

AMADOR COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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APPLICATION REFERRAL

TO: Amador Air District

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County Counsel **Amador Transit**

Environmental Health Department Amador Water Agency

Surveying Department Cal Fire

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Sheriff's Office City of Sutter Creek Ione Band of Miwok Indians**

Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California** Buena Vista Band of Me-Wuk Indians** Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians**

DATE: March 11, 2021

FROM: Krista Ruesel, Planning Department

PROJECT: Use Permit Application UP-21;2-2 requesting a commercial meat cut-and-wrap facility and on-site

> retail sales of agricultural products. These proposed uses are allowed with a Use Permit, consistent with the ±41.37-acre property's A, Agricultural Zoning and AG, Agricultural General, General Plan Designation. The facility will be housed in an existing agricultural building, with up to ten customers

per day (±150 monthly), with hours Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm. (APN: 003-420-077).

Applicant: Big Horse & Little Cattle Co. Property Owner/Representative: Ray Stacey

Supervisorial District: 2

Location: 3200 Camanche Rd., Ione, CA 95640

REVIEW:

As part of the preliminary review process, this project is being sent to State, Tribal, and local agencies for their review and comment. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will review the project for completeness during its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 in the Board Chambers at the County Administration Building, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California as well as via teleconference, accessible through this link; https://us02web.zoom.us/i/5375128983 or by calling one of the numbers below:

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Meeting ID: 537 512 8983

^{**}In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1, this notice constitutes formal notification to those tribes requesting project notification. This notification begins the 30-day time period in which California Native American tribes have to request consultation.



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APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR USE PERMIT

A Public Hearing before the Planning Commission will be scheduled after the following information has been completed and submitted to the Planning Department Office:

	1. C	omplete the following:						
	Name of Applicant Big Horse Ranch & Little Cattle C?							
	Mailing Address <u>3200 Camanche</u> Rd							
_		Ione, Calif. 95640						
	Ph	one Number <u>209-274-04-95</u>						
	As	sessor Parcel Number <u>003 - 420 - 077 - 000</u>						
	Us	Private Academic School Private Nonprofit Recreational Facility Public Building and Use(s) Airport, Heliport Cemetery Radio, Television Transmission Tower Club, Lodge, Fraternal Organization Dump, Garbage Disposal Site Church OTHER Red meat Cute wrap Facility						
	21	Attach a letter explaining the purpose and need for the Use Permit.						
	3.	Attach a copy of the deed of the property (can be obtained from the County Recorder's Office).						
	4.	If Applicant is not the property owner, a consent letter must be attached.						
	5 .	Assessor Plat Map (can be obtained from the County Surveyor's Office).						
<u></u>	6.	Plot Plan (no larger than 11" X 17") of parcel showing location of request in relation to property lines, road easements, other structures, etc. (see Plot Plan Guidelines). Larger map(s) or plans may be submitted if a photo reduction is provided for notices, Staff Reports, etc. The need is for easy, mass reproduction.						
	7.	Planning Department Filing Fee: Environmental Health Review Fee: Public Works Agency Review Fee: AFPD Review Fee: \$ \$						
	8.	Complete an Environmental Information Form.						
	9,	Sign Indemnification Form.						

Big Horse Ranch



This letter is at the request of Krista Ruesel, Amador Co Planning. Fart of my family business is the raising of free range rose veal for the restaurant trade. Due to the pandemic this has faltered. Calif. Law AB2114 allows me sell from my ranch, but my customer will need the service of a cut & wrap facility. To my knowledge there is only one in Amador Co and there is a four to six month wait yeal is harvested. In its first year, with this problem at hand I might have to schedule the harvest befor the product is born.

The only solution I see, is To have my own in house facility. To serve my need first. When That is accomplished. There shurly must be a need buy other red meat producers in the area. Thank you for your Time and consideration.

Ray Stacey

INDEMNIFICATION

Project: Red MeaT Cuté Wrap Facility

In consideration of the County's processing and consideration of the application for the discretionary land use approval identified above (the "Project") the Owner and Applicant, jointly and severally, agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County of Amador from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County to attack, set aside, void or annul the Project approval, or any action relating related to the Project approvals as follows:

- 1. Owner and Applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its agents, officers or employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers or employees (the "County") to attack, set aside, void or annul the Project approval, or any prior or subsequent determination regarding the Project, including but not limited to determinations related to the Callfornia Environmental Quality Act, or Project condition imposed by the County. The Indemnification includes, but is not limited to, damages, fees, and or costs, including attorneys' fees, awarded against County. The County in its sole discretion may hire outside counsel to handle its defense or may handle the matter internally. Indemnification also includes paying for the County's defense if it elects to hire outside counsel. Indemnification also includes compensating the County for staff time associated with the litigation. The obligations under this Indemnification shall apply regardless of whether any permits or entitlements are issued.
- The County may, within its unlimited discretion, participate in the defense of any such olaim, action, or proceeding if the County defends the claim, action, or proceeding in good faith.
- The Owner and Applicant shall not be required to pay or perform any settlement by the County of such claim, action, or proceeding unless the settlement is approved in writing by Owner and Applicant, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, by their signature below, Owner and Applicant hereby acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to perform the obligations under this Indemnification.

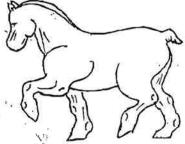
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Big Horse Ranch

A Family United In Quality And Service

3200 Camanche Road Ione, CA 95640-9687

Phone: 209-274-0495 Fax: 209-274-0496



To: Amador C. Planning Dept.

Fax #: 209-257-5002.6254 Date: Feb. 9, 2021

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Total Number of Pages: 11

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Are the following items applicable to the project or its effects? Discuss below all items checked "yes" (attach additional sheets as necessary).

YES								
	W .	17.	Change in existing features or any lakes or hills, or substantial alteration of ground contours.					
	TI I	18.	Change in scenic views or vistas from existing residential areas, public lands, or roads.					
		19.	Change in pattern, scale, or character of general area of project.					
	W.	20.	Significant amounts of solid waste or litter.					
	UI	21.	Change in dust, ash, smoke, fumes, or odors in the vicinity.					
		22.	22. Change in lake, stream, or ground water quality or quantity, or alteration of existing drainage patterns.					
		23.	Substantial change in existing noise or vibration levels in the vicinity.					
		24.	Site on filled land or has slopes of 10 percent or more.					
		25.	Use or disposal of potentially hazardous materials, such as toxic substances, flammables or explosives.					
	ON CO	26.	Substantial change in demand for municipal services (police, fire, water, sewage, etc.).					
			Substantially increase fossil fuel consumption (electricity, oil, natural gas, etc.).					
M			Does this project have a relationship to a larger project or series of projects?					
Describe the project site as it exists before the project, including information on topography, soil stability, plants and animals, and any cultural, historical or scenic aspects: Describe any existing structures on the site, and the use of the structures. Attach photographs of the site (cannot be returned). 30. Describe the surrounding properties, including information on plants and animals and any cultural, historical, or scenic aspects. Indicate the type of land use (residential, commercial, etc.), intensity of land use (one family, apartment houses, shops, department stores, etc.), and scale of development (height, frontage, setback, rear yard, etc.). Attach photographs of the vicinity (cannot be returned). 31. Describe any known mine shafts, tunnels, air shafts, open hazardous excavations, etc. Attach photographs of any of these known features (cannot be returned). 32. Describe and information required for this initial evaluation to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.								
			For Owner					

28. AB 2114 Ranch Sales

29. 41.37 acre Horse & Cattle Ranch

30. Cattle Rinch properties
31. None

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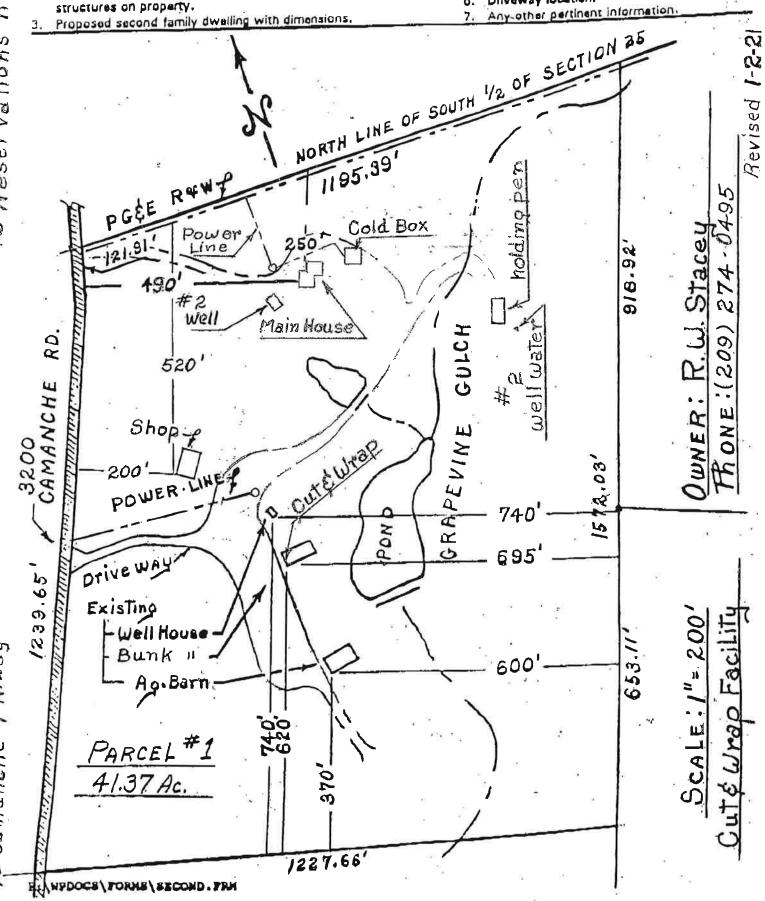
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PLOT PLAN

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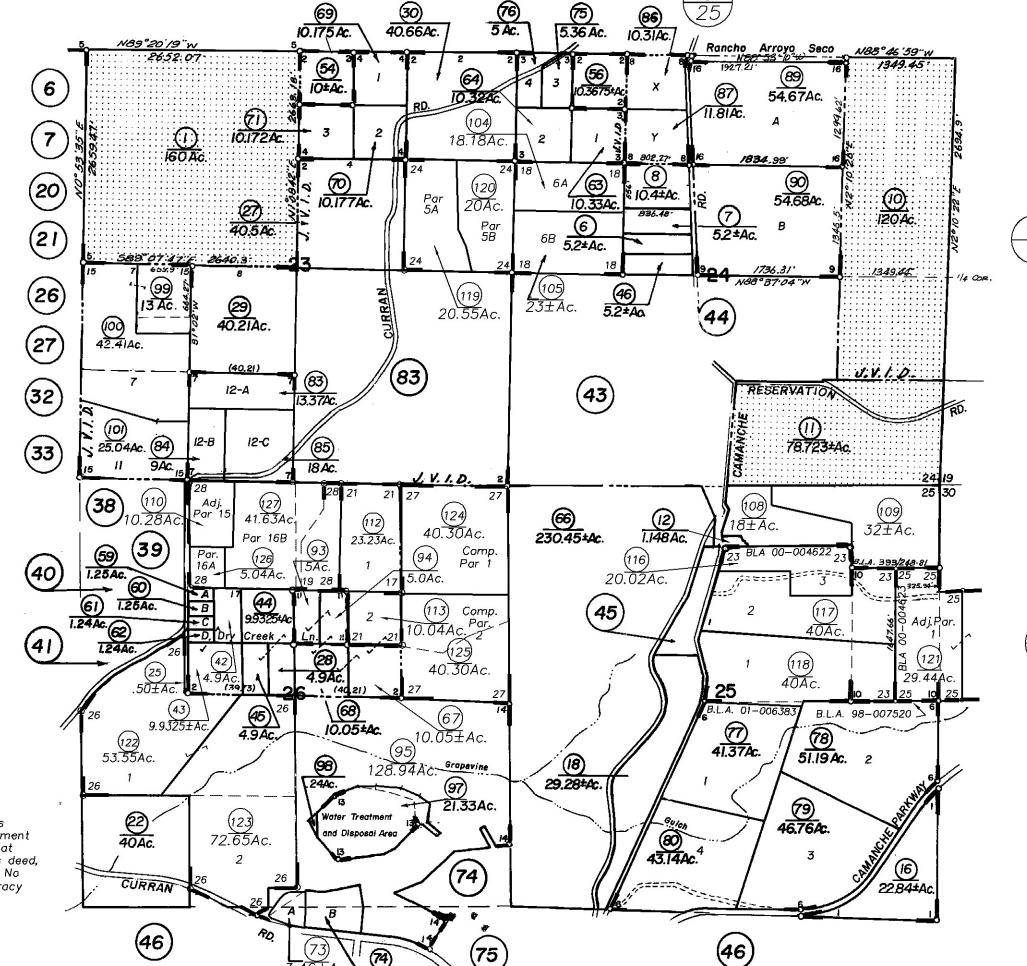
- 1. Outline of property with dimensions.
- Sizes, dimensions and distances from property lines of all structures on property.
- . Names of nearest roads and intersection.
- 5. North arrow and scale.
- 6. Driveway location.



- #1 I will use the Cargo container as storage only because of the difficulty of hooking a cold box To it.
- #2 I will put the cut & wrap in my ranch Aq. building as soon as I know what equipment is required? There will be no over the counter sales of any meat.
- #3 I will need permits for other support vendors and suppliers?
- #4 This business will not be open to the general public or street trade.

Thank you for any assistance in this matter

Kay Stacey



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Map changes become effective with the 2009-2010 roll year. Parcel numbers are subject to change prior to adoption of roll on each July 1.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This map was prepared for property tax assessment purposes only. It is assumed that the property, as described in it's deed, is the property being assessed. No liability is assumed for the accuracy of the data delineated hereon.

Assessor's Map Bk. 3, Pg. 42 County of Amador, Calif.

28-R.M.Bk.61, Pg.100 (08/25/09)

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Introduction

Selling customers a whole or partial steer for their freezer is not uncommon for small California ranchers. In a typical transaction, the animal that has been sold would be slaughtered on-ranch and processed at a local custom meat shop. The customer would then pick up their cuts, ready for the freezer. Under USDA rules, this transaction is called "Custom Exempt Slaughter & Processing". Until 2019, however, that practice has been illegal under California state law.

The passage of AB 2114 in 2018 lifts the ban in California and places a set of standards on the transaction, opening the door for California ranchers to confidently add this method of sales to their business model.

Why sell whole animals for custom processing?

- In a whole animal sale with custom exempt processing, the rancher can talk directly to the consumer, answering questions related to breed, feed, animal welfare and stewardship of the land.
- In a custom exempt transaction, the animal never leaves the ranch where it was raised, minimizing stress or potential for injury in transport.
- A custom exempt transaction allows the rancher to build a brand and a customer base that will return for more product without having to manage an inventory of finished cuts or the logistics of packaging, labeling, etc.
- Ranchers do not need to worry about fitting into the schedule at an inspected slaughter plant, and costs to the rancher for transport, harvest and processing are lower than at an inspected facility.



How does a whole animal transaction work?

AB 2114 contains a few, specific rules for this activity in California including the requirement that no more than 5 head of cattle per month can be harvested in this kind of transaction on any given premise. These rules are outlined in detail below. Additionally, custom slaughter on-ranch of a pre-sold animal requires compliance with the USDA's "Custom Exempt Slaughter" rules. In all cases, the sale and processing of the animal must be for personal use only, and must result in meat products that are neither "adulterated" nor "misbranded."

These terms are defined in Federal Code 21 USC \$601 and essentially mean that the meat must come from healthy animals, processed under sanitary conditions, resulting in product that is clean and safe for human consumption.

First, a few definitions from California Food & Ag Code:

Inspector "means a hide and brand inspector. It includes the chief, regional brand supervisors, senior brand inspectors, investigators, and persons employed on a collaborative basis pursuant to Section 483 to carry out this division."

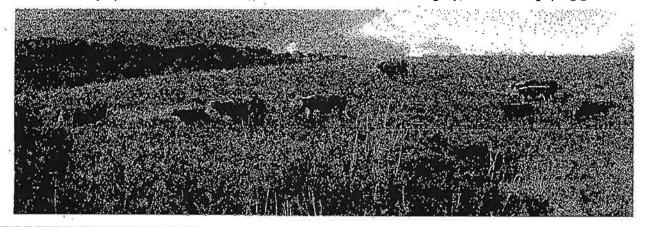
Slaughter "means the stunning, bleeding, eviscerating, skinning, splitting, and preparing of livestock for human consumption."

Mobile Slaughter Operator (MSO) This term is not explicitly defined in code, but is referenced in Section 2201.5 of the Food & Ag Code saying, "...mobile slaughter operators who perform the service of slaughtering cattle for the owner of the cattle on the owner's premises are not licensed slaughterers pursuant to this chapter." This means they provide slaughter services without the requirement of inspection. An MSO may provide their services as part of a Custom Livestock Slaughterhouse (below) which also provides cut-and-wrap services or they may operate as a stand-alone business. If harvesting cattle, an MSO must be registered with the state of California and subject to oversight by the CDFA and the Bureau of Livestock Identification. For sheep, goats, and hogs there is no registration requirement.

Custom Meat Shop Like MSO, this term is not defined in code. In California, a business that provides uninspected slaughter and/or processing for an animal's owner might be referred to as a "Custom Livestock Slaughterhouse" or a "USDA Exempt Meat Establishment." And if the establishment conducts processing that includes curing, drying, smoking or rendering, it must also be licensed as a "Meat Processing Establishment". Under Federal Code, these operations are referred to as a "Custom Exempt Slaughterhouse" or "Custom Exempt Operation". For the purposes of this document, we refer to the businesses that are qualified to provide cut-and-wrap services for a ranch-harvested animal as simply "Custom Exempt Processors."

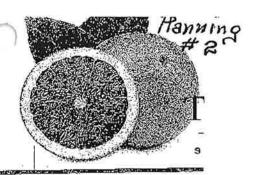
Steps of a whole animal sale with custom processing: (see also graphic on last page)

- 1) Rancher sells an animal whole or in part to a customer at an agreed-upon price. Full payment is made and the rancher records the transaction (see "Records" sidebar).
- 2) Inspector from Bureau of Livestock ID verifies animal's brand and documents transfer of ownership. You can find your Brand Inspector here.³
- 3) Date of harvest is scheduled with an MSO and arrangements to receive the carcass are made with Custom Exempt Processor.
- 4) MSO comes to ranch to harvest animal, confirming with rancher the ownership and retaining with carcass the hide and paperwork to match the animal with its owner. MSO transports carcass to an establishment for further processing.
- 5) Rancher provides Custom Exempt Processor with customer/owner's contact information and matching livestock ID to maintain link between owner and animal.
- 6) Processor contacts customer for cut preferences, to schedule pickup of cuts, and to arrange for payment of services.
- 7) Customer picks up the meat, pays processor for services. All cuts are labeled "Not For Sale" and are to be consumed only by the customer, members of their household, their employees and non-paying guests.



⁻https://apps1.cdfa.ca.gov/brandinspector/Default.aspx?c=21

⁴ While exempt from inspection, custom exempt slaughter must be conducted in accordance with the USDA and Association of Food & Drug Officials (AFDO) guidelines found here: http://www.afdo.org/resources/Documents/Committee%20Re-ports%202016-2017/Exempt%20slaughter%20operations%20final%2005.27.03.pdf





California Farm Bureau。

Marin County rancher Kevin Maloney tends to his sheep in Tomales. Maloney is president of the Bay Area Ranchers Cooperative, which has purchased a mobile slaughterhouse to serve its members. Ranchers say limited slaughter and processing capacity has meant much longer drives to prepare their livestock for market, and has hindered their ability to grow their businesses and meet growing customer demand.

Lack of processing slows local-meat sales

By Ching Lee

With business booming for small meatpackers and fewer of them left in California, ranchers who sell meat directly to customers say preparing their animals for market has become increasingly difficult as they compete for slots at processing plants and face limited options of where to take their livestock.

Local ranchers for years have raised

concerns about the need for more meat processing capacity in the state, and they say the pandemic has further amplified the problem, exposing a part of the food chain that has become more consolidated and that has made it harder for smaller packers to survive.

Marin County rancher Kevin Maloney said demand for locally raised and processed meat "really picked up" when COVID-19 outbreaks last year forced the nation's large meatpacking plants to shut down or slow production, creating a backlog. This put increased pressure on small meatpackers and butchers, with many of them booking months to more than a year out.

Such scheduling issues ultimately limited the amount of meat he could sell, he said.

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"In May, when the big plants were closed down, there was so much demand that we were literally going to the farmers markets and coming home with nothing, and we couldn't get any more animals harvested," Maloney said.

One problem, he said, is the long distances many ranchers must haul their animals for processing, noting that he clocks about 500 miles round trip from his ranch in Tomales to Redwood Meat Co. in Humboldt County—a journey he said he is willing to make every other week.

Maloney said many Bay Area ranchers face the same predicament after Marin Sun Farms in Petaluma—the region's last federally inspected slaughterhouse—ended services last year to producers who don't sell to the company's labels.

The loss of Marin Sun Farms prompted producers last year to form the Bay Area Ranchers Cooperative, or BAR-C, to operate and manage their own slaughter plant. Its 16 members—with farms in Marin, Mendocino, San Mateo and Sonoma counties—have so far raised \$725,000 of their \$1.2 million intended target, enough to purchase a mobile slaughter facility.

Maloney, who serves as co-op president, said the group hopes to have the unitup and running by May 1. The goal, he said, is to identify one or several fixed operational sites where the unit could set up and do a day's worth of work, projected to be about 10 to 12 head of beef, 20 to 25 hogs or 40 lambs. Maloney said they're also investigating the feasibility of a cut-and-wrap facility on site. Another goal is to boost co-op membership to 30 to 35, he added.

As members of the co-op, Mendocino County farmers Nikki Ausschnitt and Steve Krieg said they're so optimistic about prospects for the mobile facility that they have acquired more piglets. Without Marin Sun Farms, they said they were unsure whether to continue raising pigs, because they were unwilling to make the four-hour drive to Redwood Meat—the next closest facility—as the long, twisting road trip would stress the pigs and compromise the quality of the meat.

Because overgrown pigs risk rejection from a butcher shop, they said they were forced last summer to do an on-farm slaughter, which is not certified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and would render the meaturnsalable to the public. When wildfires disrupted the schedule, Ausschnitt said, they missed their butchering appointment, noting their first-choice butcher was booking into 2022 at the time.

She said what they went through for two pigs is repeated on a much larger scale by other local meat producers, "resulting in hugely higher prices, damaged meat, overbooked butcher shops with stressed workers, plus more pollution due to long drives."

David Dewey, owner of Chico Locker and Sausage

Co., a custom-exempt plant that can only slaughter and process animals for the exclusive use of the livestockowner, said he understands ranchers' frustration but lamented "there's no simple answer to any of this."

Despite "huge demand" for small slaughterhouses, he said these businesses continue to operate on thin margins and often do not process enough animals to pay the bills.

Dewey, who serves as president of the California Association of Meat Processors, which represents small facilities, started in the business with his father in the 1960s, when "every town had a small slaughter facility."

"The regulations just got harder and harder," he said.
"The older plants started going out of business until we got a concentration of large packers," and those five companies now process 85% of the nation's meat.

With more ranchers selling their animals live and directly to customers, which allows them to use custom-exempt facilities, Dewey said his slaughter business is booked out for four months. Other small plants around him are similarly swamped, he said.

Placer County rancher Karin Sinclair said she's been trying for the past 10 to 15 years to open a new processing facility in California, but could not find a suitable piece of property for it. She eventually purchased an old dairy in western Nevada, where the zoning would allow her to build a facility that could process up to 60 animals per week or 200 rabbits and chickens.

Though ranchers and most people in the area were receptive to the project, she said, "a handful" were against it—and they are "the loud ones that really are trying to cause a hiccup." The permitfor the slaughter-house was rejected and Sinclair has since appealed the decision twice. She said she continues to look for legal remedies and other options, including other locations.

Marin County rancher Guido Frosini, a member of BAR-C, said he thinks the pandemic "helped elucidate how we rely on a transportation-heavy food system." Even though he sells meat off his ranch, he said, his customers know little about how his animals had to travel 600 miles to get back to his freezer.

"Everybody really reveres local food, and yet when you're actually trying to put a slaughterhouse in, people don't want it next to their house," he said.

That's something to contend with, he said, as the co-op moves to find an appropriate site for its mobile slaughter facility.

(Ching Lee is an assistant editor of Ag Alert. She may be contacted at clee@cfbf.com.)



For a video; see the online version of this story at www.agalert.com

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February 9, 2021

Subject: Re: Big Horse Ranch and Little Cattle Co. Use Permit Application

Attention: Ray Stacey, Owner

Hello Ray,

I was just following up to see if you would be able to include a statement regarding the frequency of visitors associated with the proposed red meat cut and wrap facility. Please provide the following information:

- Maximum proposed visitors per day;
- Maximum proposed visitors per month or year;
- Days and Hours of Operation;
- What proposed structures, improvements, or ground disturbing activity would be needed for this operation; if there is none proposed, please state so.
- **Please note, if there is ground-disturbing activity or it is determined that there may be potential impacts to cultural resources or oak woodlands, you would be required to submit a Cultural Resources Study performed by an Archeologist, or an Oak Woodlands study conducted by a RPA (Registered Professional Forester). Though these requirements may seem like overkill, any discretionary project which may have impacts on these resources would be required to perform the studies by the General Plan.

Additionally, here are the numbers for the other departments you would need to pay review fees to for the Use Permit Application:

Environmental Health: (209)223-6439

Public Works: (209)223-6429

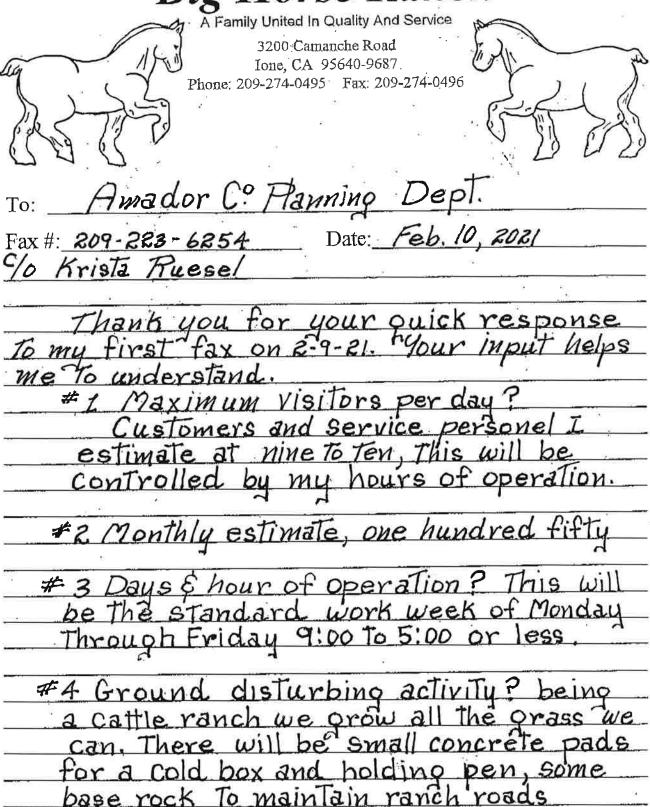
Amador Fire Protection District (AFPD): (209)223-6391

Thank you,

Krista Ruesel, Planner

Amador County Planning Department

Big Horse Ranch



Cultural resources, the Cattle eat all
The grass and Tree seedlings on the ranch,
They have been here over fifteen years,
we have To purchase hay from local vendors
To sustain our livestock, There should be
no change To this land by a cut & wrap
facility.

#5 Review fees, To my knowledge this

project is overseen by Scott Oneto

in the Ao. Dept., because of my experience
in food service I contacted Mrs. Sylvia

Mireles R.E.H.S. asking for information and

quidance, I have yet to hear from her.

(a) I need To install underground power for a cold box plus modifications for the cuts building when I get information?

(b) Big Horse Ranch is located in the Vackson Valley Fire District?

Thank you again for help

Ray Stacey

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Amador County

Environmental Health Department

Amador County Administration Center 810 Court Street

Jackson CA 95642 Phone: 209-223-6349 Fax: 209-223-6254

BILL TO:

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DATE: February 19, 2021

INVOICE # 2021-2 FOR: Use Permit UP-21;2-2

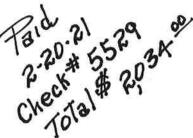
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DATE: February 17, 2021

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Big Horse Little Cattle Co. Attn. Ray Stacey 3200 Camanche Rd. Ione, CA 95640

Amador County Planning Department 810 Court St. Jackson, CA 95642

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Krista Ruesel, Planner

FROM:

Richard Vela, Director of Transportation and Public Works

DATE:

March 1, 2021

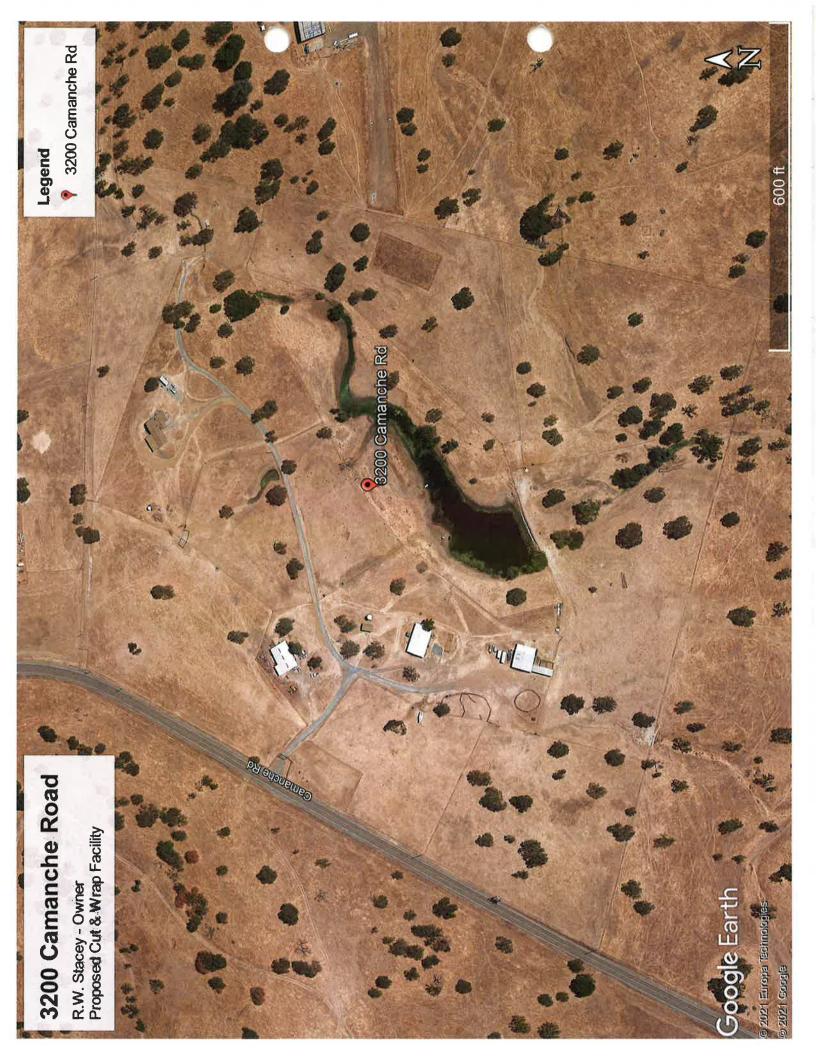
SUBJECT:

Big Horse Ranch and Little Cattle Co. Use Permit Application

I have reviewed the proposal from Mr. Stacey of the Big Horse Ranch and Little Cattle Co. for the proposed red meat cut and wrap facility at the property located at 3200 Camanche Road. The following are the requirements from the Department of Transportation and Public Works:

- With the establishment of a commercial business, a commercial driveway approach is required. Public Works Standards PW-3 and PW-6B apply. An encroachment permit is required to construct the approach. The fee for this is \$625 plus a \$2,100 deposit.
- Payment of the Traffic Mitigation Fee. This fee is dependent on the size of the proposed facility. For a 1,000 SF facility, the fee would be \$3,324.
- Payment of a Construction and Demolition (C&D) Fee. This fee is dependent on the size of the proposed facility. For a 1,000 SF facility, the fee would be \$100.

As this project progresses and the proposed improvements become better defined, the Department can revisit these items to confirm their appropriateness.





Re: Custom Livestock Processing

1 message

Chuck Beatty < CBeatty@amadorgov.org>

Wed, Feb 10, 2021 at 4:52 PM

To: Scott Oneto <sroneto@ucanr.edu>, Krista Ruesel <kruesel@amadorgov.org>

Cc: Sylvia Mireles <smireles@amadorgov.org>, "Schurr, David@CDFA" <david.schurr@cdfa.ca.gov>, "Eric Mayberry (emayberry@amadorgov.org)" <emayberry@amadorgov.org>, Michelle Opalenik <mopalenik@amadorgov.org>

Scott, the number of units slaughtered on-site requires a use permit and Mr. Stacey is in the process of submitting an application for the Planning Commission. I'll add you to the distribution list for the various project meetings. Thanks, Chuck

On Wed, Feb 10, 2021 at 3:10 PM Scott Oneto <sroneto@ucanr.edu> wrote:

Hi Everyone

Thank you for the recent messages and the help on this ranch slaughter and processing. I checked in with David Schurr at CDFA and Sylvia you are correct, this processing of meat does fall under their jurisdiction and there is a registration process to become an exempt meat establishment. Exempt Meat Establishment Registration

On the county side, am I correct that at the minimum it would be:

- · use permit for slaughtering and even a use permit for processing
- commercial kitchen through environmental health
- review of water/septic systems to ensure adequate compliance by planning and environmental health

Thanks again everyone.

Scott

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From: Sylvia Mireles <smireles@amadorgov.org>

Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 8:51 AM

To: Scott Oneto <sroneto@ucanr.edu>; Schurr, David@CDFA <david.schurr@cdfa.ca.gov>

Cc: Eric Mayberry (emayberry@amadorgov.org) <emayberry@amadorgov.org>; Michelle Opalenik

<mopalenik@amadorgov.org>; Chuck Beatty < CBeatty@amadorgov.org>

Subject: Re: Custom Livestock Processing

Hi Scott,

Those are good questions. I believe it would fall under CDFA, you may want to contact them. If it is similar to a retail shop and not private activity, then they would need a permit for a retail shop. The meat processing of Swingles and

Castle Meats is under CDFA. But they would still need to meet the requirements for a commercial kitchen through Environmental Health if it's a commercial operation. I have cc'd David Schurr from CDFA, you may want to touch base with him and have a conversation with him first to see if any of this falls under state.

Sincerely, Sylvia

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On Tue, Feb 2, 2021 at 4:59 PM Scott Oneto <sroneto@ucanr.edu> wrote:

Thanks Chuck and Sylvia. This is definitely a unique situation. I have also reached out to some of the other counties that have done some of this custom exempt processing to see if I can get more info and will report back to the group.

Yes, on ranch slaughter in this case it would exceed family use and be commercial slaughter since they are selling the animals so I also see a permit as the way to go for that part. And from what I can tell in other counties, this is where they may be more stringent than Ca law. Although the law says 5 animals per month, the county could make it less or perhaps decline such permit if it was a problem with neighbors, etc.

As for the cutting and wrapping, if someone was going to open a meat shop in town like swingles or castle meats and not have a retail counter but just process non-inspected/custom meat, any thoughts on how that might be handled? Right now, when a ranch butcher slaughters an animal on a ranch and brings that carcass to either of the above facilities to be cut and wrapped, who has jurisdiction? The main difference I see with Ray is that he wants that business to be on his property and whether or not zoning allows that type of business would be another question. Sylvia you mention that this might be a private activity. Although it is called custom, there is still an exchange of goods and services as the processor is charging the customer to process the meat. But maybe because the meat is labelled not for sale, that makes it private? Not sure.

Thank you both for your thoughts on this.

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From: Sylvia Mireles <smireles@amadorgov.org>

Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 4:25 PM **To:** Scott Oneto <sroneto@ucanr.edu>

Cc: Eric Mayberry (emayberry@amadorgov.org) <emayberry@amadorgov.org>; Michelle Opalenik

<mopalenik@amadorgov.org>; Chuck Beatty <CBeatty@amadorgov.org>

Subject: Re: Custom Livestock Processing

Hi Scott,

As far as the food program, this is not considered a typical meat market. Food code covers food safety at retail sales of restaurants and grocery stores. We really don't have anything in code that covers details of slaughtering, butchering and nothing that covers private activity such as custom cutting and wrapping.

Even meat departments in grocery stores are a bit of a stretch since this is more of an ag activity, I believe historically they got tagged onto retail since they were already inside the grocery stores.

I don't see how we could issue a permit. We do not have a food category that this would fall into. He could build a commercial kitchen to meet construction health standards, but we wouldn't have any oversight that I can see.

I have cc'd the planning director on this also.

Sylvia

On Tuesday, February 2, 2021, Scott Oneto <sroneto@ucanr.edu> wrote:

Hi Sylvia and Eric

Wanted to touch base with both of you on the topic of custom processing of livestock. I know Ray Stacy has reached out to Slyvia and not sure if he has contacted Eric yet, but he is a livestock producer in the Camanche area that raises dexter (miniature) cattle.

In 2018 AB 2114 passed in CA which placed a set of standards for whole animal sales for ranch slaughter and custom processing. Basically, this allows Ray to sell a whole animal to a customer and then coordinate the processing (cut & wrapping) of that animal for the customer. It also further allows that a whole animal can be sold to multiple customers (for example a cow may be sold in quarters to multiple people). The law allows up to 5 head of cattle per month to be ranch killed in this kind of transaction. Animals are slaughtered at the ranch by a mobile slaughter operator (who are registered with the CDFA) and no inspection occurs. The transfer of ownership is very clearly spelled out in the law and oversight is by CDFA and Bureau of Livestock Identification. Once the animal is slaughtered, it is then transported to a processing facility for custom processing and all the meat must be marked not for sale and is then returned to the "new owner(s)". Many of these processing facilities are classified as custom exempt facilities which mean they are not required to have inspection by USDA. This would include places like Swingles and Castle meats. The main thing is that the meat is being processed for an individual and is not for sale. Some of these facilities also are retail exempt facilities which allows them to purchase USDA inspected meat, cut it up, and resell it at their facility. Basically, this is thought of as a local meat shop.

What is different about Ray's situation is that he wants to create his own custom exempt processing facility on his ranch. He doesn't want to do the retail exempt and sell cuts of meat, he only wants to process meat that is harvested on his ranch. So the animals would be killed on his premise then transferred to his custom exempt facility for processing. There are clear guidelines in the law that outline the requirements. I have attached one handout on whole animal sales for custom processing that outlines the process and the FSIS Guideline for Determining Whether a livestock Slaughter or Processing Firm is Exempt (see pages 3-7).

The reason for this email to the two of you is to get clarification and guidance on the regulations pertaining to setting up a meat processing facility on a ranch. Ray is asking me for guidance and

although I can give him the documents that pertain to the law, there are local regulations that must be met, and I want to be sure to engage both of you, so we are all on the same page before I give him information.

In terms of local regs, I am pretty sure livestock processing is not listed as an allowed use in ag zoning and from what I have read from other counties it looks like a use permit is often required. From what I have been able to gather it looks like Sonoma county has been navigating this already and they have some things in place we might want to look at. In terms of inspection of these types of facilities it looks like this is often done by the local environmental health departments (similar to any butcher counter or retail meat facility).

My colleagues in Marin County created a website that does a really good job walking through the entire process

https://ucanr.edu/sites/grown_in_marin/For_Farmers_and_Ranchers/Livestock_and_Dairy/Whole_Animal_Sales_for_Custom_Processing/

So in terms of local regulations, here is what I gather. Ray would need to

- Contact Land Use/Planning to discuss having a meat processing facility on his property and meat any requirement they might have
- Get a use permit for this type of use if not currently allowed in his zoning
- Work with environmental health on inspection of the facility like any other meat shop

Is there anything else we can think of?

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From: Scott Oneto

Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:05 PM

To: aceh@amadorgov.org <aceh@amadorgov.org>

Subject: livetock slaughter and processing

Here are some documents that outline the process for livestock meat sales

The first one here is a good overview of the process for livestock slaughter and processing in CA. https://ucanr.edu/sites/grown_in_marin/files/83682.pdf

Regarding the new CA law, AB 2114, that past in 2018. Here is a bit about it https://ucanr.edu/sites/Grown in Marin/files/313627.pdf

Here is some other info about selling whole animals for custom processing

https://ucanr.edu/sites/grown_in_marin/For_Farmers_and_Ranchers/Livestock_and_Dairy/Whole Animal Sales for Custom Processing/

Lastly, this is a really good document with some good decision flow charts that show whether or not you need USDA inspection or if a exemption is allowed. If you look on pg 20, it clearly states that all meat products that are to be served in a school lunch program must be, at a minimum slaughtered in a federally or state inpsected facility.

https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/16a88254-adc5-48fb-b24c-3ea0b133c939/Compliance-Guideline-Livestock-Exemptions.pdf?MOD=AJPERES

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Chuck Beatty, AICP Planning Director Amador County 209-223-6380



AMA SR 104, PM R4.693, UP-21; 2-2 Big Horse & Little Cattle Company

2 messages

 Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 7:28 PM

Ms. Ruesel,

Subject: AMA SR 104, PM R4.693, UP-21; 2-2 Big Horse & Little Cattle Company

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on a Use Permit application (UP-21;2-2). The applicant is requesting to develop a commercial meat cut-and-wrap facility and onsite retail sales of agricultural meat products. The proposed land use is allowed under this Use Permit and is consistent with the 41.37-acre property zoning code Agriculture (A) and Agriculture General (AG) under the General Plan Designation.

The property is located at 3200 Camanche Road, Ione, CA 95640. Access to the property (Assessor Parcel Number 003-420-077) is located approximately 7.7 miles southwest of State Route (SR) 88 and Liberty Road.

Based on the project description, Caltrans at this time has No Comments.

Lastly, if any project construction activities encroach into Caltrans Right of Way (ROW), the project proponent must submit an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. Appropriate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) studies must be submitted with this application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, and/or other resources within Caltrans ROW at the project site(s). For more information, please visit the Caltrans Website: https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications

Kind regards,

Paul Bauldry

Caltrans District 10

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Krista Ruesel kruesel@amadorgov.org To: "Bauldry, Paul@DOT" <paul.bauldry@dot.ca.gov>

Tue, Mar 9, 2021 at 1:51 PM

Received, thank you. Your comments will be added to the project record.

Krista Ruesel

Planner|Amador County Planning Department (209)223-6803|kruesel@amadorgov.org

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Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 8:20 AM

Have Scott Oneto (UCCE) and Eric Mayberry been formally notified of this project for comment input? Thank you!

Michelle

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Michelle Opalenik

Michelle Opalenik, Director Amador County Environmental Health Department 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642 (209) 223-6439 (209) 223-6536 (Direct)



Tac Referral Packet UP-21;2-2.pdf 3922K

Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 8:26 AM

Bcc: Scott Oneto <soneto@amadorgov.org>, Eric Mayberry <emayberry@amadorgov.org>

Greetings,

Please see attached submittal of Use Permit Application UP-21;2-2 Big Horse & LIttle Cattle Co. for a commercial meat cut-and-wrap facility, and on-site retail sales to be reviewed for completeness on **Thursday, March 17, 2021 at 3:00 PM** by the Technical Advisory Committee, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in the Amador County Administration Center, located at 810 Court St., Jackson, CA 95642.

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Amador County Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 8:26 AM

To: Michelle Opalenik <mopalenik@amadorgov.org>

Ooh I didn't include them. I just forwarded the initial TAC referral to them. Thank you!

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Michelle Opalenik <mopalenik@amadorgov.org>

To: Amador County Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 8:31 AM

Awesome! Thanks! [Quoted text hidden]

Eric Mayberry <emayberry@amadorgov.org>

Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 10:25 AM

To: Amador County Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

Thank you for the heads up Krista.

If there any information you require from the Ag department let us know.

Eric Mayberry

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Eric Mayberry

Amador County

Agricultural Commissioner & Sealer

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Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 3:32 PM

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