

# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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TOM BURNS, PLANNING DIRECTOR

August 1,2007

Planning Commission County of Santa Cruz 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060 Agenda Date: October **10,2007** APN: **106-351-03** Application: **07-0395** Item #: **22** 

Subject: A public hearing to consider **a** proposal to **ezone** a single lot **of** record from the Residential Agriculture (**RA**)**zone** district **to** the Timber Production (**TP**) zone district.

Members of the Commission:

On May 14,2007, the County Planning Department accepted this application for a rezoning to Timber Production (TP). This is a proposal to rezone a 12.9 acre parcel fran the Residential Agriculture (RA) zone district to the Timber Production (TP) designation. The uses **on** the property consist of vacant rural acreage.

Background

This project qualifies **for** a rezoning under California Government Code Section 51113. This section allows a property owner to petition **the** County to rezone land to the TP zone. The requirements for this type of rezoning are listed in Government Code section  $51113(c)^4$ . The County may not place any additional requirements on this petition to rezone the property to TP. CountyCode Section 13.10.375(c) – "Zoning to the TP District" implements Government Code section 51113 and specifies the six criteria which must be met in order to rezone to TP.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 4 (commencing with Sectim

c) On a before March 1, 1977, the bard or council by ordinance shall adopt a list of criteria required to be met by parcels being considered f a zoning as timberland production under this sectim.

The criteria shal not impose any requirements in addition to those Listed in this subdivision and in subdivision (d). The following shall be included in the criteria:

<sup>(</sup>JA map shall be prepared showing the legal description or the assessor's parcel number of the property desired to be zoned

<sup>(2)</sup> A plan for forest management shall be prepared or approved as to content, for the property by a registered professional forester

The plan shall provide for the eventual harvest of limber within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the prepater of the plan. (3)(A) The parcelshall currently meet the timber stocking standards as set forth in Sectim 4561 of the Public Resources Code and the forest practice rules adopted by the State Bard of Forestry and Fire Protection for the district in which the parcel is located, a the owner shall sign an agreement with the bard or council to meet those stocking slandards and forest practice rules by the fifth anniversary of the signing of the agreement. Lithe parcel is subsequently zoned as timberland production under subdivision (a), failure to meet the stocking standards and forest practice rules within this time period provides the bard or council with a ground for rezoning of the parcel pursuant to Sectim 51 12 1

<sup>(</sup>B) Upon the fifth anniversary of the Signing of an agreement, the board shall determine whether the parcelmeets the timber stocking standards in effect on the date that the agreement was signed

<sup>51130),</sup> if the parcel fails to meet the timber stocking standards, the **bard** or council shall immediate?. rezone the parcel and specify new zone for the parcel which is in conformance with the county general plan and whose primary use is other than timber and

<sup>(4)</sup> The parcel shall be timberland, as defined in subdivision (f) of Section 51104.

<sup>(5)</sup> The parcet shall be in compliance with the compatible use ordinance adopted by the board a council pursuant to Section 51111

<sup>(</sup>d) The criteria required by subdivision (c) may also include any or all of the following:

<sup>(1)</sup> The land area concerned shall be in the ownership of one person, as defined in Sectim 38 106 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. and shall be comprised of single or contiguous parcels of a certain number of acres, n a to exceed 80 acres.

<sup>(2)</sup> The band shall be a certain site quality class or higher under Section **434** of the **Revenue** and **Taxation** Code, **except** that the parcelshall not be required **robe** of **the** two bighest site quality classes

In accordance with County Code Section 13.10.375(c), the project meets the following six criteria for rezoning to Timber Production:

- 1. A map has been submitted with the legal description or assessor's parcel number of the property to be rezoned.
- 2. A Timber Management Plan, undated, prepared by a registered professional forester has been submitted for the property (Exhibit E).
- 3. The parcel currently meets the timber stocking standards as set forth in Section 4561 of the Public Resources Code and the Forest Practice Rules for the district in which the parcel is located (see Exhibit E).
- 4. The parcel is timberland, as the entire parcel is capable of producing a minimum of 15 cubic feet of timber per acre annually and is almost entirely located within a mapped Timber Resource area.
- 5. The uses on the parcel are in compliance with the Timber Production Zone uses set forth in Section 13.10.372.
- 6. The land area to be rezoned is in the ownership of one person, as defined in Section 38106 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and is comprised of at least five acres in area.

This project qualifies for a statutory exemption (Exhibit D) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the County Environmental Review Guidelines (Article 17, Sectim 1703).

### Conclusion

All of the criteria have been met for rezoning this parcel to the Timber Production zoning designation. All required findings can be made to approve this application and the rezoning is consistent with the General Plan policies and land use designations.

### Recommendation

Staff recommends that your Commission adopt the attached Resolution (Exhibit A), sending a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for approval of Application No. 07-0395 based on the attached findings (Exhibit B).

### **EXHIBITS**

- Α. Planning Commission Resolution, with Ordinance/ Finding
- APN Map B.
- C. Location, Current Zoning and General Plan Designation Maps
- D. Notice of Exemption from CEQA
- Timber Management Plan by Steven M. Butler, dated July 21,2007. E.

Maria Porcila P	erez
Project Planner	n
Development R	eview I I N
Reviewed By:	Mark Deming
	Assistant Planning Director

### BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO.

On the motion of Commissioner duly seconded by Commissioner the following Resolution is adopted:

### PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION SENDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has held a public hearing on Application No. 07-0395, involving properties located on the north and south side of Dove **Lane** about 0.25 miles north from **the** intersection with Eureka Canyon Road, and the Planning Commission has considered the proposed rezoning, all testimony and evidence received at the public hearing, and the attached staff report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance by changing property from the Residential Agriculture (RA) zone district to the Timber Production zone district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission makes findings on the proposed rezoning as contained in **the** Report to the Planning Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:COMMISSIONERSNOES:COMMISSIONERSABSENT:COMMISSIONERSABSTAIN:COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson

ATTEST:

MARK DEMING, Secretary



### ORDINANCE NO.

### ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE CHANGING FROM ONE ZONE DISTRICT TO ANOTHER

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz ordains as follows:

### **SECTION I**

The Board of Supervisors finds that the public convenience, necessity and general welfare require the amendment of the County Zoning Regulations to implement the policies of the County General Plan and Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan regarding the timber resource property located on the north and south side of Dove Lane about 0.25 miles north from the intersection with Eureka Canyon Road; finds that the zoning to be established herein is consistent with all elements of the Santa Cruz County General Plan and the Santa Cruz County Code, as modified by the *Big Creek* decision; and finds and certifies that the project is subject to a statutory exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act.

### **SECTION II**

The Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Zoning Plan Amendment as described in Section III, and adopts the findings in support thereof without modification as set forth below:

- 1. The proposed zone district will allow a density of development and types of uses which are consistent with the objectives and land use designations of the adopted General Plan; and
- 1. The proposed zone district is appropriate for the level of utilities and community services available to **the** land: and
- 2. The character of development in the area where the land is located has changed or is changing to such a degree that the public interest will be better served by a different zone district; and
- 3. The property meets the requirements of Government Code section 51113 or 51113.5 and County Code Section 13.10.375(c).

### **SECTION IIJ**

Chapter 13.10-Zoning Regulations of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended by amending Section 13.10.210-Zoning Plan to change the following properties from the existing zone district to the new zone district as follows:

Assessor's Parcel Number	Existing Zone District	New Zone District
106-351-03	Residential Agriculture (RA)	TP

### **SECTION IV**

This ordinance shall take effect on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the date of final passage

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2007, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz by **the** following vote:

AYES:	SUPERVISORS
NOES:	SUPERVISORS
ABSENT:	SUPERVISORS
ABSTAIN:	SUPERVISORS

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_

Clerk of the Board

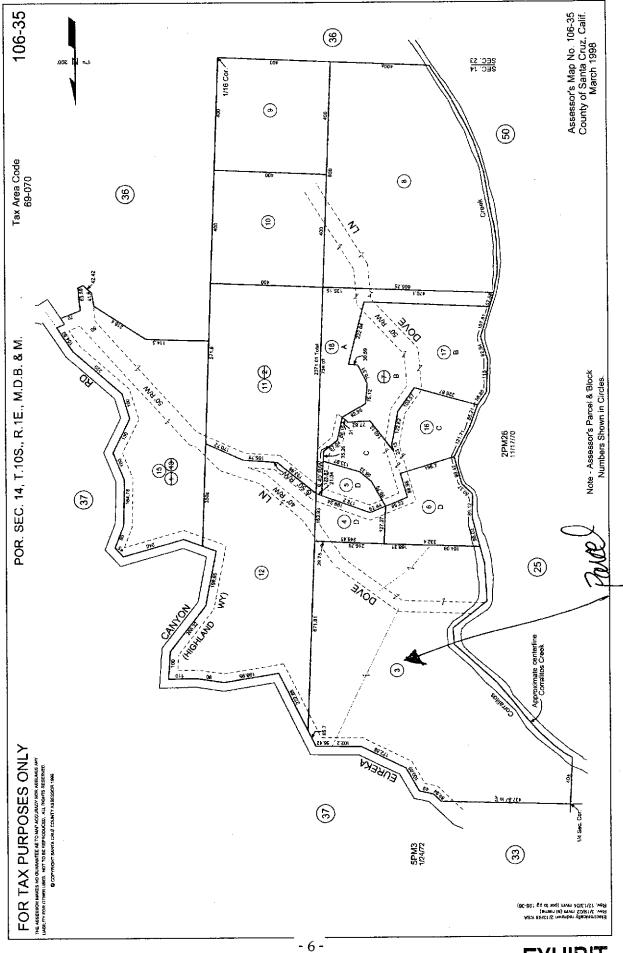
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Exhibit: Rezoning Map

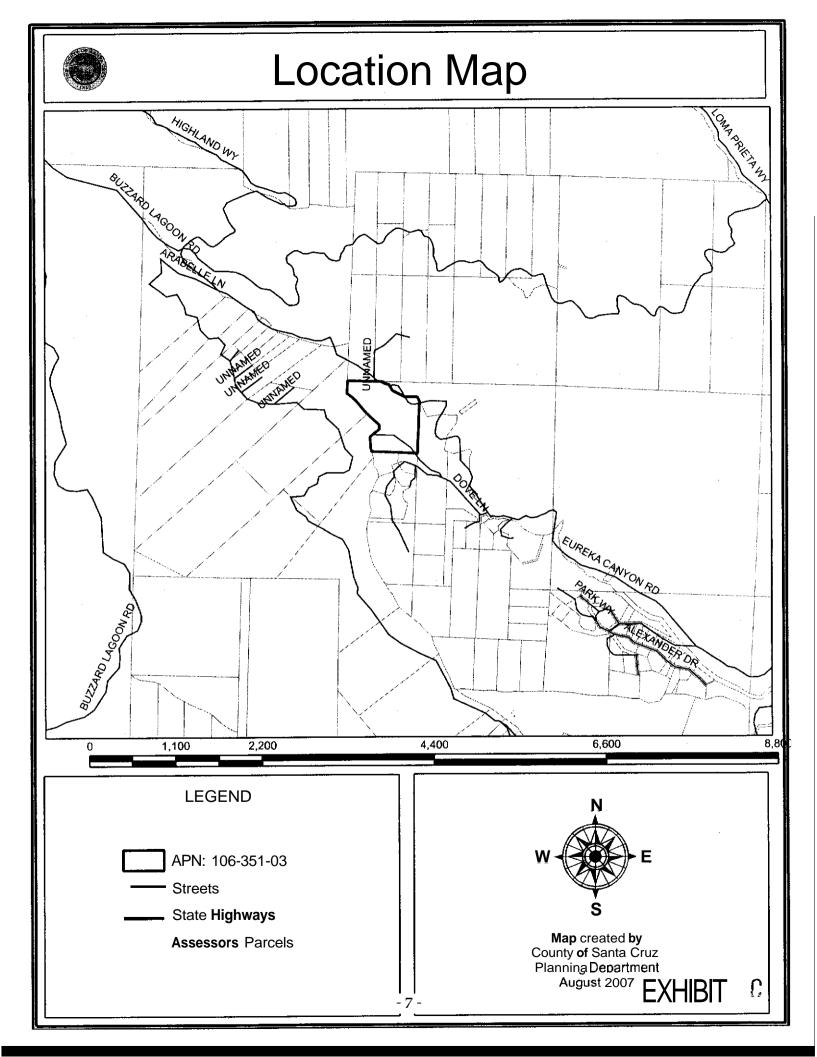
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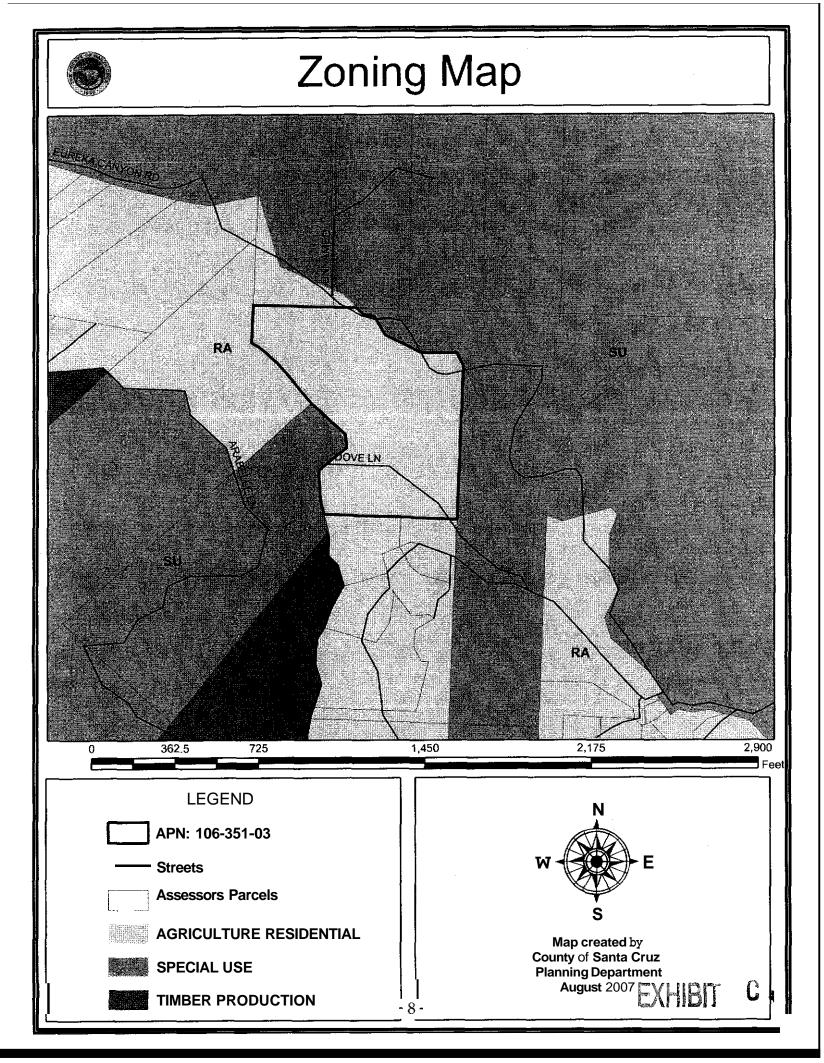
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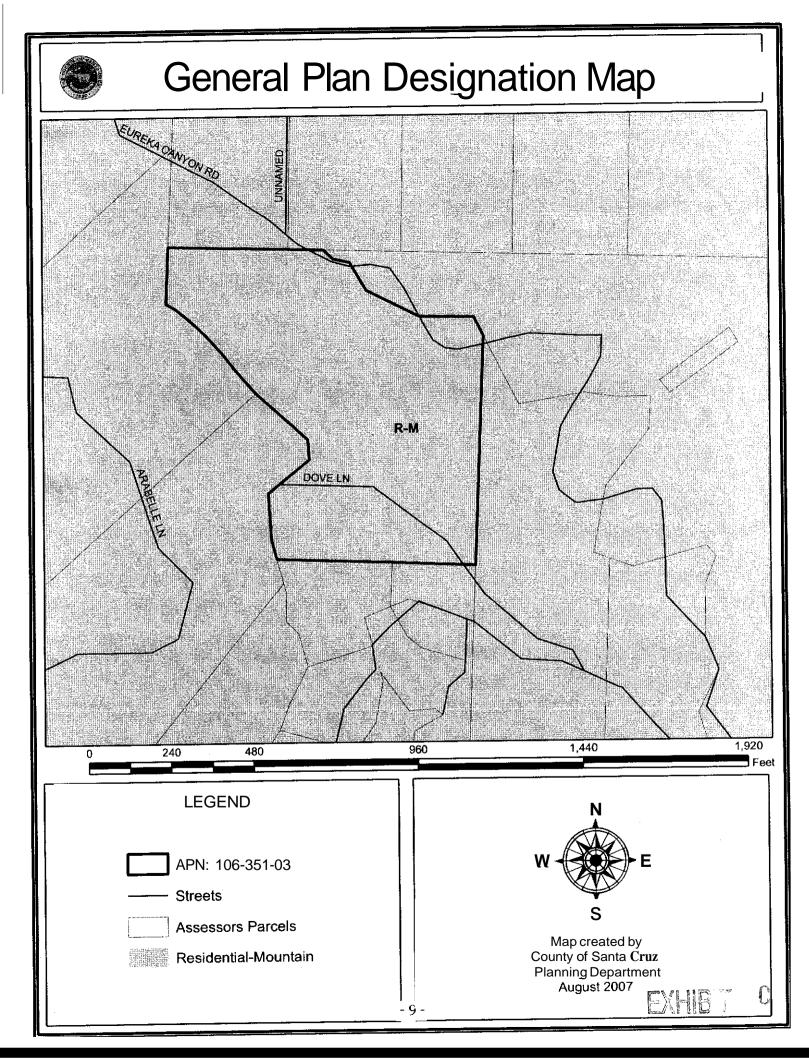
## EXHIBIT A



EXHIBIT







### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

The Santa Cruz County Planning Department has reviewed the project described below and has determined that it is exempt from the provisions of CEQA as specified in Sections 15061 - 15332 of CEQA for the reason(s) which have been specified in this document.

Application Number: 07-0395 Assessor Parcel Number: 106-351-03 Project Location: Property located on the north and south side of Dove Lane, about 0.25 miles North from the Intersection with Eureka Canyon Road.

### Project Description: Rezone a single parcel from the Residential Agriculture (RA) zone district to the Timber Production (TP) zone district.

### Person or Agency Proposing Project: John H Kregel

### Contact Phone Number: (408) 309-1900

- The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.
- A. B. The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c).
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Ministerial Project involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.
- D. <u>x</u> Statutory Exemption other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285). [Section 17031

In addition, none of the conditions described in Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

Maria Porcila Perez, Project Planner

Date: August 14, 2007



Timber Management **Plan** for the lands of

John Kregel APN 106-351-03 santa Cruz county, calif.

July 21, 2007 Prepared by Steven M. Butler, RFF #2390 781 *Cak*: Drive Felton CA **95018** 

The purpose of this management plan is to provide basic forest management details and information to the landowner and to meet the county requirements for rezoning said parcel from its current zoning designation of **Rural** Agriculture (RA) to Timber **Production Zoning (TPZ)**.

TPZ is a zoning classification applied to private timberland and **Sate** forests by local government

under the Forest Taxation Reform Act of 1976. In addition to the definition of "timberland" applied in the

Forest **Practice** Âct, land within a TPZ is also subject to the definition in Section 51 104 (f) of the

Government Code (GC). In the GC timberland **means** privately owned land or land acquired for **state** forest purposes, which is devoted **to** and used for growing and

harvesting timber, or for growing and harvesting timber and compatible uses, and which is capable of growing an average annual volume of wood fiber of at least 15 cubic feet per acre.

Land zoned TPZ is restricted for use in timber growing or compatible uses, such as outdoor

recreation or grazing. This restriction on use lasts ten years and is renewed each year; in return,

landowners receive reduced property tax assessments on the land.

"Conversion" from timber growing to other land uses may occur either on land that is zoned for

timber production or land that is still timberland but which is not zoned for timber production. Within TPZ lands, timberland conversion means the immediate rezoning of **TPZ**, whether timber operations are involved or not. Some exemptions may apply. Within non-TPZ timberlands, under Section 1100(g) of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), timberland conversion means transforming timberland to a non-timber growing use through timber operations where:

1. Future timber harvests will be prevented or infeasible because of land occupancy and



activities thereon; or

2. Stocking requirements of **the** applicable **district** forest **practice** rules will not be **net** within

five. years after completion of timber operations; or

3. There is a clear intent to divide timberland into ownerships of less than three acres. In these

cases, a timberland conversion permit is required.

A timberland conversion exemption is applicable to the following Situations of converting

timberland for (Section 1104, CCR):

1. Non-timber use only, of less than three acres in one contiguous ownership, whether or not it

is a portion of a larger land parcel and shall not be part of a THP;

2. Construction or maintenance of right-of-way by a public agency on its own or any other

public property;

3. Construction and maintenance of gas, water, sewer, oil, electric, and communication right-of-

way by private or public utility; and

4. Subdivision development outside of TPZ.

<u>General Property Description</u> - The parcel is about 13 acres in size. The Property is in the San Andreas Rift Zone. The parcel is a mix of redwood forestland and brush. Portions of the parcel are quite steep while others are quite gentle. The parcel is bordered by Corralitos Creek and Upper Highland Way. It is parcel 106-351-03. It is located on the Loma Prieta USGS Quad Map, on a portion of Section 14 T10S RIE M.D.B. and M. Elevation ranges from 1320 feet where Corralitos Creek leaves the boundary to 1680 feet at the Northern coner of the parcel by Highland Way/ Eureka Canyon Road. Corralitos Creek is a class II perennial stream where it borders the parcel. Two class III scasonal streams exist on the parcel, where they join each other they become a class II stream which quickly joins Corralitos Creek.

<u>History</u> - The parcel was originally logged in the late 1800's  $\alpha$  early 1900's. Limited tree cutting has occurred since the initial old growth harvest. No evidence of obvious historic structures  $\alpha$  archeological sites were observed The parcel has been owned by the current owner for roughly 40 years. The parcel was surveyed for subdivision in 1971 (Map 5 PM 3).

Access and Boundaries. The parcel has a legal right of way along Dove Lane to Highland Way/Eureka Canyon Road. An existing spur road follows a ridge onto the parcel across parcel 106-351-06. An un-built 40 feet right of way connects the parcel to Dove Lane across parcel 106-351-04 and 106-351-12. The parcel is adjacent to Highland Way/ Eureka Canyon Road, although the steepness of the slope in this area limits access from this county road onto the parcel.

The parcel is at least partially surveyed. A monument for the South West coner was found Upper Corralitos Creek forms one boundary and Highland Way/Eureka Canyon

**Road** forms mother. The remaining boundaries **are** straight lines generally North/South, East/West directions.

Timber/Cover Types - The parcel has two distinct cover types:

The **exposed** Southerly **facing** *steep* slope of brush fields consist of Chamise, Sage, and other typical chaparral plant species. This area is roughly 3.5 acres.

The flats dong the fault zone and areas dong the water courses are redwood forest with a minor component of Douglas Fir. Hardwoods including Tan oak, Madrone, Bay, and Maple are also present in the stand This area is roughly 9.5 acres.

**Soils** - There are two mapped soil types on the parcel:

153 - Maymen rock outcrop 50-75% slopes. This gravelly, thin soil under lays the steep South *facing* slopes below highland **Way/Eureka** Canyon Road. These Soils are primarily covered with brush.

144 • Lompico – Felton- Complex occupies the flatter and lower elevation portions of the property and support redwood forests. This is a fairly deep loamy soil.

<u>Volume</u>. Growth and Yield - Approximately 9 acres of this parcel are productive timber lands which are available and capable of growing a crop of commercial tree species in quantities greater than 15 cubic feet of wood fiber per year.

The timbered portion of the parcel is considered low site 11 tending toward site III as you **mst** upslope. The site index is **estimated** at **160-110**. The area is roughly **75%** stocked with conifers. The yield table estimates **the** current cubic feet stocking **as 12,950** cubic feet per acre. My **estimate** of **stocking** is roughly **18,000** board feet (**BF**) per acre. **Growth** is estimated **2%** or **260** cubic feet/acre/year, **360 BF/acre/year**.

The total standing volume of conifer is estimated at 160,000 BF.

The *timbered* portion of the parcel carries roughly **5 cords per** acre of hardwood, for an estimated **45 cords**.

Post harvest growth rates should be around 3-3.5%.

<u>ent m Units</u> Approximately 6 of the 9 timbering acres are accessible utilizing traditional ground skidding access. The remaining 3 acres of timber would likely require cable yarding from adjacent parcels.

This 6 acre portion of the property is anticipated to yield 50 MBF (thousand board feet) under a 50% - 60% selection harvest. This could be repeated on a 14 year cycle. Utilizing the stumpage values (price paid for standing trees) provided by the California Tax Board the stumpage value of such a sale would yield \$580/MBF x 50 MBF = \$29,000.

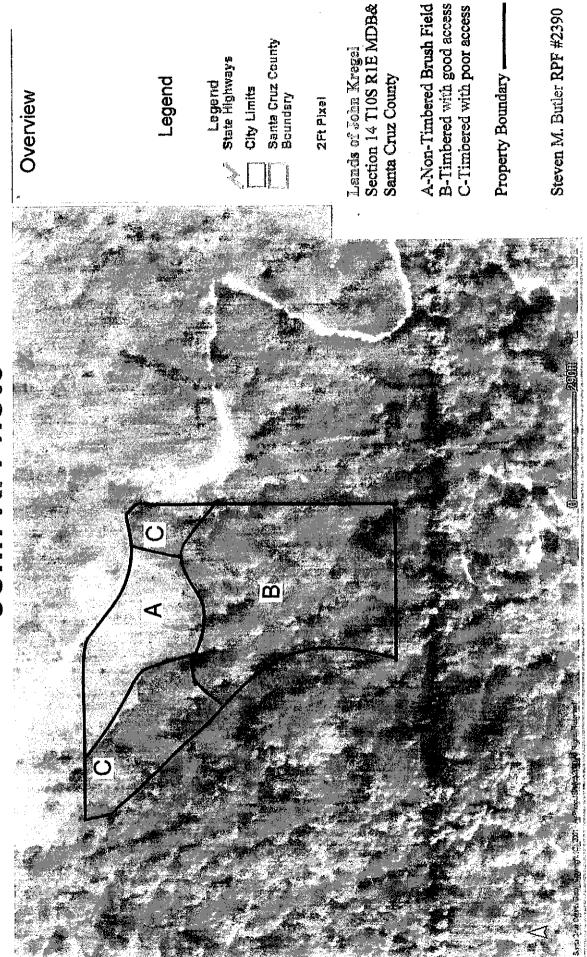
The cost of obtaining a **Tinber** Harvest Plan (THP; harvesting permit) would **need** to be subtracted **from** this value. THP's **are** fairly expensive and carry a high **fixed** cost. To obtain **a THP** for your **6** acres could **cost \$15,000 - \$20,000**.

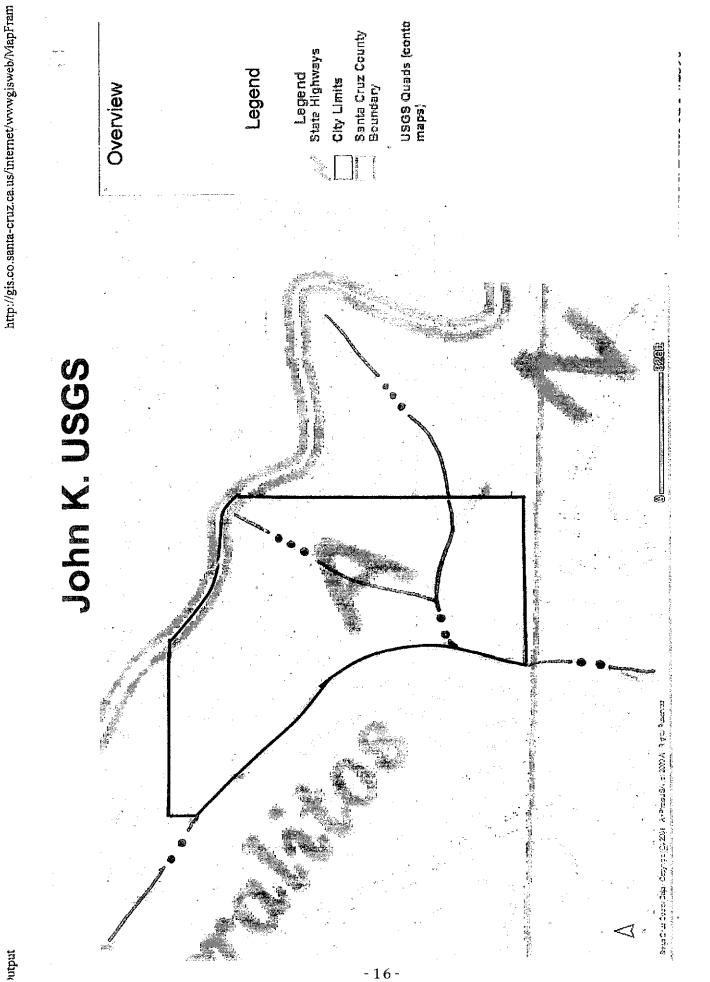
While this still produces a viable stand alone sale, your best course. of action would be to tie your harvest in with a nearby timber harvest during the preparation stages of a nearby sale. This would require you to contact the half dozen RPS that prepare plans in the area and let them know you are interested in harvesting your parcel md wait for them to prepare a harvest plan on a nearby parcel.

The 6 acre unit discussed is a stand alone unit in that it has its own adequate landing areas and truck and skid road access.

<u>Other</u> - The parcel is set below Highland Way/ Eureka *Canyon* Road. The area below the road is an extremely steep brush field. The area has been exploited as an area to abandon vehicles over the steep bank. The area is littered with junk cars. It may be possible to remove some or all of the cars in conjunction with a timer harvest.

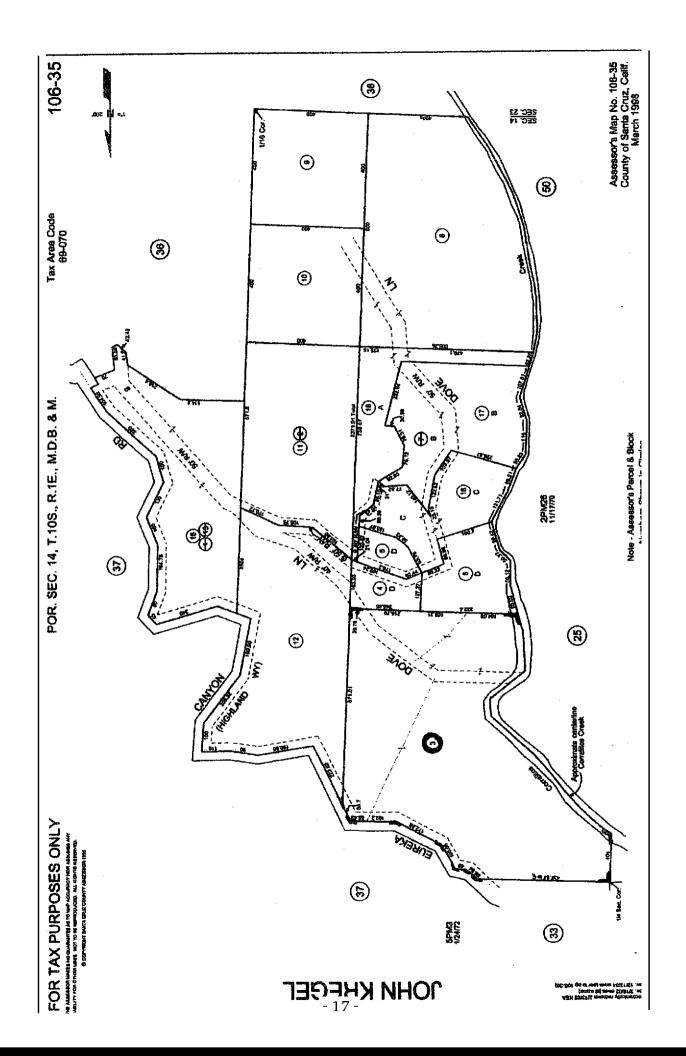
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