



AMADOR COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

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**Early Consultation Application Referral**

**TO:**

ACTC	Transportation and Public Works Department
AFPD	Waste Management Department
Amador Air District	Buena Vista Band of Me-Wuk Indians**
Amador LAFCO	Calaveras Band of Mi-Wuk Indians**
Amador Transit	Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians**
Amador Water Agency	Ione Band of Miwok Indians**
Building Department	Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwok Indians**
Cal Fire	Nashville Enterprise Miwok- Maidu-
Caltrans, District 10	Nishinam Tribe**
CDFW, Region 2	Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians**
County Counsel	United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn
Environmental Health Department	Rancheria**
Sheriff's Office	Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California**
Surveying Department	

**DATE:** April 23, 2024

**FROM:** Nicole Sheppard, Planning Department

**PROJECT:** **Request for Use Permit, UP-24;4-3 Pine Groovin' Coffee**, requesting a Use Permit for a coffee drive through in the C1, Retail Commercial and Office, zoning district. The project site is 2.35 acres and located adjacent to the Pine Grove Market. APN: 030-170-029.

**Applicant:** Brandon Orlando

**Representative:** Aspen Street Architects, Inc., Krystina Uribes

**Supervisorial District:** 4

**Location:** 19474 State Highway 88, Pine Grove, CA 95665

**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 application for completeness during its regular meeting on **Thursday, May 02, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Administration Building, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California as well as via teleconference.



**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**  
**Community Development Agency**

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UP-24; 4-3

**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. Complete the following:  
 Name of Applicant Brandon Orlando  
 Mailing Address 19474 Carson Pass Highway 88 Pine Grove, Ca  
19474 Carson Pass Highway 88 (Pine Groovin' Cafe)

Phone Number 209-915-3456 **KURIBES@ASAI.US 209-736-0882**  
 Assessor Parcel Number APN 030-170-029-000 **KRISTINA X109**

Use Permit Applied For:

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**URIBES**  
**ASPEN STREET ARCH.**  
**brandonorland80@yahoo.com**

- 2. 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).
- 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: \$ 241 \_\_\_\_\_
- Environmental Health Review Fee: \$ 120 \_\_\_\_\_
- Public Works Agency Review Fee: \$ 85 \_\_\_\_\_
- Amador Fire Protection District Fee: \$ 113 \_\_\_\_\_
- Discretionary permits may be subject to a CA Fish & Wildlife fee: \$ 85

- 8. Complete an Environmental Information Form.
- 9. Sign Indemnification Form.

**ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FORM**

To be completed by applicant; use additional sheets as necessary.  
Attach plans, diagrams, etc. as appropriate.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Project Name: Pine Groovin Cafe

Date Filed: 2.14.24 File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant/ \_\_\_\_\_

Developer Brandon Orlando Landowner Brando Orlando

Address 19474 Carson Highway 88 Address Pine Grove, CA 95655

Phone No. 209 Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor Parcel Number(s) APN 030-170-029-000

Existing Zoning District C1

Existing General Plan C

List and describe any other related permits and other public approvals required for this project, including those required by city, regional, state, and federal agencies Building and Planning Approvals, no work on highway 88

**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
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.

**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 NO

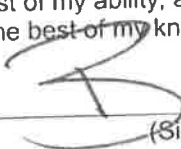
- 17. Change in existing features or any lakes or hills, or substantial alteration of ground contours.
- 18. Change in scenic views or vistas from existing residential areas, public lands, or roads.
- 19. Change in pattern, scale, or character of general area of project.
- 20. Significant amounts of 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.

Date 2-14-24

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature)

For \_\_\_\_\_

**INDEMNIFICATION**

Project: 19474 Carson Pass Highway 88 (Pine Groovin' Cafe)

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:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Owner (if different than Applicant):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature



Re: Use Permit Application Submittal  
19474 Carson Pass Highway 88  
Pine Grove, CA 95655

2.14.24

To whom it may concern.

As the Owner I am giving Aspen Street Architects, Inc. permission to submit Use Permit and associated documents to the County of Amador on my behalf.

Sincerely,

Brandon Orlando

RECORDING REQUESTED BY:

Old Republic Title Company

P-225145

Escrow No.: 1211044857

APN: 030-170-029, 030-170-028

When Recorded Mail Document and Tax Statements to:

Sam and Marilyn Orlando Revocable Trust  
5252 E. Ashley Lane  
Stockton, CA 95212



Amador County Recorder

Kimberly L. Grady

DOC- 2017-0007374-00

Acct 4-Placer Title Co

Friday, SEP 22, 2017 15:40

Ttl Pd \$359.00

Nbr-0000299851

CT1/R1/1-3

SPACE ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR REORDER'S USE

## Grant Deed

The undersigned grantor(s) declare(s):

Documentary Transfer Tax is \$330.00

(X) computed on full value of property conveyed, or

( ) computed on full value less of liens and encumbrances remaining at time of sale.

(X) Unincorporated area:  ( ) City of

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,  
Fred W. Claypool, an unmarried man

hereby GRANT(S) to

Sam Orlando and Marilyn Orlando, Trustees of the Sam and Marilyn Orlando Revocable Trust

that property in Unincorporated area of Amador County, State of California, described as follows:

See "Exhibit A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Date: September 15, 2017

Fred W. Claypool

## Exhibit "A" Legal Description

The land described herein is situated in the State of California, County of Amador, unincorporated area, described as follows

### PARCEL 1:

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS "ADJUSTED PARCEL 2", AS SHOWN AND SO DESIGNATED UPON THAT CERTAIN OFFICIAL MAP ENTITLED "RECORD OF SURVEY BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT FOR FRED W. CLAYPOOL" AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF AMADOR COUNTY IN BOOK 59 OF MAPS AND PLATS AT PAGE 60.

RESERVING THEREFROM AN EASEMENT FOR ACCESS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES ON, OVER, UNDER AND THROUGH THAT CERTAIN AREA OF LAND DELINEATED AND DESIGNATED "PROPOSED ACCESS AND P.U.E. AREA FOR ADJUSTED PARCELS 1, 2 AND 3" AS SHOWN ON THE ABOVE REFERENCED MAP

TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR ACCESS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES ON, OVER, UNDER AND THROUGH THAT CERTAIN AREA OF LAND DELINEATED AND DESIGNATED "PROPOSED ACCESS AND P.U.E. AREA FOR ADJUSTED PARCELS 1, 2, AND 3" AS SHOWN AND SO DESIGNATED UPON THAT CERTAIN OFFICIAL MAP ENTITLED "RECORD OF SURVEY BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT FOR FRED W. CLAYPOOL" AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF AMADOR COUNTY IN BOOK 59 OF MAPS AND PLATS AT PAGE 60

### PARCEL 2:

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS "ADJUSTED PARCEL 3", AS SHOWN AND SO DESIGNATED UPON THAT CERTAIN OFFICIAL MAP ENTITLED "RECORD OF SURVEY BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT FOR FRED W. CLAYPOOL" AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF AMADOR COUNTY IN BOOK 59 OF MAPS AND PLATS AT PAGE 60.

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APN: 030-170-028-000, 030-170-029-000



A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California

County of San Joaquin

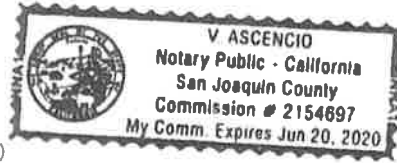
On September 15, 2017 before me, V. Ascencio a Notary Public, personally appeared Fred W. Claypool, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), 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.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature: V. Ascencio

Name: V. Ascencio  
(typed or printed)



(Seal)



Environmental Questionnaire

Date: 2.14.24

Re: **19474 Carson Pass Highway 88**

1. Site Size  
**2.35 Acres**
2. Square Footage of Existing/Proposed Structures  
**Existing 1550 Square ft Carwash/Proposed 450 Sq Drive Thru Coffee**
3. Number of Floors of Construction  
**Single Story**
4. Amount of Off-street Parking Provided (provide accurate detailed parking plan)  
**3 Proposed New Parking**
5. Source of Water  
**Pine Grove Community Services District**
6. Method of Sewage Disposal  
**Amador Water Services District**
7. Attach Plans  
**See Attached**
8. Proposed Scheduling of Project Construction  
**TBD single phase of construction.**
9. If project to be developed in phases, describe anticipated incremental development.  
**N/A**
10. Associated Projects  
**N/A**
11. Subdivision/Land Division Projects: Tentative map will be sufficient unless you feel additional information is needed or the County requests further details. **N/A**
12. Residential Projects: Include the number of units, schedule of unit sizes, range of sale prices or rents and type of household size expected. **N/A**
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**2 Employees**
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**N/A**
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**N/A**
16. If the project involves a variance, conditional use permit, or rezoning application, state this and indicate clearly why the application is required. **N/A**

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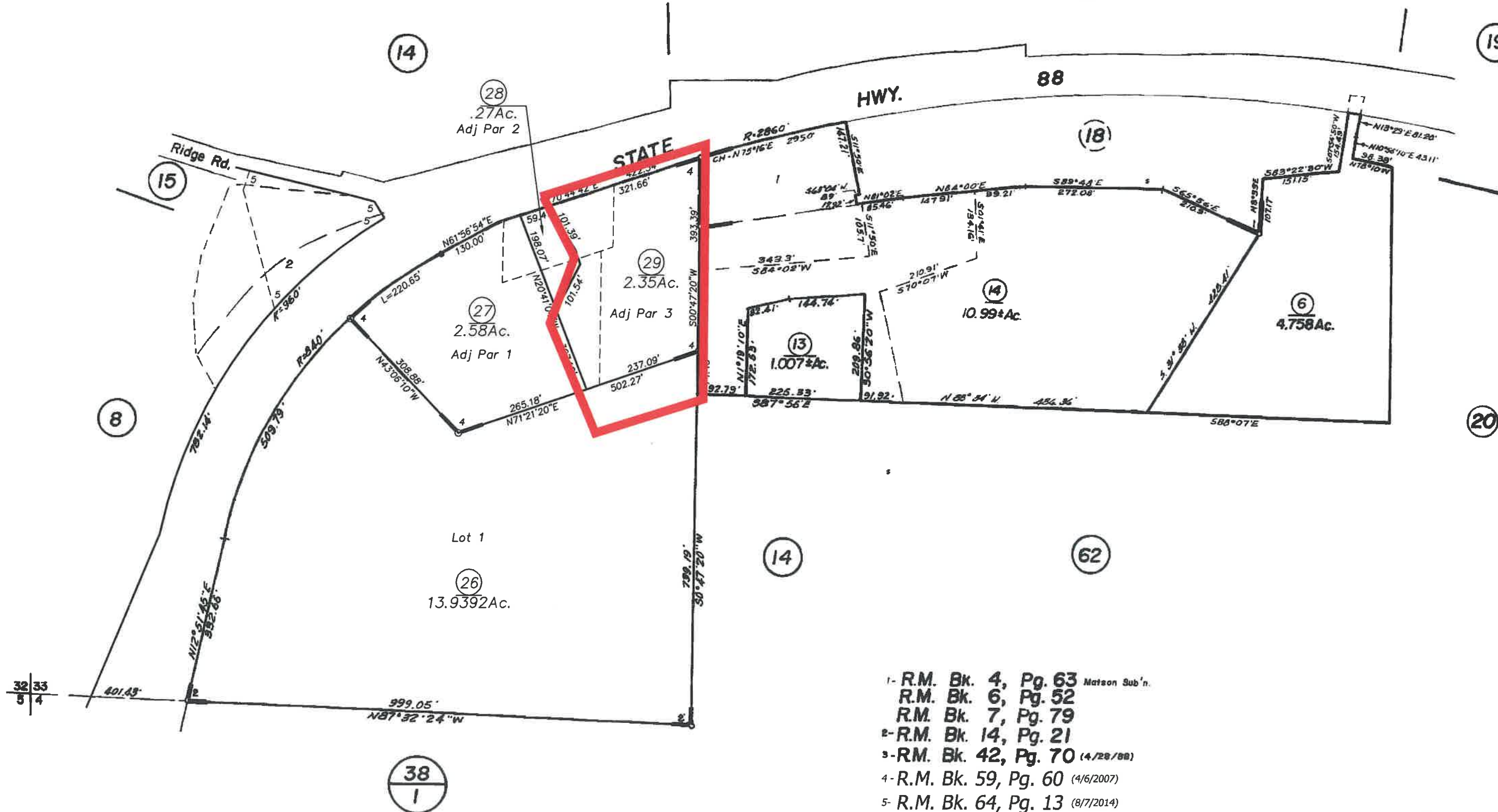
Site sits directly off frontage of Highway 88 and is adjacent and both sides of adjacent properties are commercial. Chevron, Pine Grove Market, Car Wash.

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).

Surrounding properties, are Chevron, Pine Grove Market Car Wash, etc . New café to be approx.. 500Sq Ft or less.



31. Describe any known mine shafts, tunnels, air shafts, open hazardous excavations, etc. Attach photographs of any of these known features (cannot be returned). Not Applicable



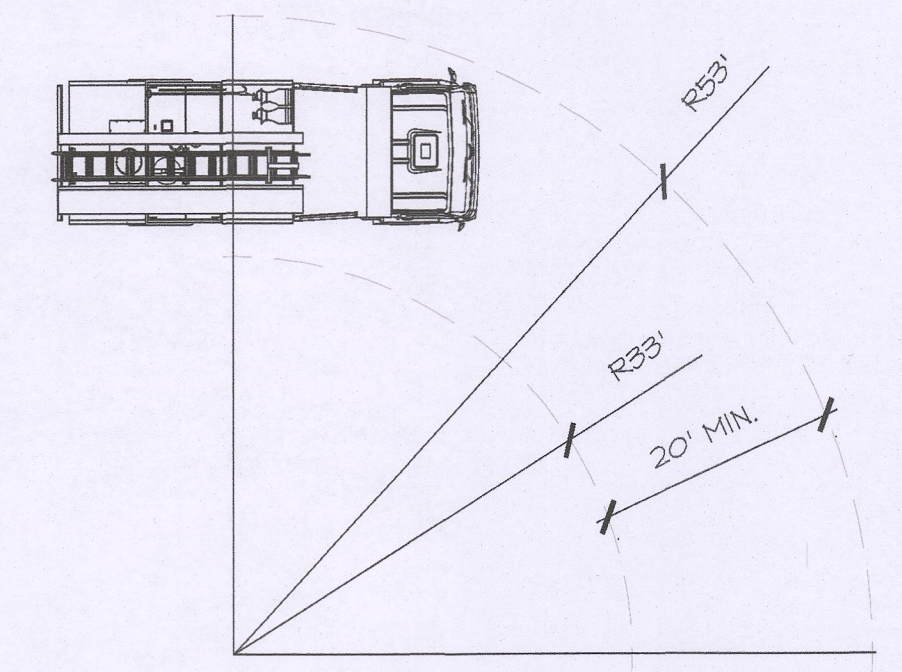
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- 2- R.M. Bk. 6, Pg. 52
- 3- R.M. Bk. 7, Pg. 79
- 4- R.M. Bk. 14, Pg. 21
- 5- R.M. Bk. 42, Pg. 70 (4/28/88)
- 6- R.M. Bk. 59, Pg. 60 (4/6/2007)
- 7- R.M. Bk. 64, Pg. 13 (8/7/2014)

NOTE— Assessor's Block Numbers Shown in Ellipses.  
Assessor's Parcel Numbers Shown in Circles.

THIS DRAWING IS MEANT TO BE PRINTED 24"x36". AT ANY OTHER SIZE, DISREGARD REFERENCES TO SCALE.

RIDGE RD  
STATE HWY 88

STATE HWY 88



TYPICAL EVA

- 1 (E) FIRE HYDRANT
- 2 (E) MAIL BOXES
- 3 (E) PROPERTY ACCESS
- 4 (E) ATT PEDESTAL
- 5 (E) WATER ACCESS
- 6 N/A
- 7 (E) CAR WASH 1550 SQ FT CAR WASH
- 8 (N) DRIVE THRU COFFEE
- 9 (N) LANDSCAPING
- 10 (N) RETAINING WALL
- 11 (N) ASPHALT
- 12 (E) ASPHALT
- 13 (E) PARKING 4 TOTAL
- 14 (E) DRIVE WAY OFF OF 88

SCALE: NTS

1 KEYED NOTES:

- DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
- NEW LANDSCAPE SHALL BE DROUGHT RESISTANT AND NATIVE TO AREA
- NATIVE PINES AND EXISTING LANDSCAPE
- PROPERTY LINE
- EXISTING CONCRETE VEHICLE DRIVE
- EXISTING ASPHALT
- EXISTING CONCRETE WALKS

SCALE: NTS

2 LEGEND

PROPOSING A 500 SQ FT 2 WINDOW DRIVE THRU COFFEE SHOP. IMPROVEMENTS TO INCLUDE LANDSCAPING AND ASPHALT.

PROJECT IS WELL SUITED FOR THE AREA. THERE IS A GAS STATION, CARWASH, AND MARKET IN THE AREA. OWNER BELIEVES THIS WILL ADD VALUE TO THE AREA BY DOING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE UNDEVELOPED AREA.

THE EXTERIOR LOOK INTENT IS TO KEEP WITH THE LOOK IN FEEL OF THE RECENTLY ADDED CARWASH.

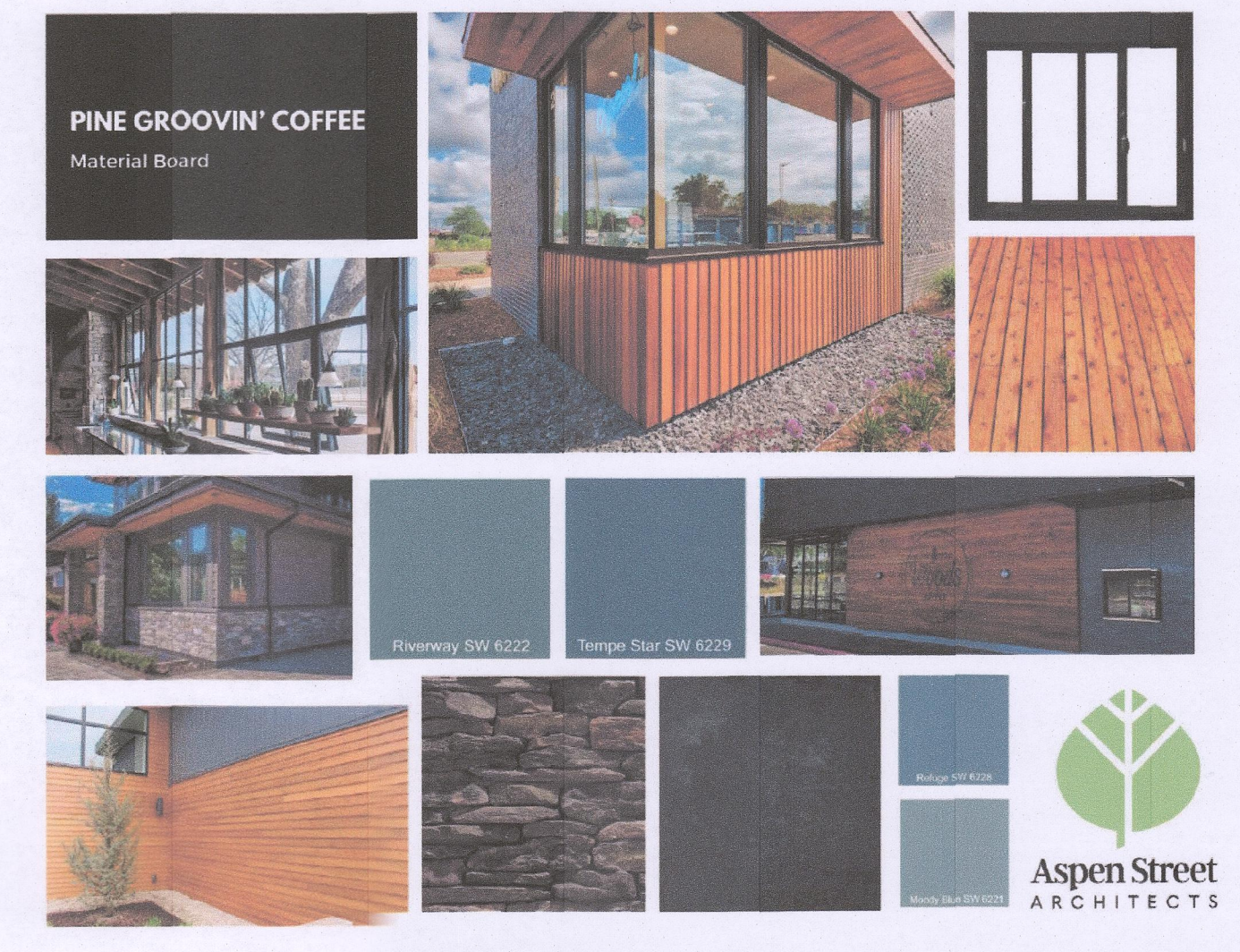
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3 PROJECT SCOPE

APN 030-170-024-000  
LOT SIZE 2.35 ACRES  
EXISTING STRUCTURES 1500 SQ FT CARWASH  
EXISTING PARKING 4 PARKING SPACES  
NEAREST CROSS STREETS HWY 88 AND RIDGE ROAD  
LOT IS SERVED BY BOTH AMADOR WATER FOR SEWER AND BY PINE GROVE COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT FOR WATER.

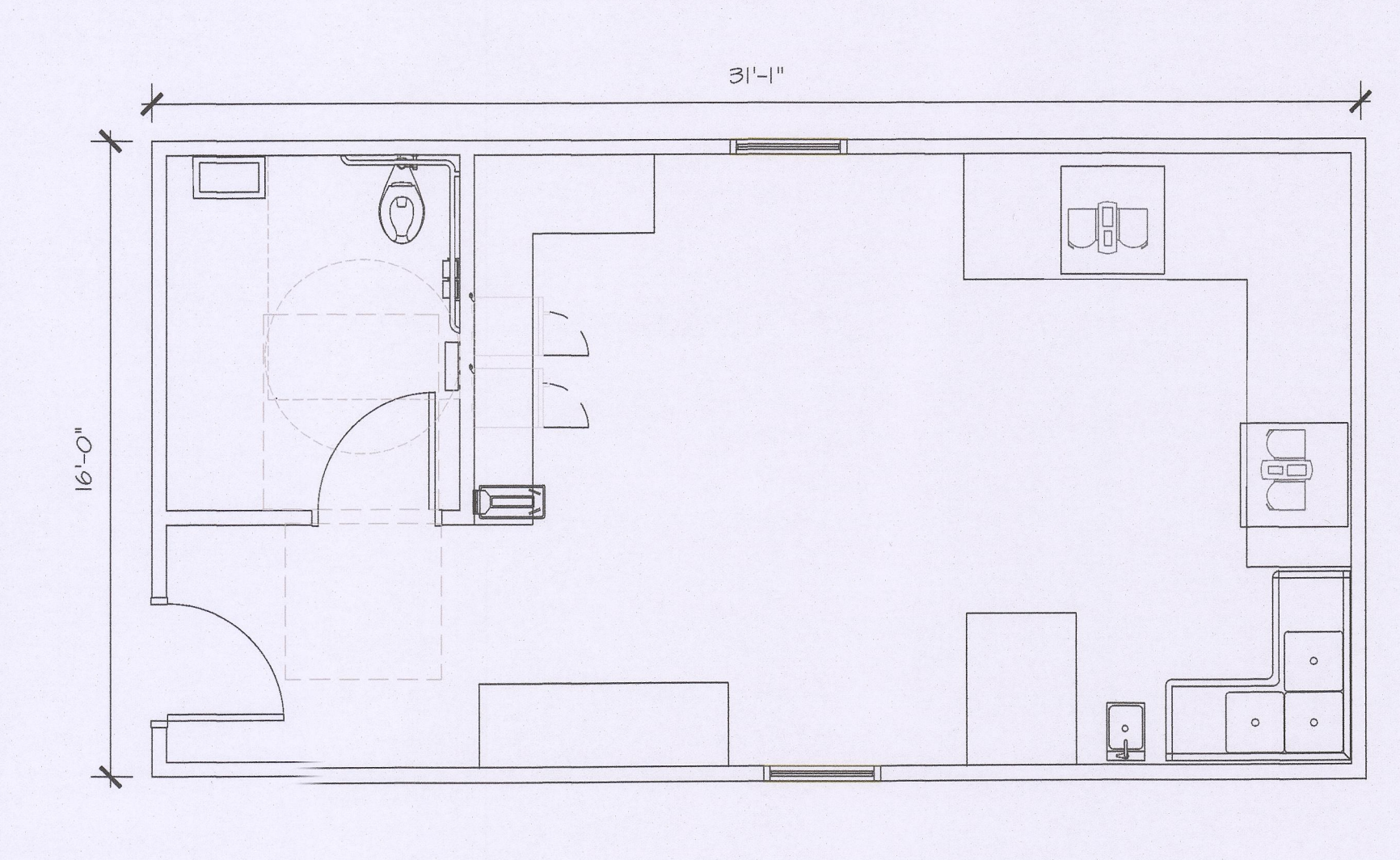
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18 SITE PLAN



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20 PRELIM. MATERIALS BOARD



SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

16 PRELIMINARY FLOOR PLAN



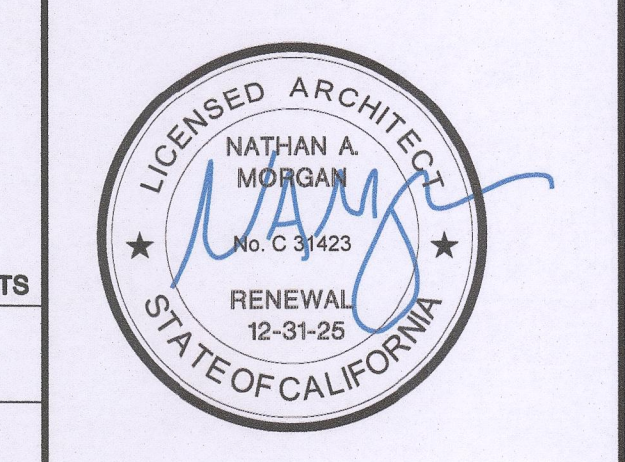
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8 VICINITY MAP

4 SITE INFORMATION

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PINE GROVE BREWERY  
PINE GROVE DRIVE THRU  
COFFEE DRIVE THRU  
PINE GROVE, CALIFORNIA 95222  
18474 CARSON PASS HWY.

AGENCY APPROVAL STAMP	
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AGENCY NO.	
223093.00	
ASPEN STREET PROJECT NO.	
PROPOSED SITE PLAN SITE INFO, LEGEND, PROJECT SCOPE, FLOOR PLAN & KEY NOTES DRAWING TITLE	
USE PERMIT	2.14.24

GI-003

**Foothill Resource Management**

Steve Q. Cannon, RPF #2316  
P.O. Box 818, Pine Grove, CA 95665  
quayle@volcano.net  
<http://www.foothillresource.com>  
(209)419-1569

Mr. Chuck Beatty, Director  
Amador County Planning Department  
810 Court St.  
Jackson, CA 95642

25 March 2024

Dear Mr. Beatty,

I have been contracted by Ms Krystina Uribes of Aspen Architects to evaluate a property in Pine Grove that is proposed for development by the Orlando family. The parcel number of the property is 030-017-029 and it is located on State Highway 88, adjacent to the current gas station/car wash facility.

Ms Uribes has informed me that your department is requiring that an assessment of potential impact to oak woodlands must be prepared for this project.

I am very familiar with the property, since I have lived in Pine Grove since 1979. I am aware that there was a structure on the property that was removed recently. I do not have to do my usual protocol of walking the ground and taking measurements of trees since there are no trees on the area except for a few conifers and oaks on the eastern side of the parcel and a conifer forest on the south side of the parcel. The conifer forest that covers the slope on the south of the property is not proposed for development at this time. And I should note that if it were, it would require a Less than 3 acre Conversion Exemption from the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and as such, would be exempt from the requirements of PRC 21083.4 for an Oak Woodlands Assessment. Since the trees on the eastern side of the property are not going to be removed, there is no need for a Less than 3 acre Conversion Exemption from Cal Fire.

In regard to the requirements of PRC 21083.4, I can definitively say that: A. this is not an oak woodland, and B. therefore there will be no impact to oak woodlands as a result of the proposed project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Steve Q. Cannon  
Registered Professional Forester #2316

attachments

**Foothill Resource Management**

Steve Q. Cannon, RPF #2316  
P.O. Box 818, Pine Grove, CA 95665  
quayle@volcano.net  
<http://www.foothillresource.com>  
(209)419-1569

Ms Megan Scheeline, Unit Forester  
Amador/El Dorado Ranger Unit  
California Department of Forestry  
and Fire Protection  
2840 Mt. Danaher Road  
Camino, CA 95709

25 March 2024

Dear Ms Scheeline,

I was contacted by Mr. Brandon Orlando of Pine Grove, California regarding a property that his family owns in the town of Pine Grove. The parcel number of the property is 030-017-029 and it is 2.35 acres bordering State Highway 88.

Mr. Orlando has contracted with Aspen Architects of Angels Camp to apply to the County of Amador for a building permit to construct a drive-through coffee shop. Ms Krystina Uribes of Aspen Architects informed me that she was told to have a Registered Professional Forester prepare a Less than 3 acre Conversion Exemption for the project area.

When Ms Uribes talked to me, my reaction was that I believed it to be inappropriate to require a Conversion Exemption for that property. I have lived in Pine Grove since 1979 and I have shopped at the grocery store that is now Orlando's Pine Grove Market many times over the years. Logically, I am very familiar with the parcel that the Orlando family proposes to develop. It is currently a graded lot, with remnants of the concrete pad and foundation of the structure that used to occupy the site. In the time that I have lived in Amador County, it has never had any commercial timber species on the area that is proposed for development. I remember a Black locust that grew close to the highway and that gave the contractor who demolished the old structure quite a bit of trouble with its removal due to a very stubborn root system.

The site plan for the proposed project shows the location of a few trees (incense cedar, ponderosa pine & Calif. Black oak) along the eastern side of the parcel and those are not to be removed for the development of the project. A portion of the parcel is shown on the site plan as "Possible future expansion". If that area were to be developed, it would certainly require a < 3 acre Conversion Exemption. But if this non-timberland portion of the parcel were to require a Conversion Exemption, then either the family would not be able to convert the future expansion area or they would be forced to convert the area at this time. Neither option is appropriate or makes any sense.

In summary, I do not believe that it is appropriate for the Department to require a Less than 3 acre Conversion Exemption for this project, as it is currently planned, because the area of the proposed project is not "available for, and capable of growing a crop of trees of commercial species..." as per PRC 4526. If, at some future date, the family moves forward with the development of the area shown as "possible future expansion", I will counsel them to have a Less than 3 acre Conversion Exemption prepared for that area.

If you have any questions, please feel to call or email me. Thank you.

Sincerely



Steve Q. Cannon, RPF #2316  
attachments

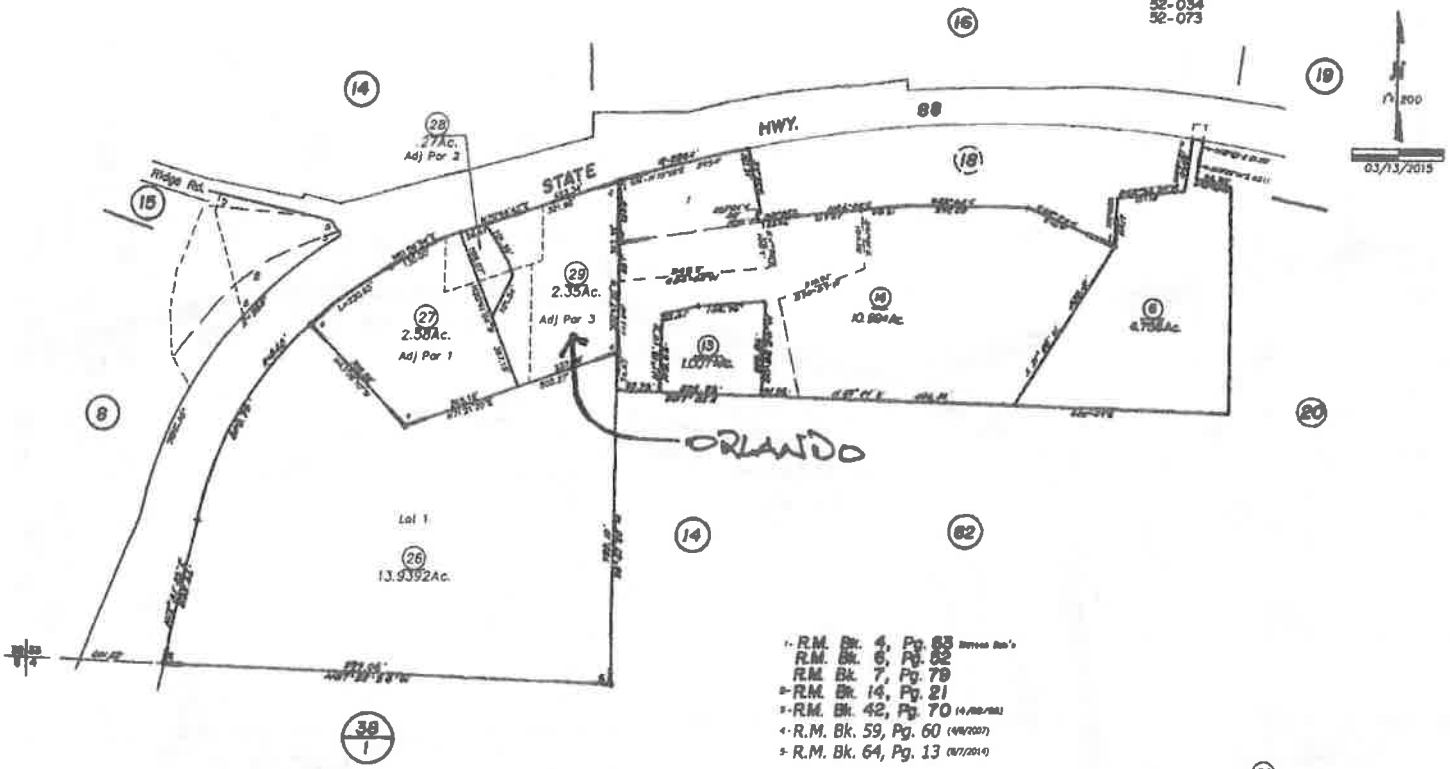
# Orlando Project

Township 7 North, Range 12 East, Section 33  
Pine Grove 7.5' Quadrangle  
Amador County

POR. SW 1/4, SEC. 33, T.7N., R.12E., M. D. B. & M.

Tax Area Code  
32-011  
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- R.M. Bk. 4, Pg. 85 (Survey Bk.)
- R.M. Bk. 6, Pg. 82
- R.M. Bk. 7, Pg. 79
- R.M. Bk. 14, Pg. 21
- R.M. Bk. 42, Pg. 70 (11/20/2011)
- R.M. Bk. 59, Pg. 60 (10/2017)
- R.M. Bk. 64, Pg. 13 (07/2019)

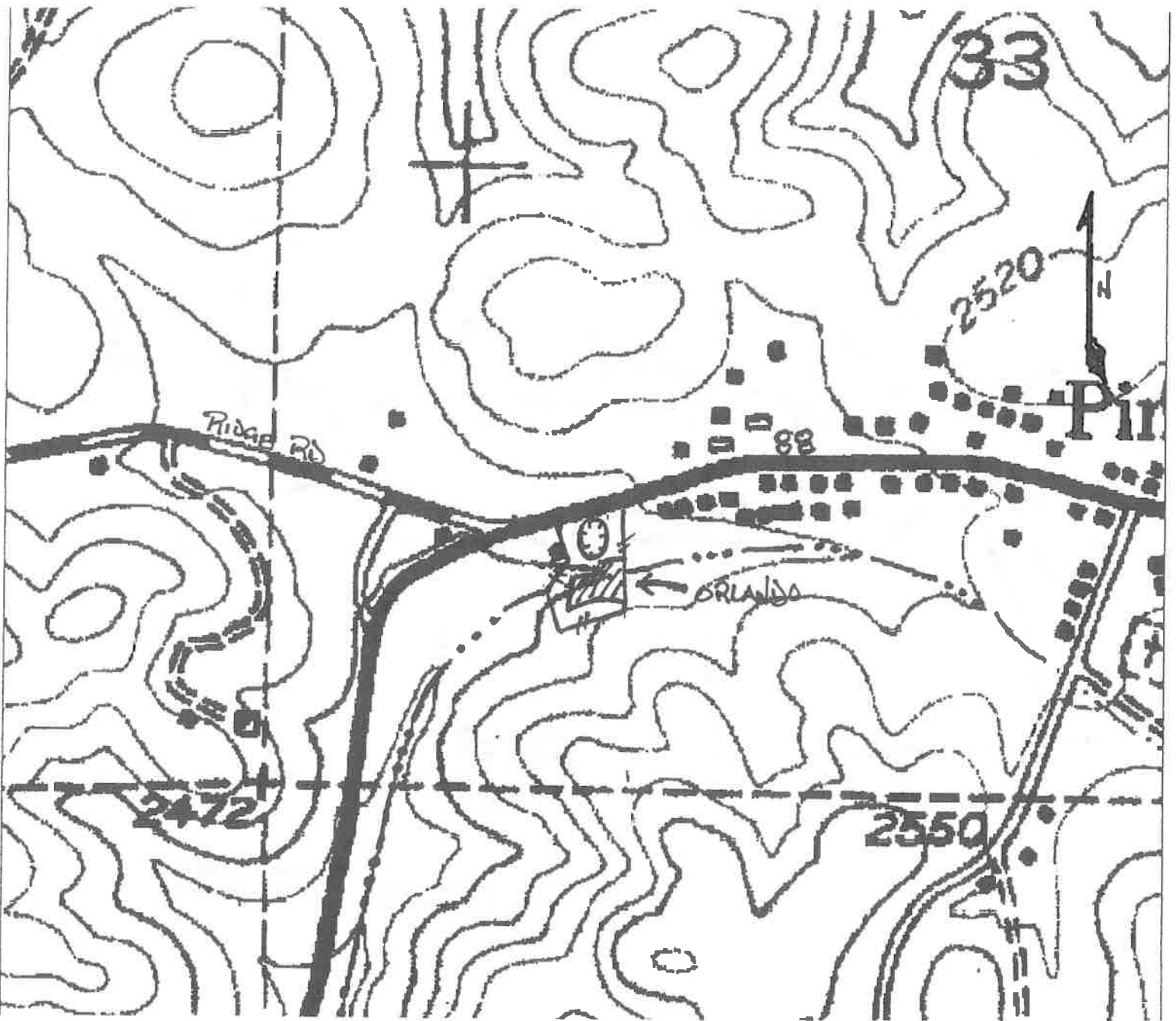
NOTE - Assessor's Block Numbers Shown in Ellipses.  
Assessor's Parcel Numbers Shown in Circles.

Assessor's Map Bk.30, Pg.17  
County of Amador, Calif.



# Orlando Project

Township 7 North, Range 12 East, Section 33  
Pine Grove 7.5' Quadrangle  
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Proposed Project Area (approx.)

State Highway

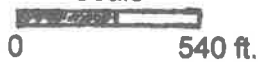


Possible Future Expansion

Jackson Creek



Scale



THIS DRAWING IS SUBJECT TO THE PRELIMINARY CONTRACT. ALL CITY OFFICIALS MUST CONSIDER THIS DRAWING AS A GUIDE.



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- 1) KEYED NOTES:**
- 1) DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
  - 2) VENTILATION SHALL BE THROUGH ROOF AND NOT TO AREA
  - 3) EXISTING AND EXISTING
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**2) LEGEND**

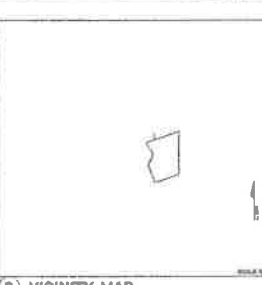
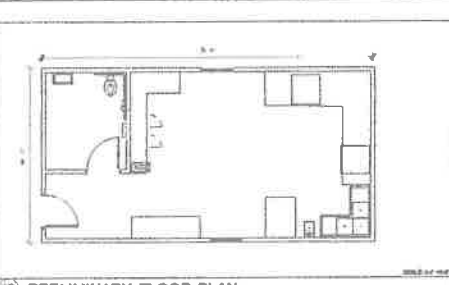
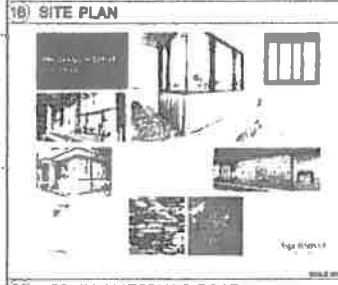
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**3) PROJECT SCOPE**

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PROJECT NO: 00-000002  
DATE: 08/08/08  
PROJECT TYPE: PRELIMINARY FLOOR PLAN & KEY NOTES  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

**GI-003**

**OFFICIAL RECEIPT**  
 COUNTY OF AMADOR  
 Jackson, California

Date April 23 2024

RECEIVED FROM Scam Orlando Inc./DBA Orlando's Pine Grove

ADDRESS 19394 Hwy 88 Pine Grove, CA 95665

One thousand nine hundred <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> DOLLARS (\$ 1,900.00-)

For Use Permit (UP-24; 4-3) APN: 030-170-029

UP-minor \$1,112, CEQA fee \$ 738, Recording Admin fee \$50

ACCOUNT		How Paid ✓	
Amount Due	1,900 00	Cash	
Amount Paid	1,900 00	Check	13585
		Money Order	
		Credit Card	

By Planning Department  
Heidi Stuppel Deputy

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