for a proposal to allow horse boarding, adult daycare programs for individuals with autism, a non-public high school for students with autism, horse training clinics, horse riding cross country schooling, 12 corporate events per year with 50 attendees or less, petting zoo, fruit and vegetable growing for off-site sales and ranch use, and one 36 square-foot lighted, free standing sign. The applicants propose to install three 20-foot portable classrooms, and construct two 36-foot by 60-foot, ten-stall barns. The applicant is requesting to utilize the existing 1,440 square-foot mobile home as an agricultural caretaker's quarters, and administrative relief from General Plan Policy 8.1.3.2, to allow a reduction of the required 200-foot agricultural setback to 30 feet for the three classrooms. The 56-acre parcel is identified by Assessor's Parcel Number 087-021-34 and is located on the east side of South Shingle Road approximately 0.5 miles northeast of the intersection with Latrobe Road in the Latrobe area. (District 2)

Staff Recommendation: *Staff recommends APPROVAL of S 13-0003, the request for a special use permit to allow an adult day use program and school for individuals with autism, horse boarding, horse training clinics, cross country schooling on an adjacent 40 acre parcel, a petting zoo, 12 corporate events per year with a maximum limit of 50 attendees per event, exterior lighting, and one 36 square foot lighted free standing sign as the findings can be made for General Plan Policy 8.1.4.1. 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.*

Staff also recommends APPROVAL of the agricultural setback relief request to reduce the 200 foot agricultural setback to no less than 30 feet, adjacent to the RA-40 parcel to the south, as a barrier or buffer already exists in the form of a road (White Thorn Road) and a utility easement.

VIII. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY ISSUES – Charlene Carveth

- AB 38 – The California Food, Farms, and Jobs Act
- AB 224 – Agricultural Products; direct marketing; community-supported agriculture

- SB 132 – Mountain Lions

IX. CORRESPONDENCE and PLANNING REQUESTS – Charlene Carveth

X. OTHER BUSINESS – Charlene Carveth

- Secretarial Disaster Declarations for 2013
- Ag Roundtable 2013
- Ponderosa FFA Benefit Auction

XI. ADJOURNMENT