# Staff Report

Meeting Date: January 4, 2022

To: Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors

From: Rachel Jereb, Planner

Subject: Proposed Tentative Parcel Map (TPM-15-05) and CEQA Determination

## Background

The project is a tentative parcel map to subdivide a 113-acre parcel into two parcels, one approximately 56 acres in size (Parcel 1) and the other approximately 57 acres in size (Parcel 2).

The project site, which is zoned Timberland Production District (TPZ), is located on Horse Creek Road, approx. 2.5 miles north of State Highway 96, and approx. 6.5 miles east of Seiad Creek Road on APN 007-130-310; Township 46N, Range 10W, Section 8, MDB&M.

Pursuant with Section 10-6.5108 of the Siskiyou County Code, a parcel zoned TPZ may be subdivided into parcels containing less than 160 acres if a joint timber management plan is prepared or approved by a registered professional forester. It shall be recorded with the County Recorder as a deed restriction on all newly created parcels and shall remain in force for a period of not less than 10 years from the date division is approved. Pursuant to Government Code Section 51119.5, the Board of Supervisors shall approve the division by a four-fifths vote of the full Board, and only after recording of the deed restriction.

Staff is recommending that the project be found consistent with the applicable General Plan policies governing the site. Additionally, the use would be compatible with the surrounding land uses, the proposed parcels would have adequate roadway access, and would not create environmental impacts to on-or off-site resources. The proposed lots are consistent with County lot design standards and staff believes that the necessary findings can be made for approval of this project.

The project was initially considered by the Planning Commission at a public hearing on April 20, 2016. The Planning Commission adopted Resolution PC 2016-005, recommending that the Board of Supervisors adopt the “general rule” exemption (since renamed the “common sense” exemption) from CEQA for the Callick Tentative Parcel Map (TPM-15-05), and recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve the tentative parcel map.

Due to the death of the original property owner, Wesley O. Morgan, Trustee of the Wesley O. Morgan Trust, the project was delayed for a number of years. The successor trustee, Scott O. Morgan, elected to continue this project.

Notice of the project was published and posted as required prior to the Board of Supervisors meeting and no public comments were received as of the preparation of this staff report.

## Environmental Review

Staff evaluated the project for potential environmental impacts by reviewing the proposed tentative parcel map relative to Appendix G of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. Further, given the project site’s TPZ zoning and setting, as well as comments received from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), potential impacts to forestland and special-status species were examined particularly closely. Based on this review, it was determined that the lot split, as proposed, would not have a significant adverse impact the environment.

Therefore, because there is not substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the County, that the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment, staff is recommending that a “common sense” exemption be adopted in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

In making its determination, the Board must consider the proposed CEQA exemption together with any comments received during the public review process. Further, the exemption can only be approved if the Board finds, based on the whole record before them, that there is not substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.

## Recommended Action

* Adopt Resolution \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ taking the following actions:
	+ Determine the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA pursuant to the “common sense” exemption in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and
	+ Approve the Callick Tentative Parcel Map (TPM-15-05) based on the recommended findings and subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

## Recommended Motion

I move that we adopt Resolution \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Siskiyou, State of California, Determining the Project Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Approving the Callick Tentative Parcel Map (TPM-15-05).

## Exhibits

1. Draft Resolution \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Siskiyou, State of California, Determining the Project Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Approving the Callick Tentative Parcel Map (TPM-15-05).

**A-1.** Notations and Recommended Conditions of Approval

**A-2.** Recommended Findings

1. Planning Commission Staff Report
2. Resolution PC 2016-005
3. Planning Commission Minute Order
4. Recorded Joint Timber Management Plan