STAFF REPORT TO: AMADOR COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

FOR MEETING OF: November 14, 2023

Request for a Zone Change (ZC-23;9-1) from the M, Manufacturing district to the R1-A, Single Family Residential and Agricultural zoning district for an approximate 23.5 combined acres to establish consistency with the AG, Agriculture General Plan classification (APNs 030-020-102 and 030-020-108).

Applicant: Ketron Family Living Trust and Volcano Gold LLC (Representative: Doug

Ketron)

Supervisorial District: 3

Location: No situs. On both sides of Charleston road approximately 1,400 feet northwest

of the town of Volcano.

A. General Plan Designation: AG, Agricultural General

B. Present Zoning: M, Manufacturing

C. Proposed Zoning: R1-A, Single Family Residential and Agricultural

D. Acreage Involved: 23.5

E. Description: The applicant is requesting a zone change to R1-A, Single Family Residential and Agricultural for two parcels totaling ±,23.5 acres to establish consistency with the AG, Agricultural General Plan land use designation, and to enable residential uses. The current zoning is incompatible with the current General Plan land use designation. The project sites are vacant.

Permitted uses in the R1-A district include:

- 1. Single-family dwelling;
- 2. Home occupations as defined by Section 19.08.335;
- 3. Crop and tree farming;
- 4. General farming, including but not limited to the raising, growing, and harvesting of vegetable, field orchard, bush, and berry crops; vineyards; silviculture;
- 5. Wholesale operation of nurseries; greenhouses; mushroom rooms; floriculture; and uses of a similar nature;
- 6. Pasture for grazing (including supplemental feeding), raising, maintaining, breeding, and training of horses, cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, and similar livestock, provided there is no feeding of garbage, sewage, refuse, or offal, and subject to any limitations in number of animals in Chapter 19.48 of this code, General Provisions and Exceptions:
- 7. Feed lots, feed yards, provided there is no feeding of refuse, garbage, sewage, or offal;
- 8. Poultry farms;
- 9. Dairies;
- 10. The raising, feeding, maintaining, breeding, and slaughtering of livestock, chickens, turkeys, rabbits, pigeons, ducks, geese, fish, frogs, and small animals or fowl;
- 11. Processing, packing, selling, shipping of agricultural products not done on an on-site retail sales basis; wells, water storage and reservoirs, including on-site excavation or removal of materials for construction thereof;
- 12. Storage of petroleum products for use by the occupants of the premises;
- 13. Any structure, building, equipment, or use incidental and necessary to any of the foregoing uses.

Conditional Uses include:

- 1. Farm and forestry labor camps;
- 2. Recreation uses;
- 3. a. Processing, packing, selling, shipping of agricultural products for on-site retail purposes. This includes but is not limited to tasting rooms in conjunction with an on-site winery as defined in Section 19.08.687.
- b. Wine tasting rooms operated subject to a duplicate 02 license from the California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control may also be permitted subject to at least meeting the standards outlined in Section 19.24.040, District regulations--Generally, subsections (27)(a) through (f) of the "A" agricultural zone district;
- 4. Veterinary clinics, animal hospitals, kennels, commercial stabling of horses for public recreation purposes;
- 5. Auction and sales yards;
- 6. Turkey farms, provided there is a cover crop or other dust control;
- 7. Any garbage, sewage, refuse, or offal feeding;
- 8. Commercial slaughterhouses and stockyards for livestock, small animals, poultry, and fowl:
- 9. Rendering plants, fertilizer plants and yards;
- 10. Oil and gas wells, drilling, mining, and excavation of natural minerals;
- 11. Any structure, building, use, or equipment incidental and necessary to any of the above uses, located on the same site, and included in the use permit.
- F. TAC Review and Recommendation: The Amador County Technical Advisory Committee met on October 5, 2023 to review the project for completion, environmental review, and to make a project recommendation to the Planning Commission. TAC has no technical objection to the Planning Commission recommending approval of this Zone Change with the proposed Exemption from CEQA, pursuant to Section 15183 (projects that are consistent with the development density of existing zoning, community plan or general plan policies for which an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified) and 15061 (b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption), and subject to the findings set forth below.
- **G. Planning Commission Action:** As the approval of the proposed project and accompanying CEQA exemption is deferred to the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission's actions are to open the Public Hearing, and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to approve or deny the Zone Change. Per Government Code 65855, the Planning Commission shall render its decision in the form of a written recommendation to the legislative body. Such recommendation shall include the reasons for the recommendation and the relationship of the proposed ordinance to the general plan

The proposed ordinance supports the AG, General Agricultural designation and supports the following:

- Goal LU-10: Guide future residential and local commercial uses into established cities, unincorporated Regional Service and Town Centers, and existing community areas (e.g. Pioneer, Volcano, Camanche, Fiddletown, Red Corral).
- **Policy LU-1.1:** Protect existing land uses and public facilities from encroachment by incompatible land uses.
- **Policy E-1.1:** Encourage an efficient and consistent regulatory environment, including a predictable development process.
- **Policy E-8.1**: Ensure future land uses are appropriately located and scaled to fit in with the county's rural and agricultural context.

H. Recommendation to the Board: If the Planning Commission recommends approval of the Zone change, the following statement is recommended for the record: "The Planning Commission recommends approval of the proposed zone change, the reason(s) being that the proposed project supports the preservation of agricultural lands within the county while encouraging the continued economic viability of sustained agricultural production, and the proposed zone change is consistent with the County's General Plan Economic Development Element (policy E-1.1 and policy E-8.1), and Land Use Element (goal LU-10 and policy LU-1.1)" (attached).

I. Recommended Findings:

- 1. A review of the proposal was conducted by staff and the Technical Advisory Committee who, through their own research, found that the Zone Change will not have a significant effect on the environment and the Notice of Exemption included in the Staff Report reflects the Commission's independent judgment and analysis, and will be filed with the County Recorder.
- 2. There are no project-specific significant effects which are peculiar to the project or its site.
- 3. There is no substantial new information which was not known at the time of the General Plan Environmental Impact Report certification that supports findings of new or more severe impacts than those addressed in the General Plan.
- 4. There are no identified significant impacts caused by this project, and therefore no corresponding feasible mitigation measures identified in the General Plan Environmental Impact Report.
- 5. The proposal is consistent with the General Plan. The proposed Zone Change is consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Land Use Element of General Plan and the Agricultural General land use designation.

DRAFT ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. XXXX

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP NO. M-17 PURSUANT TO SECTION 19.20.020 OF THE AMADOR COUNTY CODE BY REZONING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM THE M, MANUFACTURING DISTRICT TO THE R1-A, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California, do ordain:

SECTION I. Recitals of Fact.

WHEREAS, Chapter 19.68 (Amendments) of the Amador County Code provides for a procedure to amend Title 19 (Zoning) or to rezone property in Amador County; and

WHEREAS, rezoning requires an ordinance amending Sectional Zoning District Maps established in accordance with Section 19.20.020 of Title 19 (Zoning); and

WHEREAS, all notices and public hearings mandated by the State Planning Law and Title 19 (Zoning) of the Amador County Code have been adhered to by the Amador County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopts this ordinance with the findings contained in the pertinent Board minutes and because the public necessity, convenience, and general welfare require such an amendment.

SECTION II. Section 19.20.020 of the Amador County Code is amended by amending Sectional Zoning District Map No. M-17 (Zone Change No. 23;9-1) to change the zoning from the M, Manufacturing district to the R1-A, Single Family Residential and Agricultural zoning district for an approximate 23.5 combined acres located on both sides of Charleston road approximately 1,400 feet northwest of the town of Volcano specifically described in Exhibits A and B, which is attached hereto.

SECTION III. This ordinance or a summary thereof shall be published in the manner prescribed in Government Code Section 25124.

The foregoing ordinance was duly passed and adopted at a regular session of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, held on the XX day of December 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:		
NOES:		
ABSENT:		
ATTEST:		Jeffrey L. Brown CHAIR, Board of Supervisors
JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Amador County, C	California	
By	(ORDINANCE NO. XXXX)	(XX/XX/XX)

"EXHIBIT A" LEGAL DESCRIPTION

All that certain Parcel of land lying within Unincorporated Area of the County of Amador, State of California, and described as follows:

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Excepting therefrom that certain Parcel of land delineated and designated "Volcano Municipal Water Supply Tank House and Lot upon the map above referred to.

"EXHIBIT B" LEGAL DESCRIPTION

All that certain Parcel of land lying within Unincorporated Area, of the County of Amador, State of California, as follows:

That certain Parcel of land delineated and designated "Adjusted Catholic Church Property," upon the Record of Survey Boundary Line Adjustment, filed for record March 5, 1998 in Book 51 of Maps and Plats at page 18, Amador County Records.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	From: (Public Agency):
County Clerk	
County of:	(Address)
	
Project Title:	
Project Applicant:	
Project Location - Specific:	
	Project Location - County:
Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficia	aries of Project:
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Pro Exempt Status: (check one): Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(4) Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4) Categorical Exemption. State type at Statutory Exemptions. State code n)(3); 15269(a));
Reasons why project is exempt:	
Lead Agency Contact Person:	Area Code/Telephone/Extension:
If filed by applicant: 1. Attach certified document of exemption 2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed	on finding. by the public agency approving the project? Yes No
Signature:	Date: Title:
Signed by Lead Agency Sign	ned by Applicant
Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Res Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public	

AFFIDAVIT

1.	Notice of Intent (NOI).	Initial
2.	GIS List. On ft. Plus email list (Special Instructions: e.g. to end of access road)	nB
3.	Checked <u>all</u> APN pages of those parcels from the GIS list for "NOTES" or a. "SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS."	28
4.	Project Applicant and Representative(s), if applicable.	EB
5.	Checked Project file cover for agency distribution.	RB
6.	Checked inside file for special requests for notification.	PB
7.	Checked old notification list for additional notification.	23
8.	Other – Specify:	
	AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL	x_
	a citizen of the United States, over eighteen years of age, employed in cy, and not a party to the within action; my business address is 810 Co	
City o	of Jackson, State of California. I hereby declare I served a copy of the	e attached
	thearing notice regarding <u>ZC-23; 9-1 M +v R/A</u> ag copies in <u>23</u> envelopes addressed to: (see attached list).	by
Said e United	envelopes were then sealed and postage fully paid thereon and were deposed States Mail on October 31, 2023 at Jackson, California.	ited in the
l decl	are under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.	
	are ander penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.	
	Executed at Jackson, California on October 31, 2023	



AMADOR COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PHONE: (209) 223-6380 FAX: (209) 257-5002 WEBSITE: www.amadorgov.org E-MAIL: planning@amadorgov.org

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER

810 COURT STREET

JACKSON, CA 95642-2132

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given the Planning Commission of the County of Amador, State of California, has received an application for the project described in this notice.

PROJECT NAME AND DESCRIPTION: Request for a Zone Change (ZC-23;9-1) from the M, Manufacturing district to the R1-A, Single Family Residential and Agricultural zoning district for an approximate 23.5 combined acres to establish consistency with the AG, Agriculture General Plan classification (APNs 030-020-102 and 030-020-108).

PROPERTY OWNERS: Ketron Family Living Trust and Volcano Gold LLC (Representative: Doug Ketron) **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:** 3

LOCATION: No situs. On both sides of Charleston road approximately 1,400 feet northwest of the town of Volcano.

NOTE: SEE MAP ON REVERSE. The Staff Report will be available online (typically the Tuesday prior to the meeting) for viewing at http://www.amadorgov.org in the "Agendas and Minutes" section.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the lead agency, Amador County, intends to consider a Notice of Exemption pursuant to Section 15183 of State CEQA Guidelines for projects that are consistent with the development density of existing zoning, community plan or general plan policies for which an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified and Section 15061(b)(3) common sense exemption.

PUBLIC HEARING: Notice is hereby given said Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on this project at the County Administration Center, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California, on **November 14.** 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard. Anyone having comments on the project may attend and be heard.

The meeting may be attended in person or via teleconference by dialing 669-900-6833 and using meeting ID 537-512-9883, or by using the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5375128983

The Chairperson will invite the public to comment via phone/online. Public comment will also be accepted by email at planning@amadorgov.org. All emails must be received prior to the start of the meeting and will be included in the record of the meeting. Emails received after those already included in the meeting materials will be printed and distributed to the Commissioners and available to the public, and shall be subject to the same rules as would otherwise govern speaker comments at the Commission meeting.

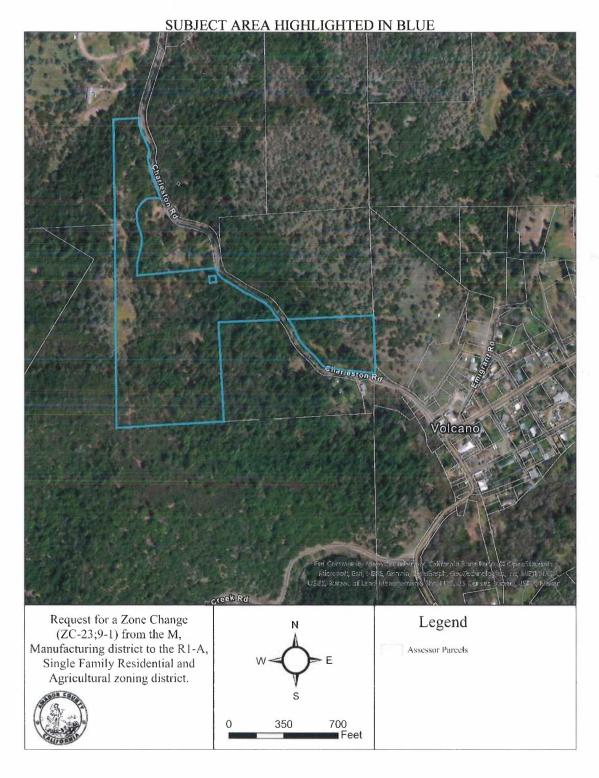
Letters of comment regarding this matter received by the County prior to the publication of the Staff Report will be sent to each Planning Commissioner as part of the agenda packet (generally the Tuesday prior to the meeting). Letters received after the Staff Report has been published will be copied and circulated to each Commissioner just prior to the public hearing. Be advised that due to time constraints, the Commissioners may not be able to give letters submitted after the Staff Report is published, as detailed a review as those received earlier. Therefore, it may be to your benefit to attend the hearing and summarize your concerns orally. Letters will not be read aloud at the public hearing. If you have any questions or desire more information, please contact this office.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability and require special modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the Amador County Planning Department, at (209) 223-6380, by email to planning@amadorgov.org. Requests must be made as early as possible, and at least two business days before the start of the meeting.

NOTE: If you do not comment at the public hearing or send in written comments and later decide to challenge the nature of this proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or have given in written correspondence delivered to the public entity conducting the hearing at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

AMADOR COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Date of this notice: October 31, 2023



APPLICATION

D. R. KETRON

Mining & Civil Projects
P.O. Box 12
VOLCANO. CA 95689
dketron@volcano.net
(209 601-2308

September 14, 2023

Chuck Beatty, Director Amador County Planning Department 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642

Re: APN 030-020-102-000

Dear Mr. Beatty:

I wish to apply for a zone change for the referenced parcel. The current zoning is Manufacturing, whereas the site is hilltop and sloping terrain suitable for a residential use. There is no logical reason for the manufacturing zoning other than it is a hold-over from some designation in the distant past. A zone change is consistent with the General Plan.

Proposed use is as a residential parcel.

Should you have any questions or require further attention, please feel free to call or write at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Doug Ketron, Trustee Ketron Family Trust



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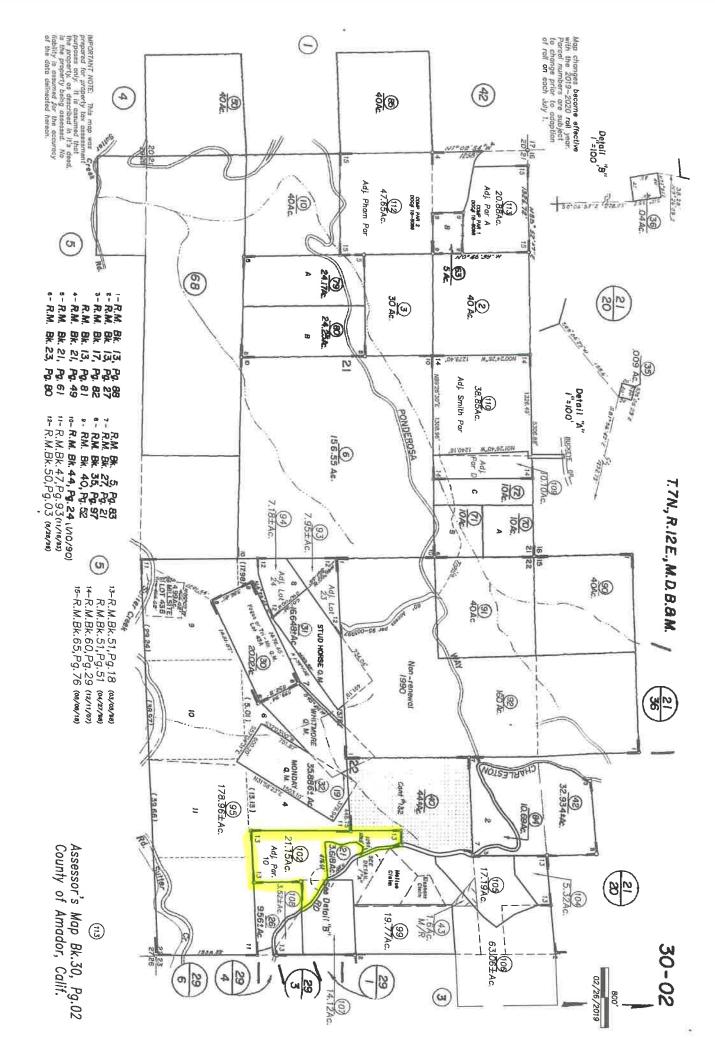
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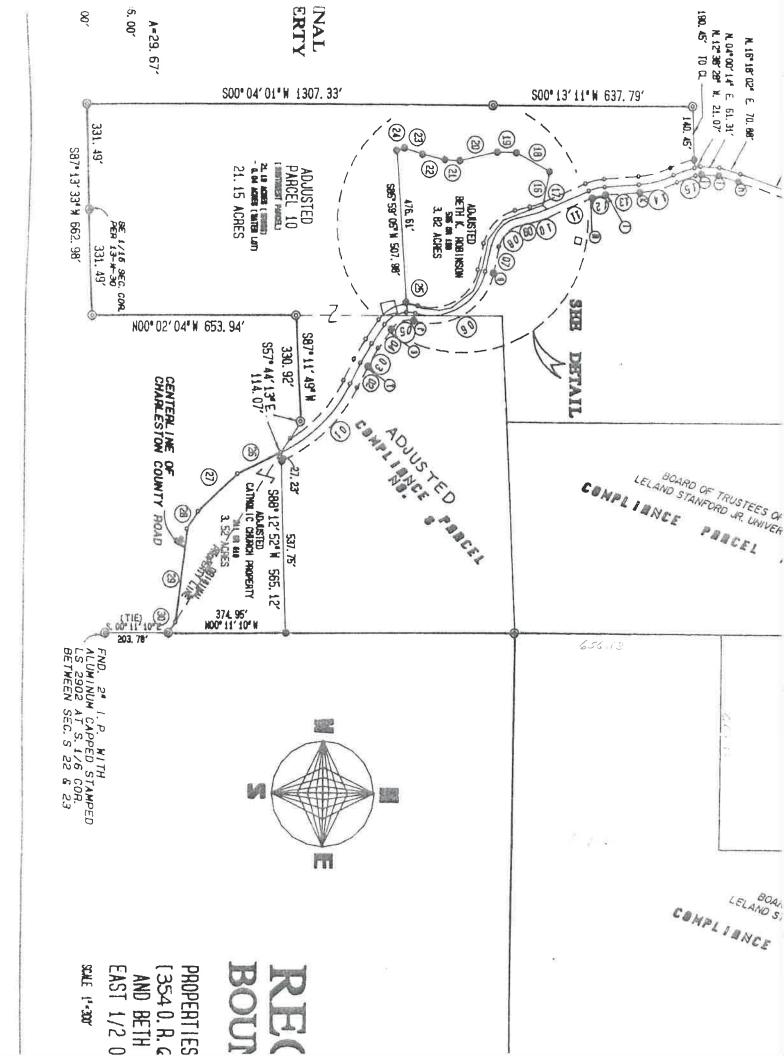
JACKSON, CA 95642-2132

APPLICATION FOR ZONE CHANGE

Applic	ation to	r a zoning change shall include the following:
П	1. A.	Name of Property Owner Douclas, DALE KETROW - KETROW FAMILY TRUS,
		Mailing Address P.O-Box 12 VOLCANO, CA 95689
		Phone Number 209 601 2308
	В.	Name of Applicant SAME Mailing Address
		Phone Number
	C.	Name of Representative SAME Mailing Address
		Phone Number
Д	2.	Assessor Parcel Number(s) 030-020-102-000
	3.	Letter of application explaining purpose of request, description of proposed uses, and other pertinent information. Note: It is to your benefit to be as specific as possible with your application information.
	4.	Letter of authorization if landowner is being represented by another party.
	5.	Submit a plot plan of parcel showing location of project in relation to property lines and any existing structures/improvements (roads, parking areas, etc.) on the property as well as all proposed structures/improvements (may wish to make separate maps). NOTE: An Assessor Plat Map can be obtained from the Surveying and Engineering Department (810 Court Street, Jackson, CA) for the purpose of aiding in drawing of the plot plan.
븠	6.	Copy of deed(s) to property.
	7.	Completed Environmental Information Form and Indemnification Agreement.
	84	Planning Department Filing Fee: \$ 1276 Environmental Health Review Fee: \$ 240 Public Works Agency Review Fee: \$ Amador Fire Protection District Fee: \$ Discretionary permits may be subject to a CA Fish & Wildlife fee: \$

Application Form to be signed at the time of project presentation in the Planning Department.





ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FORM

To be completed by applicant; use additional sheets as necessary.

Attach plans, diagrams, etc. as appropriate.

Date Filed: Ser 13, 2023	File No.
Applicant/	2 4 _
Developer Nove	Landowner Romos Family TRUST
Address	Address P.O BOX 12. VOLLINO
Phone No	Phone No. 209 601 2308
Assessor Parcel Number(s)	
Existing Zoning District 030 - 020 - 102	
Existing General Plan RESIDENTAL	
	ther public approvals required for this project, including agencies

WRITTEN PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Include the following information where applicable, as well as any other pertinent information to describe the proposed project):

- 1. Site Size
- 2. Square Footage of Existing/Proposed Structures
- 3. Number of Floors of Construction
- 4. Amount of Off-street Parking Provided (provide accurate detailed parking plan)
- 5. Source of Water

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- 6. Method of Sewage Disposal
- 7. Attach Plans
- 8. Proposed Scheduling of Project Construction
- 9. If project to be developed in phases, describe anticipated incremental development.
- 10. Associated Projects
- 11. Subdivision/Land Division Projects: Tentative map will be sufficient unless you feel additional information is needed or the County requests further details.
- 12. Residential Projects: Include the number of units, schedule of unit sizes, range of sale prices or rents and type of household size expected.
- 13. Commercial Projects: Indicate the type of business, number of employees, whether neighborhood, city or regionally oriented, square footage of sales area, and loading facilities.
- 14. Industrial Projects: Indicate type, estimated employment per shift, and loading facilities.
- 15. Institutional Projects: Indicate the major function, estimated employment per shift, estimated occupancy, loading facilities, and community benefits to be derived from the project.
- 16. If the project involves a variance, conditional use permit, or rezoning application, state this and indicate clearly why the application is required.

YES NO C 17. Change in existing features or any lakes or hills, or substantial alteration of ground contours. 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. 20. Significant amounts of solid waste or litter. 21. Change in dust, ash, smoke, fumes, or odors in the vicinity. 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. 26. Substantial change in demand for municipal services (police, fire, water, sewage, etc.). 27. Substantially increase fossil fuel consumption (electricity, oil, natural gas, etc.). 28. Does this project have a relationship to a larger project or series of projects? **ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING** 29. 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). Certification: I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and in the attached exhibits present the data 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. EDT. 13,2023 (Signature) For

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Are the following items applicable to the project or its effects? Discuss

below all items checked "yes" (attach additional sheets as necessary).

Environmental Information Supplement

- 1. Size of the parcel is 21.15 acres.
- 2. There are no proposed structures.
- 3, 4. Not applicable
- 5. Culinary water will be provided by a well. Under the ridge is the Cleveland Channel, a good source of clean, mineral-free water.
- 6. Sewage disposal will be via a conventional septic system. There are adequate soils for a standard system.
- 7. A plan is not necessary as there is no development anticipated.
- 8-16. Not applicable.
- 17-28. See checklist. All responses are negative.
- 29. A portion of the parcel is rolling ridge top with a volcanic rock cap. The majority of the parcel is land sloping to the east in varying degrees. Native brush and oak prevail and the land is open space and wildlife habitat. There are no cultural aspects.
- 30. The surrounding area is similar: Rolling hills with moderate to steep terrain covered with undergrowth manzanita and brush and typical oak woodlands. The site is between one-quarter and one-half mile north of the village of Volcano west of Charleston-Volcano County Road.
- 31. There is a filled-in adit adjacent to the County road and several shallow prospect shafts an adits. The remnants of the historic Volcano Ditch traverse the property from north to south.



RECORDING REQUESTED BY: FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

DOUGLAS R. KETRON and DALE WMS. KETRON P.O. BOX 12 VOLCANO, CA 95689

"OWNERSHIP CHANGE RECEIVED" at 30 Min. Past 9 AM

MAY 2 7 1998

Official Records mador County, California

THIS SPACE FOR RECORDER'S USE ONLY:

A.P. #AMADOR COUNTY 702986

AFNF

TITLE ORDER NO. 88729

ESCROW NO. 3-88729-XXX

GRANT DEED

THE UNDERSIGNED GRANTOR(S) DECLARE(s)

DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX Is \$20.40 26.95

[X] computed on full value of property conveyed, or

computed on full value less value of liens or encumbrances remaining at time of sale.

Unincorporated area [] City of , AND

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE OF THE LELAND STANFORD UNIVERSITY

hereby GRANT(s) to:

DOUGLAS R. KETRON and DALE WMS. KETRON, Husband and Wife as Community Property

the real property in the , County of AMADOR State of California, described as:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A AND MADE A PART HEREOF

DATED May 8, 1998 STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF

On May 11,

before me, Christina Sebastian a Notary Public In and for sald State, personally appeared

personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(les), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. WITNESS my hand and official seal.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE OF THE LELAND STANFORD UNIVERSITY, By:Stanford Management Company

Curtis F. Feeny, Exegutive Vice Real Estate

> Christina Sebastian Comm. #1095887

(This area for official notarial soal)

Mail tax statements to: DOUGLAS R. KETRON and DALE WMS. KETRON, P.O. BOX 12, VOLCANO, CA 95689

AMADOR COUNTY

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Form No. 1008 (11/63) CLTA Preliminary Report (Rev. 11/18/62)

EXHIBIT A

NO. 702886

Legal Description

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A.P.N. 30-020-098 (a portion)

AMADOR COUNTY

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D. R. KETRON

Mining & Civil Projects
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VOLCANO. CA 95689
dketron@volcano.net
(209 601-2308

September 14, 2023

Chuck Beatty, Director Amador County Planning Department 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642

Re: APN 030-020-108-000

Dear Mr. Beatty:

Il wish to apply for a zone change for a portion of the referenced parcel. Current zoning splits the parcel with a portion being Manufacturing and the remainder being Residential. The site consists of two flat areas suitable for a residential use surrounded by County road and sloping ground. There is no logical reason for the manufacturing zoning other than it is a hold-over from some designation in the distant past. A zone change is consistent with the General Plan.

A proposed use is as a residential parcel.

Should you have any questions or require further attention, please feel free to call or write at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Doug Ketron, Managing Partner

Volcano Gold, LLC

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JACKSON, CA 95642-2132

PHONE: (209) 223-6380

APPLICATION FOR ZONE CHANGE

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		VOLENNO, CA 95639 Phone Number (209) 601-7308
	В.	Name of Applicant Same Mailing Address
		Phone Number
	C.	Name of Representative Douclas 14ETRON Mailing Address P.O. Box 12 Volume, CA 75689
		Phone Number (209) 601-2308
	2.	Assessor Parcel Number(s) 030-020-108-000 (Portion)
	3.	Letter of application explaining purpose of request, description of proposed uses, and other pertinent information. Note: It is to your benefit to be as specific as possible with your application information.
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ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FORM

To be completed by applicant; use additional sheets as necessary.

Attach plans, diagrams, etc. as appropriate.

Date Filed:	File No	_
Applicant/	4	
Developer	Landowner METRON FAMILY (RUST	
Address	Landowner KETRON Francy TRUST Address P.O. SON 12 VOLENDO 9568	?9
Phone No.	Phone No. 209 60/ 2308	
Assessor Parcel Number(s) 630 - 020	-106	
Existing Zoning District	TURING-	
Existing General Plan Resi ownie		

WRITTEN PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Include the following information where applicable, as well as any other pertinent information to describe the proposed project):

Site Size

NONE

CENEDAL INFORMATION

- 2. Square Footage of Existing/Proposed Structures
- 3. Number of Floors of Construction
- 4. Amount of Off-street Parking Provided (provide accurate detailed parking plan)

those required by city, regional, state, and federal agencies _____

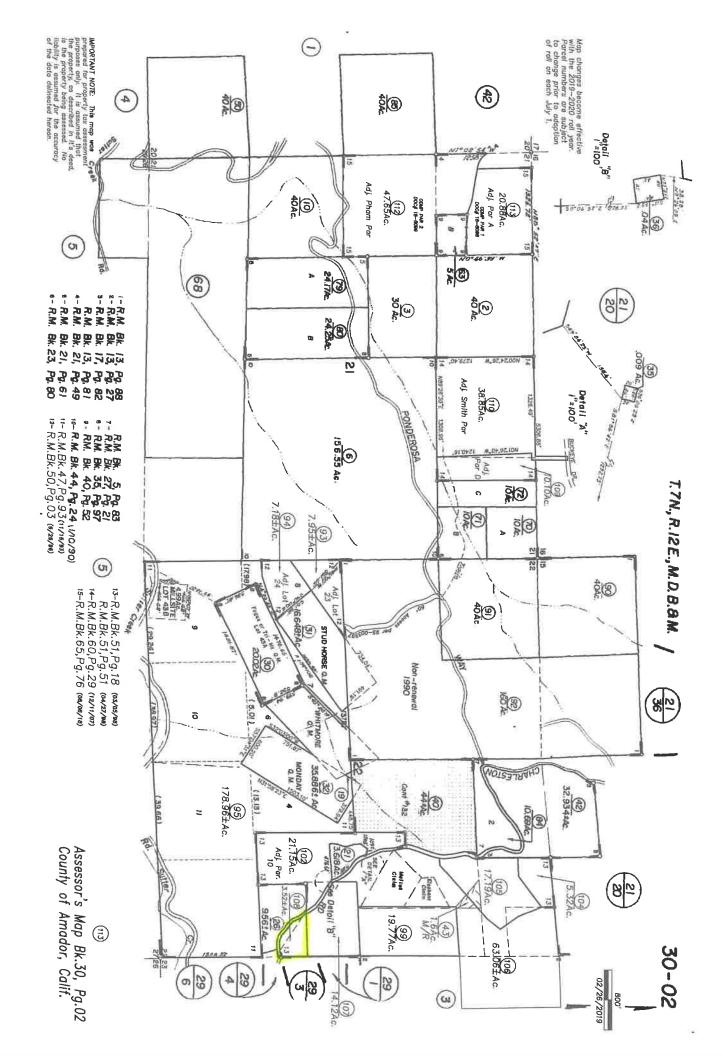
- 5. Source of Water
- 6. Method of Sewage Disposal
- 7. Attach Plans
- 8. Proposed Scheduling of Project Construction
- 9. If project to be developed in phases, describe anticipated incremental development.
- 10. Associated Projects
- 11. Subdivision/Land Division Projects: Tentative map will be sufficient unless you feel additional information is needed or the County requests further details.
- 12. Residential Projects: Include the number of units, schedule of unit sizes, range of sale prices or rents and type of household size expected.
- 13. Commercial Projects: Indicate the type of business, number of employees, whether neighborhood, city or regionally oriented, square footage of sales area, and loading facilities.
- 14. Industrial Projects: Indicate type, estimated employment per shift, and loading facilities.
- 15. Institutional Projects: Indicate the major function, estimated employment per shift, estimated occupancy, loading facilities, and community benefits to be derived from the project.
- 16. If the project involves a variance, conditional use permit, or rezoning application, state this and indicate clearly why the application is required.

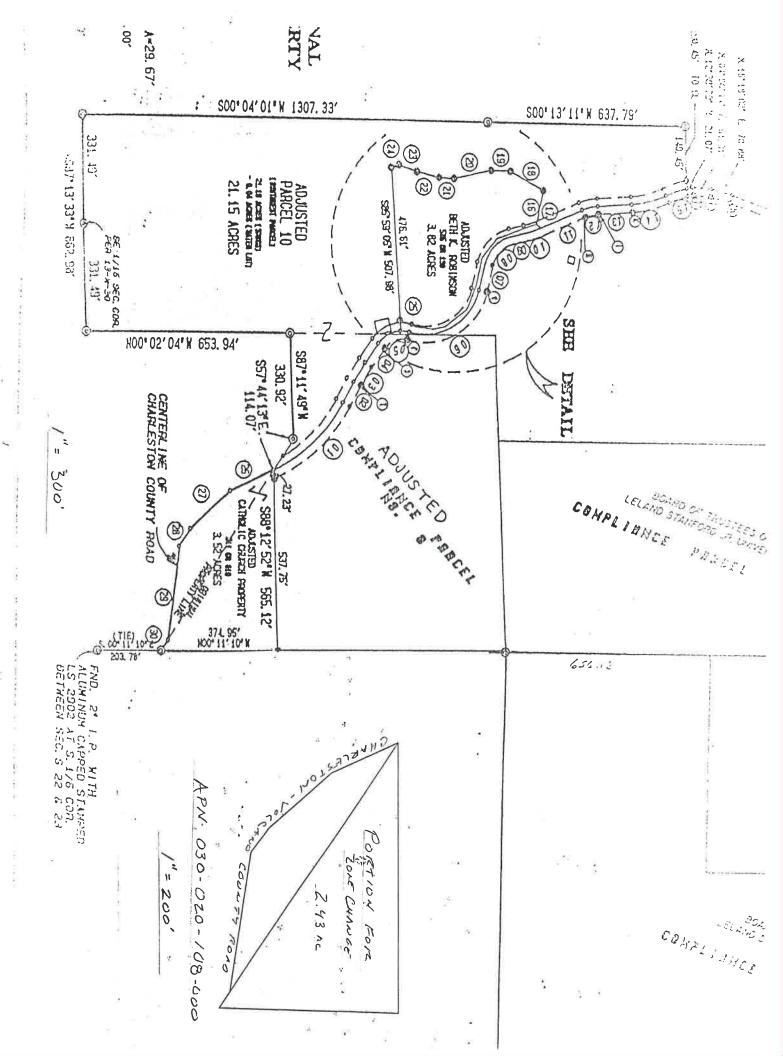
below all items checked "yes" (attach additional sheets as necessary). YES NO X 17. Change in existing features or any lakes or hills, or substantial alteration of ground contours. 18. Change in scenic views or vistas from existing residential areas, public lands, or roads. 19. Change in pattern, scale, or character of general area of project. 20. Significant amounts of solid waste or litter. X 21. Change in dust, ash, smoke, fumes, or odors in the vicinity. 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. 26. Substantial change in demand for municipal services (police, fire, water, sewage, etc.). 27. Substantially increase fossil fuel consumption (electricity, oil, natural gas, etc.). 28. Does this project have a relationship to a larger project or series of projects? **ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING** 29. 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). Certification: I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and in the attached exhibits present the data 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. (Signature)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Are the following items applicable to the project or its effects? Discuss

Environmental Information Supplement

- 1. Size of the parcel is 2.43 acre portion of a 3.52 acre property...
- 2. There are no proposed structures.
- 3, 4. Not applicable
- 5. Culinary water will be provided by a well or overflow from the Cleveland Channel via riparian right.
- 6. Sewage disposal will be via a conventional septic system. There are adequate soils for a standard system.
- 7. A plan is not necessary as there is no development anticipated.
- 8-16. Not applicable.
- 17-28. See checklist. All responses are negative.
- 29. The parcel was mined in the early days of the gold Rush period and has naturally reclaimed to a flat covering the contact between the limestone to the east and Calaveras slate to the west. The limestone portion is steeply sloping upward t the land o the east. The lot is open space and wildlife habitat. There are no cultural aspects.
- 30. The surrounding area is similar: Rolling hills with moderate to steep terrain covered with brush and typical oak woodlands. The parcel adjoins the undeveloped portion of the Townsite of Volcano on the remaining portion is bounded by the Charleston Volcano County Road on the south and west.
- 31. There are no remaining artifacts of mining remaining on the site...





INDEMNIFICATION

Project: PORTION - 030-020-108-000

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 California 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.
- 2. The County may, within its unlimited discretion, participate in the defense of any such claim, action, or proceeding if the County defends the claim, action, or proceeding in good faith.
- 3. 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.

Applicant:	Owner (if different than Applicant):
of R.IS-	
Signature	Signature

RECORDING REQUESTED BY: First American Title Company AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

VOLCANO GOLD, LLC P.O. BOX 12 VOLCANO, CA 95689-0012 Amador County Recorder Sheldon D. Johnson DOC- 2001-0004767-00 Acct 2-First American Title Co Thursday, MAY 10, 2001 10:00:00 Nbr-0000016002 \$22.00 Tt. Pd TAB/R1/1-3

APN 30-020-025 & 103 (Portion)

THIS SPACE FOR RECORDER'S USE ONLY:

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GRANT DEED

THE UNDERSIGNED GRANTOR(S) DECLARE(s)

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[X] computed on full value of property conveyed, or

[] computed on full value less value of liens or encumbrances remaining at time of sale.

Unincorporated area []City of

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Sacramento, a Corporation Sole and The Board of Trustees of the Leland Stanford, Jr. University

hereby GRANT(s) to:

Volcano Gold, LLC., a California limited liability company

the real property situated in the County of Amador, State of California, described as:

FOR LEGAL DESCRIPTION SEE EXHIBIT A ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

THIS DEED WAS SIGNED IN COUNTER-PART AND CONSTITUTES BUT ONE ORIGINAL

DATED March 30, 2001

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF

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a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared NACTON KO BERT

personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of setisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/theh authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(e) on the instrument the person(c), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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By:



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on April 19,2001

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Form No. 1068 (11/83) CLTA Preliminary Report (Rev. 11/18/82)

NO. 704992

Legal Description

All that certain Parcel of land lying within Unincorporated Area, of the County of Amador, State of California, as follows:

That certain Parcel of land delineated and designated "Adjusted Catholic Church Property," upon the Record of Survey Boundary Line Adjustment, filed for record March 5, 1998 in Book 51 of Maps and Plats at page 18, Amador County Records.

A.P.N. 30-020-103 30-020-103 (portion)

New Assessor's Parcel No. Pending: A.P.N. 30-020-018

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DATE 5-10-01

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OFFICIAL RECEIPT

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Jackson, California

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COMMENTS



TAC Project Referral - ZC-23;9-1 Ketron M to R1-A - Completeness & Enviornmental Review

Richard Vela < rvela@amadorgov.org>

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

Fri, Sep 22, 2023 at 9:57 AM

The Transportation and Public Works Department has no concerns with the proposed zoning change. The applicant is reminded that any proposed access onto Charleston Road requires an encroachment permit from the Department. [Quoted text hidden]

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Richard R. Vela, P.E.
Director
Amador County Department of Transportation and Public Works
810 Court Street
Jackson, CA 95642
209-223-6429 Main
209-223-6457 Direct
rvela@amadorgov.org



TAC Project Referral - ZC-23;9-1 Ketron M to R1-A - Completeness & Enviornmental Review

 Mon, Sep 25, 2023 at 8:48 AM

Good morning. Annexation into the CFD will be required unless parcels are protected by the Williamson Act.

Thank you,

Nicole Cook Amador Fire Protection District 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642 209-223-6391-phone 209-223-6646-fax

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On Thu, Sep 21, 2023 at 3:40 PM Amador County Planning Department planning@amadorgov.org> wrote:
 [Quoted text hidden]



TAC Project Referral - ZC-23;9-1 Ketron M to R1-A - Completeness & Enviornmental Review

Hoag, Jeff@CALFIRE <jeff.hoag@fire.ca.gov>
To: Amador County Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

Mon, Oct 2, 2023 at 1:05 PM

Ruslan,

CAL FIRE has no comments on this application.

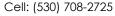
Thank you,



Jeff Hoag

Battalion Chief - Amador El Dorado Unit Wildfire Resiliency Program

2840 Mt. Danaher Rd Camino 95709











Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 3:40 PM

Subject: TAC Project Referral - ZC-23;9-1 Ketron M to R1-A - Completeness & Environmental Review

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AMA-88-PM ____ Zone Change (ZC) Ketron Family Trust

Bauldry, Paul@DOT <paul.bauldry@dot.ca.gov>
To: Amador County Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

Mon, Oct 2, 2023 at 7:41 AM To: Amador County Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

Hi Ruslan,

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the AMA-88-PM _____ Zone Change (ZC) Ketron Family Trust project.

The proposed project is on both sides of Charleston Road, approximately 1,400 feet northwest of the community of Volcano.

Caltrans has no additional comments at this time. However, Caltrans requests for all future development at this location to be included in the review process.

Thank you,

Paul Bauldry

Caltrans District 10

Office of Rural Planning

Division of Planning, Local Assistance, and Environmental

1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.

Stockton CA 95205

Telework # 209.670.9488



Note to Amador County Planning Commission re: Ketron Application for Change in Zoning

2 messages

Dave Hagerman <davehagerman@dhhagerman.com>

Mon, Nov 6, 2023 at 11:52 AM

To: "planning@amadorgov.org" <planning@amadorgov.org>

Cc: Dave Hagerman <davehagerman@dhhagerman.com>, Susan Wels <susanwels@gmail.com>

To Whom it May Concern:

My wife and I, Susan Wels, own the property at 21400 St. George Street in Volcano. I worked with Doug Ketron briefly when we purchased the house, and he was very professional and we had a good relationship. He's a very knowledgeable man.

I am curious as to the development plans in store for Ketron Family Living Trust and Volcano Gold LLC properties. I think it would be wise for the community to have a clear idea of what will be done with the property should the zoning change(s) be approved. Are there plans for residential housing development? If so, how many houses/how big will the lots be, etc.

Also, I'm a bit concerned about the possible waiver of the environmental review aspect of the zoning conversion.

Admittedly, my family are only in Volcano generally 2 weekends per month, and then more often during summer, but we are curious as to the future plans for the property.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Dave Hagerman and Susan Wels

Mon, Nov 6, 2023 at 3:50 PM

To: Dave Hagerman <davehagerman@dhhagerman.com>

Cc: Dave Hagerman dhhagerman.com, Susan Wels <susanwels@gmail.com

Hello,

Your comments have been received and are part of the project record.

The rezone request would allow the by right uses listed in the Single Family Residential and Agricultural district. There were no housing developments submitted with this project, nor were there required, and the lots are not proposed to be split.

The current zoning of the properties is M, Manufacturing which is incompatible with the current General Plan land use designation of AG, Agricultural General. The rezone would bring the properties into compliance with the Amador County General Plan. CEQA requires that projects adhering to the development density prescribed by current zoning, community plan, or general plan policies with a certified EIR do not necessitate additional environmental review. This simplifies the evaluation of these projects and minimizes the necessity for redundant environmental studies. If you have any worries regarding the project's particular environmental impacts, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Thank you, Ruslan Bratan, Planner

Amador County Planning Department 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642 (209) 223-6380 planning@amadorgov.org



Response to application for zoning change in Volcano, Ketron/Volcano Gold LLC

2 messages

LESLIE J BONNEAU lbonneau@sbcglobal.net
To: "planning@amadorgov.org" planning@amadorgov.org

Mon, Nov 6, 2023 at 4:59 PM

We are writing in response to the request from the Ketron's and Volcano Gold LLC to change zoning from manufacturing to R1A for apn 030-020-102 and 030-020-108 to which we are vehemently opposed. We own the approximate 190 acres to the west and south (Kevin Bonneau, deceased, Leslie Bonneau, TTE), and 10 acres to the south/east (Bonneau Family Trust, Linda and Leslie Bonneau TTE's) on which the homes built by our grandfather and father stand. Our mother, Doris Bonneau is currently 99, and we are also her power of attorney. In addition to these immediately adjacent parcels, our family, along with the estate of my late Aunt, held in the Alberta Hale Land Trust, own the majority of the open land surrounding the town of Volcano. This is not by happenstance, but by over 160 years of constant work, sacrifice, legal battle, and dedication to the preservation of the area. The 190 acre parcel is one of the first in the county to have a conservation easement held by the Mother Lode Land Trust along with another large parcel to the south of town. Access to this parcel is through the northern portion of the Ketron parcel. The Alberta Hale Land Trust properties are held as a not for profit agricultural preserve in perpetuity. Although it is hoped these conservation efforts enrich the lives of those who live in or visit Volcano, there is zero intent that they help monetarily enrich those who own adjacent properties.

The general plan has for years kept the surrounding area of Volcano in AG with 40 acre minimum for a reason and with great success at preserving this historic area. There appears no reason to depart from that aside from making money for a handful of individuals and their LLC. Although one of the Ketron's has been a long time resident of the old Robinson home on Charleston, he has made it clear that he is not staying. This request is an attempt to make some cash and drop a hand grenade on Volcano as he exits. They tried to sell the property to the east of Charleston a few years ago and were told, as was their agent, that we assert water rights through that area. So even if that were to be marketed as residential, a legal battle will surely ensue. Having expertise in water and mining engineering, the Ketron's knew precisely what bundle of rights they had purchased... a lot of rocky, previously mined property zoned for manufacturing. Now that they want to make some money and get out of town, they are suddenly in the residential real estate business, to the detriment of Volcano.

We would also question the "common sense" exemption to CEQA of an area which was last historically used for mining and is upstream of the watershed gulches leading to the town park, Alberta Hale Land trust property, Sutter Creek, and other private properties. In addition, historically the area near our Charleston road lots has been referred to as "Indian Hill" because the Miwok lived in that area, so is potentially of archaeological significance. Waiving environmental protections does not seem prudent.

The parcel to the east of Charleston is not even contiguous to the other larger parcel. Trying to slide that small lot in as meeting any 20 acre minimum, much less a 40, is at best disingenuous and not in any way in keeping with the general plan. It isn't even the same titled owner. That area is also under the general plan as AG, 40 acre minimum. Taking a small manufacturing zoned lot in an area that is minimum 40 acre AG is quite a leap. I understand the Ketron's have had their own legal and financial battles amongst themselves over the years, but it isn't incumbent upon the county, proximate landowners, and town of Volcano to help resolve them by granting a request that serves no purpose other than to assist the Ketron's in maximizing the spoils they will divide amongst themselves. They can do what the rest of us do. Sell what you bought, nothing more, nothing less.

Thank you for your careful consideration in this matter. If we sound overly passionate on the subject, it's because we are. The hours, money, and unending stress that has gone into the preservation of the Volcano area cannot be overstated. We don't begrudge property owners their rights, but when they ask for new rights which are far removed from the bundle of rights they initially purchased, the process of how and why they should be afforded special treatment should be thoroughly scrutinized with a bias toward the status quo. We have done all we can for 160+ years to preserve Volcano, and will spend another 160 years doing the same.

Thank you,

Leslie Bonneau 209-267-5735

Linda Bonneau 209-245-4206

Tue, Nov 7, 2023 at 8:50 AM

Hello,

Your comments have been received and are part of the project record.

Amador County Planning Department 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642 (209) 223-6380 planning@amadorgov.org