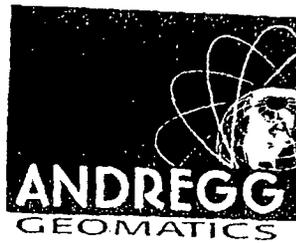


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MEMO RE: Findings for Bunch Creek Rezone from TPZ to Residential Forestry.

Pursuant to Government Code section 51133(a)2 and (a)(3), the Board of Supervisors makes the following findings:

1. Immediate rezoning is not inconsistent with the purposes of subdivision (j) of Section 3 of Article XII of the California Constitution and Chapter 6.7 of Title 5, Division 1, Part 1 of the Government Code because:
 - a. The site was heavily burned in the Ponderosa Fire in August, 2001. The timber resources were largely destroyed, and the prior owner failed to restock the site, leaving the site without restocking to Department of Forestry standards. (Forest Management Plan ("FMP"), prepared by Douglas Ferrier, RPF#1672, on file with Planning Department, p. 4.) Given the existing foliage, soil types, steep slopes (FMP p. 3), there would be extensive costs in rehabilitating the site for commercial timber uses. FMP p. 4, 5. In the opinion of a licensed professional forester, commercial timber management is considered to be unlikely. FMP p. 6. The purpose of the preferential tax treatment and management strategies under the California Constitution and Chapter 4.6 is designed to provide preferential tax treatment for properties actively managed for timber production. The site has not been actively managed for timber resources and existing site conditions make it unlikely that timber production will be resumed in accordance with the Constitution and statutory requirements. Accordingly, the site should no longer enjoy preferential tax treatment.
2. Immediate Rezoning is in the public interest because:
 - a. The alternative use will serve a public need in that the current site condition poses a fire risk to the Colfax community. The Negative Declaration includes nine mitigation measures designed to reduce fire risk. If the project does not go forward, there will be no active fire management strategy in place.
 - b. The adverse environmental impacts of the alternative use and mitigation thereof is acceptable as set forth in the mitigation measures contained in the Negative Declaration, made part of the project approval.
 - c. The project will not have an adverse impact on the long term timber supply capability of California, including the cumulative impact from conversion of similar properties, as the evidence is that the site has not been managed after the Ponderosa Fire for commercial timber purposes, and further the evidence is that it is unlikely, given the existing vegetation, slopes, soils and existing vegetation patterns, that anyone will make the economic investment necessary to restore active commercial timber management (FMP 3,4,5.) Further, the project is conditioned to require a forest set back for adjacent TPZ property (Mitigation Measure IX.1)
 - d. As noted in the FMP, the current conditions do not support commercial timber management and accordingly, on a comparative basis, there are no other known non-TPZ sites which would be superior to this site in terms of proposed uses and potential impacts to timber resources.

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Exhibit E

Fred and Karen Basquin
22057 Porcupine Ridge
Colfax, CA 95713

February 15, 2010

Placer County Board of Supervisors
175 Fulweiler Ave
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Supervisor

This letter is a personal introductory letter from Fred and Karen Basquin, part owners of the Bunch Creek Property:

Fred Basquin has lived in Placer County 45 years with 32 of those years residing in rural Colfax. He became a General Contractor in 1978 and is self employed.

Karen Basquin has lived in Placer County 47 years with 23 of those years residing in rural Colfax. She has worked for the Placer County Sheriff's Department for the past 10 years.

Our home, on Porcupine Ridge, is located approximately ¼ mile from the Bunch Creek property. We have been familiar with this property for years because we had previous owners' permission to horseback ride and walk on their property. We have always dreamed of owning property on Gillis Hill Ridge. In June of 2001 we bought 9 acres on the top of Gillis Hill Ridge, which adjoined the Bunch Creek Property. We began spending our weekends clearing brush and cleaning up all of the deadfall on our new property. Two months later, in August of 2001, our Gillis Hill property burned in the Ponderosa Fire. We were also evacuated from our home located on Porcupine Ridge. Fortunately for us and our neighbors, with the efforts of local and neighboring fire fighters, the fire was brought under control after 5 days of round the clock work. We have included a stat sheet of the Ponderosa Fire, showing the fire facts. It was incredibly difficult to watch all of the land burn and not know if our home would be saved.

Throughout the years, there have been numerous fires that could have been devastating to many home owners in our area. Because of continued and ongoing efforts from the forestry department for residential brushing and clearing, rural areas of Colfax are groomed more often to reduce fire hazards.

In September 2004, we purchased 600 acres in the burn area, currently referred to as Bunch Creek Property. Prior to our purchase, the previous owners salvage logged any remaining timber. The timber harvest was the only land management involved with the Bunch Creek Property after the fire and prior to our purchase.

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As a couple, we have always enjoyed the beauty of the American River Canyon. We have rafted it, fished it, hiked all over it by foot and horseback. We do our part in keeping it beautiful by always picking up trash along our way. We do not want to exploit or destroy the natural resources or beauty of the American River Canyon. We use good forestry management practices on our existing properties by clearing the brush, pruning trees, installing a fire hydrant and improving the existing roads.

We have worked hard and been diligent in our efforts to supply the planning department with all required reports for the rezone and land division of the Bunch Creek Property. We appreciate your consideration with our project.

Sincerely,

Fred and Karen Basquin

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