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MENDOCINO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

DRAFT ACTION MINUTES –October 15, 2026

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO – STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
(PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §25150)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN SESSION AND ROLL CALL 10:00 A.M.

Present: Chair Kay Richards, Commissioner Michelle Johnson, Commissioner Diana Wiedemann

Absent: Commissioner Marie Jones and Commissioner Cliff Paulin.

Staff Present: Richard Angley, Interim Director; Nash Gonzalez, Interim Chief Planner; Mark Cliser, Senior Planner; Russ Ford, Senior Planner; Matt Goines, Planner II, Adrienne Thompson, Administrative Services Manager; Matthew Kiedrowski, Deputy County Counsel; Scott Spears, IT.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 - PLANNING COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION.

2a. Determination of Legal Notice – The Clerk advised the Commission that item 6a. had been pulled by the department due to improper notice; all other items on the agenda had been properly noticed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Angley provided a Director's report and discussed the Sea Level Rise project scheduled for the Board of Supervisors on October 20, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR

5a. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes from September 17, 2026

Upon motion by Commissioner Wiedemann, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and carried by a roll call vote of (3-0), IT IS ORDERED that the Consent Calendar is approved without revisions.

AYES: JOHNSON, WIEDEMANN, RICHARDS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: PAULIN, JONES

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – REGULAR CALENDAR

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6a. CASE#: R_2025-0003
DATE FILED: 12/3/2025
OWNER/APPLICANT: Weger Interests, Ltd
AGENT: Lisa Weger
REQUEST: Rezone an 80± acre parcel from Rangeland (RL160) to Timber Production Zoning (TPZ160).

Item pulled by the department.

6b. CASE#: V_2026-0002
OWNER: Rangjung Yeshe Gomde California
APPLICANT: Jack de Tar
AGENT: Bruce Hammond
REQUEST: Variance to allow a building height of 73 feet 9 inches where 35 feet is normally the maximum allowed. The Variance would allow construction of a Tibetan Buddhist Temple
ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically Exempt 15061(b)(3) and 15305
LOCATION: 1.38± miles southwest of Legget, on the west side of US 101, 0.20± miles southwest of its intersection with State Route 271 (SR 271), located at 66000 Highway 271, Leggett; APN 053-400-57.
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 4 (Norvell)
STAFF PLANNER: Matt Goines

Presentation: Matt Goines

Applicant: Jack de Tar

Public Comments: Alison Pernell, Mike Ellis, Molly Mansfield-Ellis, Peter Dyre, Sophia Stone.

Telecomments: None

Upon motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Wiedemann and carried by a roll call vote of (3-0), IT IS ORDERED that, by Resolution, the Planning Commission finds the project Categorically Exempt from CEQA and approves the requested variance based on the facts and findings and subject to the conditions of approval contained in the Resolution and modified during the public hearing.

AYES: JOHNSON, WIEDEMANN, RICHARDS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: PAULIN, JONES

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – MATTERS FROM STAFF

None.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – MATTERS FROM COMMISSION

Commissioner Johnson asked about funding for the State Planning Commissioners Conference.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Wiedemann, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and carried by a roll call vote of (3-0) it is ordered that the Planning Commission adjourned at 11:21 am.

AYES: JOHNSON, WIEDEMANN, RICHARDS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: PAULIN, JONES

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THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER TO COME BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THE MENDOCINO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:21 AM.

Attest: ADRIENNE THOMPSON
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER

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KAY RICHARDS, CHAIR

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