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SCH #: 2019029087

Project Title: Agritourism Zoning Text Amendment (Z-17-03)

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Project Location: _____ Siskiyou
City *County*

Project Decription (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project is a proposed zoning text amendment intended to both address the lack of specificity in the Code for uses traditionally interpreted by the Planning Director as incidental to agriculture and to facilitate the marketing and promotion of agricultural products grown and produced in Siskiyou County through on-site agritourism activities. It would allow limited agritourism incidental to active agricultural operations on parcels 10 acres and larger that are zoned Prime Agricultural (AG-1), Non-Prime Agricultural (AG-2), and Rural Residential Agricultural (R-R). Agritourism uses would include but not be limited to farm tours, field days, farm sponsored hospitality dinners, educational classes, U-Pick produce sales, agricultural farmstays, and agritourism camping. Further, in an effort to minimize, to the greatest extent practicable, off-site impacts associated with agritourism-related activities, the zoning text amendment would differentiate between generally permissible, less intensive “Level I Agritourism” and more intensive “Level II Agritourism" and would subject “Level II Agritourism" to Agritourism Performance Standards and approval of either an administrative use permit or a conditional use permit depending upon the intensity of use.

The project encompasses all parcels in the unincorporated area of Siskiyou County, California, 10 acres and larger, that are zoned AG-1, AG-2, and/or R-R. The project area (i.e., unincorporated Siskiyou County) is roughly centered on Section 17 of Township 44 North, Range 7 West of the Mount Diablo Meridian.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

- To mitigate potential biological impacts, vegetation removal associated with agritourism improvements would be limited to outside the bird nesting season or would require preconstruction surveys; bat surveys would be required prior to demolition or substantial reconstruction of existing barns and outbuildings for agritourism improvements; and no land disturbance for agritourism improvements would be permitted within 150 feet of the top of bank of any perennial waterbody or within 50 feet of the centerline of seasonal streams and wetlands.

- To mitigate potential impacts to subsurface paleontological resources during ground disturbing activities associated with agritourism improvements, work would be required to immediately stop and notifications would need to be provided if resources are inadvertently discovered.

- To mitigate potential erosion resulting from construction of agritourism improvements, farms and ranches would be required to revegetate the area disturbed by construction within six months following completion of the construction activity.

- To mitigate potential construction noise impacts to adjacent residential land uses, construction activity would be restricted to between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

There is concern by some members of the public in the Scott Valley that the project would affect the quality of life in the Scott Valley.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Highway Patrol
Caltrans District 2
Department of Conservation
California Department of Fish and Wildlife Region #1
Department of Food and Agriculture
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Native American Heritage Commission
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board - RWQCB Region #1