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Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.12.050 OF ARTICLE 18.12 OF CHAPTER 18 OF THE PLACER COUNTY CODE DELETING APPENDIX A

Ord. No.: 5470-B

First Reading: June 12, 2007

The following ORDINANCE was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a duly noticed regular meeting held June 26, 2007**, by the following vote:**

Ayes: ROCKHOLM, WEYGANDT, HOLMES, UHLER

Noes: NONE

Absent: KRANZ

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE
ATTEST

ANN HOLMAN
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Placer, State of California
Deputy Clerk

Attest:
Clerk of said Board

Ann Holman

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1: Section 18.12.050 of Article 18.12 of Chapter 18 of the Placer County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

18.12.050 Significant effect.

A. Mandatory Findings of Significance. A project may be found to have a significant effect on the environment if any of the following findings are made by the ERC (see CEQA Guidelines Code Section 15065):

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1. The project has the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.

2. The project has the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals.

3. The project has possible environmental effects which are individually limited but cumulatively considerable. "Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of an individual project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects, as defined in CEQA Guidelines, Section 15130.

4. The environmental effects of a project will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.

B. ~~Effects That are Normally Significant. In addition to the above, the county has established a list of impacts which will normally have a significant environmental effect. This list is attached as Appendix A.~~

~~C.~~ Environmental Thresholds. The county may establish ~~additional~~ quantitative or qualitative thresholds for determining impact significance.

~~D.~~C. Baseline for Threshold Decision. In assessing whether the effects of changes in land use designations (e.g., general plan amendments or rezonings) are significant, impacts shall be determined by comparing the proposed land uses to existing preproject environmental conditions. Future environmental conditions under the existing (adopted) land use designations shall not be used as a baseline. (Ord. 5119-B (part), 2001)

Section 2: The current Appendix A, Impacts Which Are Normally Considered Significant, a part of Chapter 18 of the Placer County Code, shall be deleted in its entirety.

Section 3: The foregoing specified ordinance amendments shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date of passage of this ordinance.

APPENDIX A

Impacts Which Are Normally Considered Significant

An impact is normally considered significant (See Environmental Review Ordinance Section entitled "Significant Effect") if it will:

Land Use

Conflict with adopted environmental plans and goals of the community where it is located.

Disrupt or divide the physical arrangement of an established community.

Conflict with established recreational, educational, religious, or scientific uses of the area.

Convert prime agricultural land to nonagricultural use, or impair the agricultural productivity of prime agricultural land.

Convert unique agricultural land of statewide or local importance to nonagricultural use, or impair the productivity of unique agricultural land of statewide or local importance.

Require a rezoning or general plan amendment in a community which has recently updated its community plan.

Result in a "major" project in the community.

Aesthetics

Have a substantial, demonstrable negative aesthetic effect.

Population, Housing and Employment

Induce substantial growth or concentration of population.

Displace a large number of people.

Public Services

Breach published national, state, or local standards relating to solid waste or litter control.

Extend a sewer trunk line with capacity or serve new development.

Require a "will serve" letter from a public agency and the agency identifies serious deficiencies in providing service.

Generate additional students, and adequate facilities are not available or cannot be made available in a timely fashion.

Traffic

Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system.

Generate traffic volumes which cause violations of adopted level of service standards (project and cumulative).

Cause or exacerbate a potential traffic hazard.

Generate a type of traffic for which affected routes have not been designed or are otherwise not suitable.

Generate traffic that would cause a violation of adopted standards in adjacent jurisdictions (project plus development from existing land use plans).

Air

Violate any ambient air quality standard, contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation, or expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations.

Emit more than 250 pounds per day of a criteria pollutant (nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter [PM10]).

Noise

Increase substantially the ambient noise levels for adjoining areas.

Result in increased traffic-related noise that would exceed community standards as adopted in the Placer County General Plan Noise Element.

Result in onsite noise that could produce noise complaints or exceed noise standards as adopted in the Placer County general Plan Noise Element at the property lines.

Geology

Expose people or structures to major geological hazards.

Hydrology

Substantially degrade water quality.

Substantially degrade or deplete groundwater resources.

Contaminate a public water supply.

Interfere substantially with groundwater recharge.

Cause substantial flooding, erosion, or siltation.

Require significant grading in riparian areas.

Biological Resources

Substantially affect a rare or endangered species.

Interfere substantially with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species.

Substantially diminish habitat for fish, wildlife or plants.

Substantially affect a threatened species.

Result in any significant activity in riparian areas or wetlands.

Remove more than 50 percent of the existing vegetation.

Result in any significant construction in a deer migration route.

Cultural Resources

Disrupt or adversely affect a prehistoric or historic archeological site or a property of historic or cultural significance to a community or ethnic or social group; or a paleontological site except as a part of a scientific study.

Substantially disturb any area of possible cultural or historical significance.

Remove any structure determined to have historical significance.

Energy

Encourage activities which result in the use of large amounts of fuel, water, or energy.

Use fuel, water, or energy in a wasteful manner.

Hazards

Create a potential public health hazard or involve the use, production, or disposal of materials which pose a hazard to people or animal or plant population in the area affected.

Interfere with emergency response plans or emergency evacuation plans.