



**County of Lake
Planning Commission Meeting
Minutes – Final
Lakeport City Council Chambers
November 9, 2023, 9:00 a.m.**

225 Park Street
Lakeport CA 95453

1. 9:00 a.m. – Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Chavez. Community Development Director Mireya Turner, Assistant Planner Mary Claybon, Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung, and Office Assistant III Ruby Mitts were present along with the following Commissioners:

Present: Commissioners Chair Chavez, Vice-Chair Hess, Brown, and Field

Absent: Commissioner Price

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Verification of Legal Notice

The clerk reported the item and agenda were properly noticed.

4. Consent Agenda

There was no consent agenda.

5. Public Input

There was no one present wishing to speak.

6. Timed Items – Public Hearings

6a. 9:05 a.m. – PUBLIC HEARING – Consideration of proposed Major Use Permit (UP 20-57), and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS 20-68), for Lake County Land Restoration, for approval of commercial cannabis cultivation of 435,600-sf of canopy area within 457,000-sf cultivation area, located at 5951 Ridge Road, 6051 Ridge Road, 6200 Ridge Road, and 1109 Vernal Drive, Lakeport (APNs: 007-047-01, 007-047-03, 007-053-01, and 007-053-02)

Assistant Planner Mary Claybon presented the staff report.

County Surveyor Vance Ricks and Deputy Counsel Nicole Johnson were present.

Chair Chavez opened public hearing at 9:16 a.m. The following people spoke: Tom Lajcik, Mike Mitzel, Doug Herzog, and Margaux Kambara.

Chair Chavez called a 5-minute recess at 10:21 a.m. The hearing reconvened at 10:26 a.m.

No one else wished to speak, and public hearing was closed at 10:26 a.m.

Chair Chavez re-opened the public hearing at 10:28 a.m. The following people spoke: , Tom Lajcik, and Mike Mitzel. No one else wished to speak, and public comment was closed at 10:30 a.m.

The following amendment was made to the Conditions of Approval: “The gates on Ridge Road and Vernal Drive shall remain unlocked at all times, removing the padlock from each gate.”

On the motion of Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Brown, found that potential impacts associated with this project can be mitigated as ‘less than significant’ through implementation of Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS 20-68), for Lake County Land Restoration, property located 5951 Ridge Road, 6051 Ridge Road, 6200 Ridge Road, and 1109 Vernal Drive, Lakeport (APNs: 007-047-01, 007-047-03, 007-053-01, and 007-053-02), will not have a significant effect on the environment, and adopted Initial Study (IS 20-68), based on the findings listed in the staff report dated September 28, 2023.

Director Mireya Turner noted there was a typographical error in the staff report and the date of the conditions of approval should read November 9, 2023.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Commissioner’s Chair Chavez, Vice-Chair Hess, and Brown
Noes – Commissioner Field

On the motion of Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Brown, approved, as amended, the Major Use Permit (UP 20-57), for Lake County Land Restoration, property located at 5951 Ridge Road, 6051 Ridge Road, 6200 Ridge Road, and 1109 Vernal Drive, Lakeport (APNs: 007-047-01, 007-047-03, 007-053-01, and 007-053-02), based on the findings and subject to the conditions included in the staff report dated November 9, 2023.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Commissioner’s Chair Chavez, Vice-Chair Hess, and Brown
Noes – Commissioner Field

7. Non-Timed Items

There were no Non-Timed Items.

8. Department Update

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Lake County Planning Commission adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Community Development Director
Mireya Turner

Office Assistant III
Ruby Mitts
