

CALAVERAS COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT 891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, California 95249 (209) 754-6394

Planning Commission Staff Report

Hearing Date	July 27, 2023
Project Number/Name	2023-014 Conditional Use Permit for Mauricio
-	Mahecha and Annalinda Samson
Supervisorial District Number	D3 – Martin Huberty
Assessor's Parcel Number(s)	066-002-017 and 066-002-018
Planner	Madeleine Flandreau, Planner III

Date: June 21, 2023

APPLICANT: Mauricio Mahecha and Annalinda Samson, 738 Clara Vista Avenue, Santa

Clara, CA 95050

LANDOWNER: James and Elisa Riggs, 596 Quiet Place, Murphys CA 95247

Kela Kaua, 280 Scott Street, Murphys, CA 95247

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The applicants are requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit to operate a cigar lounge that serves beer and wine in an existing commercial building and outdoor patios in downtown Murphys. The use consists of a lounge which offers cigars available for purchase to smoke on the premises or take home, and also serves beer and wine obtained from outside vendors. Cigars will be stored on-site in humidors. Cigar smoking on the front and rear patios will only be allowed after 7:00 p.m. Ventilation will be upgraded (Rabbit Air Filters) inside the structure to keep smoke to a minimum. No food will be served or prepared. There is no new development proposed with this application. A dirt parking lot with multiple unmarked spaces exists to the rear of the building.

LOCATION:

The subject parcel is located at 419 Main Street in downtown Murphys. The structure encompasses both APNs 066-002-017 and 066-002-018, and are in Block 6, Lots 11 and 12 in Murphys Townsite.

SERVICES AVAILABLE:

Water: Union Public Utility District Sewer: Murphys Sanitary District

Fire Protection: Murphys Fire Protection District

Power: Pacific Gas and Electric

Telephone: AT&T

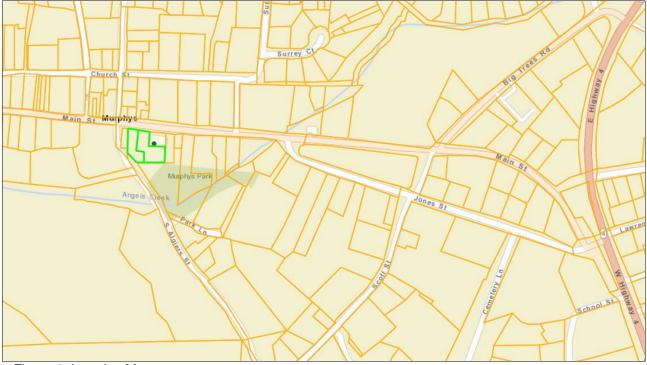


Figure 1- Location Map

GENERAL PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATION:

The subject parcel is currently designated in the County General Plan as Historic Center and lies within the Murphys Community Plan Area, although there are no adopted plan policies for Murphys. This designation identifies a compatible residential and visitor-serving mix of uses that preserves and protects the historic core of existing communities. Typical uses will be similar to those in the Community Center land use designation, but size and design shall reflect the scale and character of surrounding structures and accommodate the small lot sizes and reduced parking and landscaping opportunities in historic centers. Compatible zones within the Historic Center designation include Single-Family Residential (R1), Two-Family Residential (R2), Multi-Family Residential (R3), Local Commercial (C1), Professional Office (CP), Recreation (REC) and Public Service (PS).

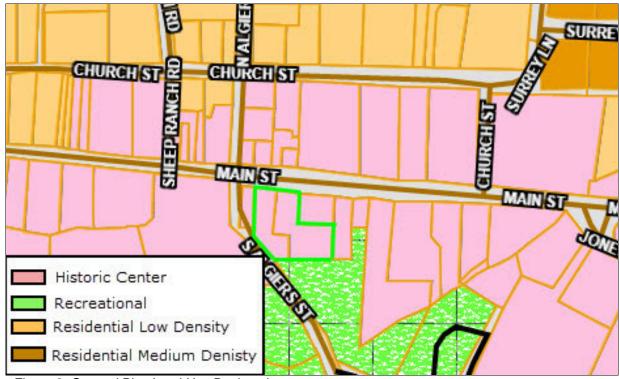


Figure 2- General Plan Land Use Designation

ZONING:

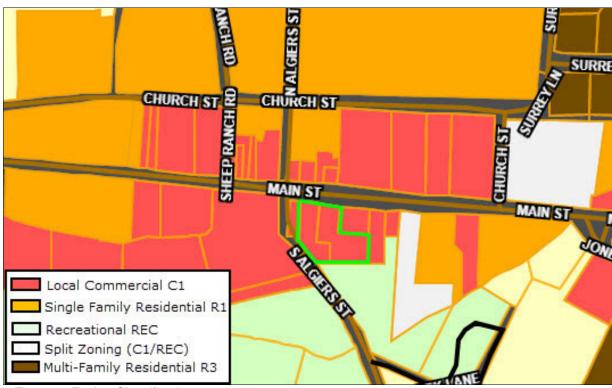


Figure 3- Zoning Classifications

The subject parcels are zoned Local Commercial (C1). The purpose of the C1 zone is to provide areas for small-scale retail and service businesses that meet the needs of the local community and are located in proximity to residential neighborhoods. The C1 zone is the commercial zone considered best suited to serve single-family neighborhoods. Parcels to the north, east and west of the subject site are all zoned C1, and consist of wine tasting rooms, retail shops, and restaurants. To the south lies Murphys Community Park, which is zoned Recreational (REC). There are parcels zoned Single-Family Residential (R1) which lie further to the north along Church Street, and to the east and west, away from the strip of commercial properties along this section of Main Street.

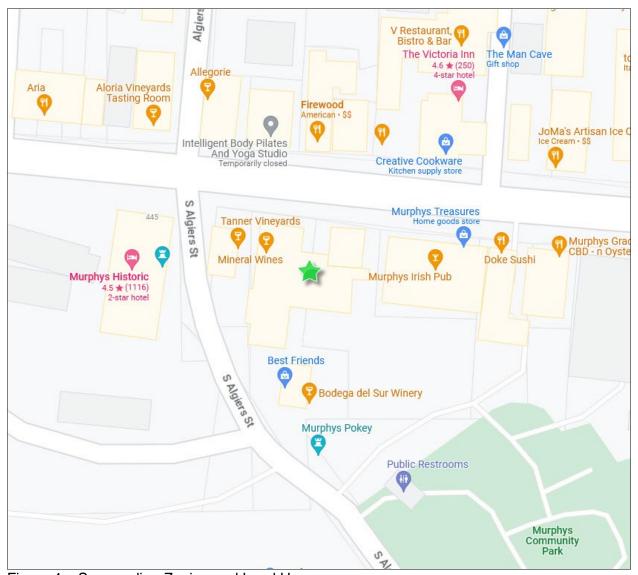


Figure 4 – Surrounding Zoning and Land Use



Figure 5- 2022 County Aerial Image (property lines are approximate)

AGENCIES CONTACTED/RESPONSE:

The application was circulated to various County departments and local public agencies requesting comments relative to the request for a CUP. During the 30-day review period, a memo from the Building Department was received with the following comments (which can also be found in Attachment 4):

- 1. A mechanical permit is required for any modifications to an air-conditioning/air handling system.
- 2. Occupancy inspection is required as part of the business license process.

No comments were received from the public.

ANALYSIS:

The Project includes the operation of a cigar lounge which serves beer and wine obtained from outside vendors. Cigars will be stored on-site in humidors and can be purchased and either smoked on the premises or taken home. The front and back patios- which are only accessible from entering the structure- will only be open for cigar smoking after 7:00 p.m. No food will be served or prepared due to cigar smoking. The Project proposes a new

commercial use in an existing commercial structure and would not include any physical changes to the Project site or ground-disturbing activities. Currently, patrons use the shared dirt parking lot to the rear of the subject building, which contains multiple unmarked spaces, in addition to the available on-street parallel parking in front of the business along Main Street. There is no new development proposed with this application.

In 2017, a Planning Director determination established that an establishment that serves beer and wine and is not part of a restaurant requires a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in the C1 zone. The current Planning Director has determined that a cigar lounge, being a similar use, may also be permitted in the C1 zone with approval of a CUP. The Calaveras County Municipal Code does not currently define or otherwise enumerate "cigar lounge" or "smoking lounge". The purpose of a CUP is to provide the general public with an opportunity to review a proposed land use that is generally consistent with the purpose of a base zoning district but has the potential to cause conflicts with neighboring land use and zoning.

The wine tasting rooms on Main Street in Murphys are permitted in the C1 zone based on the type of ABC Licenses held by the wineries. A wine tasting room is very similar to the proposed project in that similar activities already take place in the general vicinity of the proposed project and the use is compatible with neighboring land uses. In addition, smoking cigars in this location would not violate Section 8.08.060 of the Calaveras County Code, which prohibits smoking in a "hazardous fire area", which, as defined in Section 8.08.020, means any land which is covered with grass, grain, brush or forest, whether privately or publicly owned, which is so situated, or is of such inaccessible location, that a fire originating upon such land would present an abnormally difficult job of suppression or would result in great and unusual damage through fire or resulting erosion. The Project has been conditioned to comply with all applicable state alcohol and tobacco laws.

Since this request does not include new construction, rezoning, or conversion of a single-family residence, Chapter 17.70 of County Code (the parking code) does not require the installation of new or additional parking spaces. The parking code also does not enumerate the cigar lounge as a unique use requiring parking in excess of the base zone requirements, so this change in use does not necessitate new or additional parking for the proposed Project. The CUP provides for discretion in determining if there is adequate parking to service the proposed project. In this specific case, staff determined that the existing parking area in the rear of the building complies with the Historic Center land use designation for preserving the historic character and rural country lifestyle of the community. The use will not result in parking requirements exceeding the existing availability of spaces. No other site improvements such as landscaping will be required as the use will be confined within the existing building with no expansion proposed.

As proposed, this project conforms to the General Plan, and is consistent with following General Plan policies: LU-1.5, which encourages development of existing communities to provide a mix of uses including a wide range of residential, commercial, visitor-serving and job-generating uses, helping to maintain an economically viable community; and LU 5.4, which encourages attraction of new compatible business and industry to the county.

There are no General Plan implementation measures that apply to the review of discretionary projects that are specifically relevant to this project.

The proposed Project Site is shown below as viewed from the front patio on Main Street.



Figure 6 – View of Existing Building and Front Patio as Viewed from Main Street. The proposed business will occupy what is currently Mineral Wines.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

An Initial Study was completed analyzing project related impacts to the environment and a Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), finding less than significant project related impacts. The environmental document was available for public review from May 22, 2023, through June 22, 2023. A general comment letter was received from Caltrans with no specific comments or conditions to the proposed Project.

CONCLUSION:

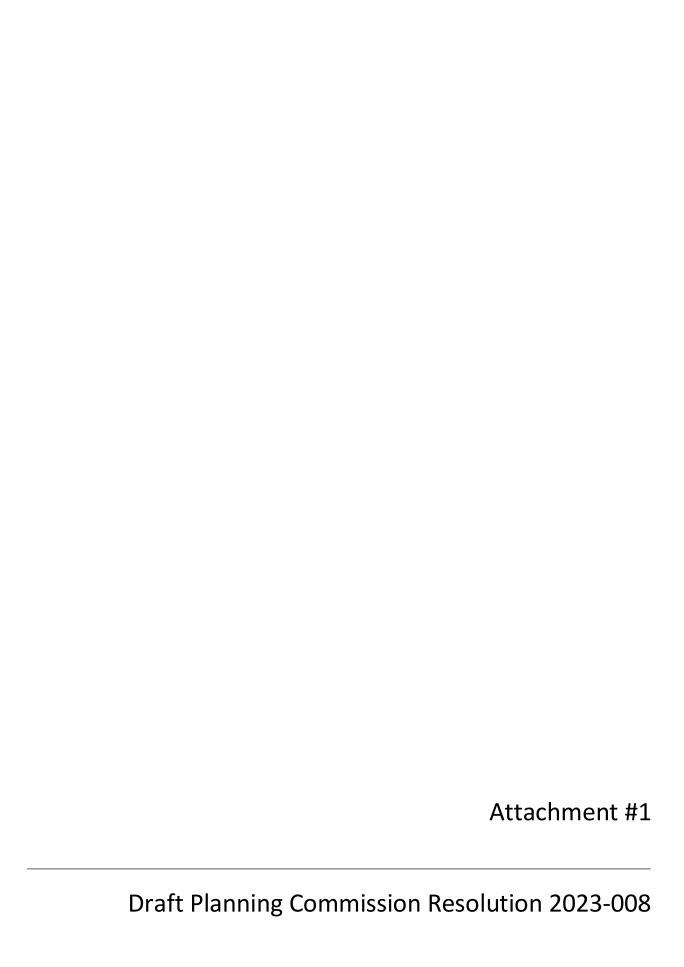
In conclusion, the Project as proposed conforms to applicable goals and policies of the County General Plan. Subsequent to reviewing the General Plan implementation measures that apply to the review of discretionary projects, there are none that specifically apply to this project. The project is found to be compatible with the surrounding commercial land uses and zoning in the general vicinity, and there were no objections to the approval of this CUP from any landowner within 300' of the project location. The subject property is adequate in land area to accommodate the proposed use and was found to have safe and adequate access with no site improvements required. This permit is conditioned for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare. The negative declaration reveals this project will have a less than significant effect on the environment.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Planning Commission take the following action:

- **1.** Adopt the Negative Declaration
- 2. Approve Planning Commission Resolution 2023-008

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Draft Planning Commission Resolution 2023-008
- 2. Initial Study and Negative Declaration
- 3. Project Application and Receipt
- 4. Assessor Parcel Map



COUNTY OF CALAVERAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-008

>>A RESOLUTION ADOPTING NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2023-014 TO OPERATE A CIGAR LOUNGE THAT SERVES BEER AND WINE IN THE LOCAL COMMERCIAL (C1) ZONE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Planning Department of the County of Calaveras received application 2023-014 from Mauricio Mahecha and Annalinda Samson requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate a cigar lounge that serves beer and wine in the Local Commercial (C1) zone in the community area of Murphys; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is located on real property in the unincorporated portions of the County of Calaveras more particularly described as 419 Main Street in Murphys. The structure encompasses both APNs 066-002-017 and 066-002-018, and is in Block 6, Lots 11 and 12 in the Murphys Townsite; and

WHEREAS, a Negative Declaration was prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, during a noticed public hearing on July 27, 2023, the Planning Commission considered all of the information presented to it, including its staff report, information presented by the project proponent, presented at the meeting; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Planning Commission adopts the Negative Declaration and approves Conditional Use Permit 2023-014, based on the following findings:

 A Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). On the basis of the whole record before it, the Commission finds that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. The negative declaration reflects the Commission's independent judgment and analysis.

Evidence: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study analyzing project related impacts to the environment was completed, finding less than significant impacts. A Negative Declaration was prepared and available for public review from May 22, 2023, through June 22, 2023. No comments were received, substantiating the findings that the project will have less than significant impacts on the environment.

2. The proposed use is consistent with the county's General Plan, any applicable community or special plan, and the provisions of Title 17.

Evidence: The parcel is designated by the County General Plan as Historic Center and is located within the Murphys Community Plan area, although there currently is no Community Plan policies for Murphys. Typical uses in the Historic Center land use designation include both commercial and residential uses, public and quasi-public uses, and similar uses in support of the community at a scale and with a design that reflects the surrounding structures and lots. No new design is being proposed (or required to be proposed) as part of this application, as it is a CUP application to approve a new use within an existing structure. This land use designation identifies a compatible residential and visitor-serving mix of uses that preserves and protects the historic core of existing communities. The existing C1 zone of the subject parcels is consistent with the Historic Center land use designation.

As proposed, this project conforms to the General Plan, and is consistent with following General Plan policies: LU-1.5, which encourages development of existing communities to provide a mix of uses including a wide range of residential, commercial, visitor-serving and job-generating uses, helping to maintain an economically viable community; and LU 5.4, which encourages attraction of new compatible business and industry to the county. There are no General Plan implementation measures that apply to the review of discretionary projects that are required for this specific project.

In 2017, a Planning Director determined that an establishment that serves beer and wine and is not part of a restaurant requires a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in the C1 zone. The current Planning Director has determined that a cigar lounge, being a similar use, may be permitted in the C1 zone with the approval of a CUP.

3. The subject property is adequate in land area to accommodate the proposed project, its required parking area, access, landscaping, and site improvements.

Evidence: No physical development will occur, as the proposed use will be confined within the existing retail building and patio located in the historic downtown of Murphys. Maximum occupancy of the structure will remain the same. The structure encompasses both APNs 066-002-017 and 066-002-018 and is accessed from Main Street. Existing parallel parking in front of the building as well as an existing parking lot located behind the structure will adequately serve the business. There are no site improvements required as the project does not include new construction.

4. The proposed land use is compatible with neighboring land use and zoning.

Evidence: The neighboring properties consist primarily of wine tasting rooms, with some retail shops, and restaurants of the downtown strip. The wine tasting rooms on Main Street in Murphys are permitted in the C1 zone based on the type of ABC Licenses held by the wineries. The proposed use is similar to a wine tasting room. Because similar activities currently take place in the general vicinity, the proposed project is compatible with neighboring land uses. The commercial zoning in the area

of Main Street is Local Commercial (C1). Circulation of the proposed project and negative declaration did not reveal concerns from the neighboring residential community or other commercial property owners within a 300-foot radius of the subject property.

5. The public and private roads providing access to the subject property meet necessary standards to provide safe and adequate access or have been amended by conditions of project approval to satisfy the access requirements.

Evidence: The site is accessed directly from Main Street in Murphys. The application and negative declaration were circulated to both the County Public Works Department and Caltrans District 10. Neither agency expressed concerns with regard to access or roads standards. The lack of comments relative to the proposed project confirms that the responsible agencies agree that the existing access is safe and adequate, and no conditions are applied to this permit for improvements to the existing roadways or existing encroachments.

6. Conditions of project approval are necessary for protection of the public health, safety, and welfare, and to reduce or eliminate potential environmental effects.

Evidence: This permit is conditioned to ensure that applicable permitting is in place for the operation of a cigar lounge that serves beer and wine at the subject location.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission adopts the Negative Declaration and approves Conditional Use Permit 2023-014 based on the following conditions:

I GENERAL CONDITIONS

- I-1 The Applicant(s) and Owner(s); and their Heirs, Successors, and Assigns shall abide by all terms of the Indemnification Agreement, dated March 16, 2023, and on file in the Planning Department's records for 2023-014.
- I-2 This Conditional Use Permit will expire if not validated prior to December 31, 2024. To activate this permit, the use or activity shall have commenced with either the majority of inventory or stock being available for sale or purchase, or such activities which in the findings of the planning director indicate such use or activity has been activated.
- 1-3 This Conditional Use Permit is subject to all applicable county regulations or plans whether or not such requirements are specified as a condition of project.
- 1-4 The operator of the use established through this permit shall abide by all State alcohol and tobacco laws.

II BUILDING DEPARTMENT CONDITIONS

- II-1 A mechanical permit is required for any modifications to an air-conditioning/air handling system.
- II-2 An occupancy inspection is required as part of the business license process.

regular meeting of t	red by the Planning Commission of the County of Calaveras, at a the Planning Commission held on July 27, 2023, on a motion by
Commissioner	and seconded by Commissioner
AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:	
	Chair, Planning Commission
ATTEST:	
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The project files are available for public review in the Planning Department, County of Calaveras, Government Center, 891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA. 95249, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.





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Initial Study / Negative Declaration Review Period: May 22, 2023, through June 22, 2023

Initial Study ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

For: Mauricio Mahecha and Annalinda Samson Conditional Use Permit 2023-014 Assessor's Parcel Nos. 066-002-017 & 066-002-018 1. Project Title: 2023-014 – Conditional Use Permit for Mauricio Mahecha and Annalinda Samson

2. Lead Agency Name and Address: Calaveras County Planning Department

891 Mountain Ranch Road San Andreas, CA 95249

3. Contact Person and Phone Number: Madeleine Flandreau, Planner III, (209) 754-6394

4. Project Location: 419 Main Street, Murphys, CA

5. Project Sponsor's Name and Address: Mauricio Mahecha and Annalinda Samson

738 Clara Vista Avenue Santa Clara, CA 95050

6. General Plan Designation: Historic Center

7. Zoning: Local Commercial (C1)

- 8. Project Description: The applicant is requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit to operate a cigar lounge that serves beer and wine in the existing building located at 419 Main Street, in Murphys. The front patio and the area behind the structure will only be open for cigar smoking after 7:00 p.m. No food will be served or prepared due to cigar smoking. Ventilation will be upgraded inside the main structure to keep smoke to a minimum. According to County records, the structure straddles APNs 066-002-017 and 066-002-018, both of which are zoned Local Commercial (C1). The parcels are located in Block 6, Lots 11 and 12 in Murphys Townsite.
- 9. Surrounding land uses and setting:

Location	General Plan Designation	Zoning	Land Use
North	Historic Center	C1 (Local Commercial)	Commercial
South	Parks/Recreation	REC (Recreational)	Community Park
East	Historic Center	C1 (Local Commercial)	Commercial
West	Historic Center	C1 (Local Commercial)	Commercial

- 10. Other public agencies whose approval is required: NONE
- 11. Have California Native American Tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080.3.1? **NO**, not for this project specifically. However, the County keeps a list and is in contact with the Native American Tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the area.

If so, is there a plan for consultation that includes, for example, the determination of significance of impacts to tribal cultural resources, procedures regarding confidentiality, etc.? **NO**, because the proposed project does not require excavation or any intrusion into the soil, not does it require demolition of any historical and culturally sensitive structures.

ENVIR	ONMENTAL FACTORS POTE	NTIA	ALLY AFFECTED:			
	The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact", as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.					
	Aesthetics		Agricultural and Forestry Resources	Air Quality		
	Biological Resources		Cultural Resources	☐ Energy		
	Geology/Soils		Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Hazards & Hazardous Materials		
	Hydrology/Water Quality		Land Use / Planning	Mineral Resources		
	Noise		Population / Housing	Public Services		
	Recreation		Transportation	Tribal Cultural Resources		
	Utilities/Service Systems		Wildfire	☐ Mandatory Findings of Significance		
DETER	RMINATION (To be complete	ed by	/ Lead Agency):			
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potent applica measu less-th	I find that, although the proposed project could have had a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects have been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or Negative Declaration, pursuant to applicable standards, and have been avoided or mitigated, pursuant to an earlier EIR, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, all impacts have been avoided or mitigated to a less-than-significant level and no further action is required.					
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EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- 1. A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2. All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3. Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4. "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from "Earlier Analyses," as described in (5) below, may be cross-referenced).
- 5. Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7. Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8. This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
- 9. The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a) the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b) the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance

Environmental Impact Analysis:

The proposed Project consists of a Conditional Use Permit to operate a cigar lounge that serves beer and wine in an existing building located at 419 Main Street, in Murphys. Figures 3 and 4 depict the proposed Project site. The front patio and the area behind the structure will only be open for cigar smoking after 7:00 p.m. No food will be served or prepared due to cigar smoking. Ventilation will be upgraded inside the main structure to keep smoke to a minimum. The structure straddles both APNs 066-002-017 and 066-002-018, both of which are zoned Local Commercial (C1). The parcels are located in Block 6, Lots 11 and 12 in Murphys Townsite. The Project site is currently occupied by a wine tasting room in the downtown Murphys commercial strip. The proposed Project would not result in any physical development of the existing Project site, and no new ground disturbance would occur.

The Project site has a land use designation of Historic Center and is zoned Local Commercial (C1). The purpose of the C1 zone is to provide areas for small-scale retail and service businesses that meet the needs of local community and are located in proximity to residential neighborhoods. The C1 zone is the commercial zone considered best suited to serve single-family neighborhoods. A Planning Director determination from 2017 was made that an establishment that serves beer and wine that is not part of a restaurant requires a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in the C1 zone. The current Planning Director has determined that a cigar lounge, being a similar use, may be permitted in the C1 zone with approval of a CUP.

The purpose of a CUP is to provide the general public with an opportunity to review a proposed land use that is generally consistent with the purpose of a base zoning district but has the potential to cause conflicts with neighboring land uses and zoning. The CUP is a discretionary permit, reviewed by the Planning Commission, which can approve a CUP by making the findings in Section 17.82.020 in the Calaveras County Code.

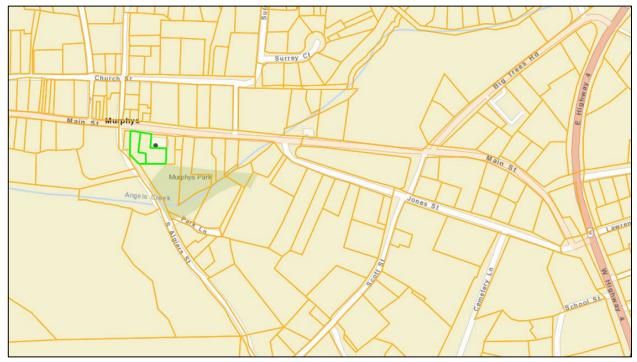


Figure 1- Location Map



Figure 2- Aerial Photo (Parcel boundary lines shown in green do not reflect the actual location)

I. AESTHETICS	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	NO IMPACT
Except as provided in Public Resources Code §21099, would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				<u> </u>
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	Ш	Ш		
c) In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage points). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?				
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				\boxtimes

- a) No Impact A scenic vista is an area that is designated, signed, and accessible to the public for the express purposes of viewing and sightseeing. The County General Plan's Conservation and Open Space Element notes that the County's scenic resources are some of its most valued assets and include forests, rolling hills, ranches, agricultural land, historic landscapes, oak woodlands, rock formations and other unique topographical features, river corridors, lakes, and streams. The Project site located in downtown Murphys on Main Street is developed with commercial structures. The surrounding parcels are also developed with commercial structures, with the exception of the Murphys Community Park to the south. The Project site is not designated as a scenic vista by the County General Plan, nor does it contain any unique or distinguishing features that would qualify the site for designation as a scenic vista. The Project would not include any physical changes to the Project site or the surrounding area. Since there are no physical changes required for the proposed increase of permitted volume, the proposed Project would not have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista. No impact would occur.
- b) **No Impact** The Project site is not located within view of a state scenic highway. The nearest officially designated State Scenic Highway is the portion of State Route 4 (SR 4) known as Ebbetts Pass National Scenic Byway, located approximately 12 miles northeast of the Project site (Caltrans, 2022). The nearest Eligible State Scenic Highway is State Route 49 (SR 49), located approximately 8 miles southwest of the Project site (Caltrans, 2022). As the Project site is not visible from SR 4, SR 49, or any other state scenic highways, no impact would occur to scenic resources within a State Scenic Highway.

- c) **No Impact** As described under Response 4.1(a), above, the proposed Project would include a new commercial use in an existing structure and would not include any physical changes to the Project site or the surrounding area. Therefore, there would be no impact on the existing visual character of the Project site and the surrounding area.
- d) No Impact All new lighting will adhere to Calaveras County Code 17.36.060(C) which states that exterior lighting shall be shielded and directed in such a manner that it does not shine directly into adjoining residences. With the adherence to outdoor lighting regulations at the time of development, the proposed Project would not create new sources of substantial lighting or glare that would generate a significant impact.

II. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies my refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board.

Would the project:

- a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?
- b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?
- c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?

SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION	<u>LESS THAN</u> <u>SIGNIFICANT</u> <u>IMPACT</u>	NO IMPACT
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e)	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?							
a-e	A-e) No Impact — According to the County General Plan, the proposed Project is not located on land classified as high capability agriculture, and there are no agricultural activities occurring within its boundary. No prime farmland will be converted as a result of this Project. The Planning Director has determined that the proposed Project is permitted in the Local Commercial zone with approval of a CUP. The proposed Project site is not restricted by a Williamson Act contract. The County's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance does not consider the project site to be high capability timberland or a timber production zone, therefore, the proposed project would not result in loss or conversion of forest land to a non-forest use. The proposed Project is consistent with the County's Zoning Ordinance, and the use defined under Chapter 17.22 of the Zoning Ordinance. Thus, the proposed Project will not result in a conversion of farmland or forest land.							
es m be	AIR QUALITY There available, the significance criteria tablished by the applicable air quality anagement or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following eterminations.	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	NO IMPACT			
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?							
b)	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?							
c)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?							
d)	Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?							

a-b) **No Impact** – The proposed Project is located in the Mountain Counties Air Basin (MCAB) and is under the jurisdiction of the Calaveras County Air Pollution Control District (CCAPCD). CCAPCD manages the County's air quality through education and enforcement of CCAPCD rules and California Air Resources Board (CARB) measures and regulations. Although the County has experienced relatively good air quality, it has been classified as a non-attainment area for the State and Federal ozone standards (1-hour and 8-hour) and particulate matter standards (PM₁₀). The primary source of

d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion

of forest land to non-forest use?

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ozone precursors (i.e., ROG and NOx) is mobile sources, including cars, trucks, buses, construction equipment, and agricultural equipment. Common sources of particulate matter pollution in the County include residential, development, and land management related activities such as woodstoves, windblown dust and/or diesel from construction activities, and forestry management burning. According to the County General Plan EIR, the nonattainment status of the County is predominantly attributable to the overwhelming transport of pollutants from the Central Valley and the Bay Area into the County.

The Project proposes to operate a cigar bar that serves beer and wine in an existing commercial structure along the downtown Murphys commercial strip. No physical changes or ground-disturbing activities are proposed. Due to the nature of the proposed Project, being located along Main Street, Project operations would not result in new sources of air pollutant emissions from vehicles. Therefore, Project operation would not violate applicable air quality standards or substantially contribute to an existing or projected air quality violation.

The Project is consistent with the General Plan land use designation for the site and would not result in increased impacts associated with air quality. The Project would be subject to the applicable CCAPCD rules and regulations in addition to the General Plan policies and actions that aim to improve air quality and minimize pollutant concentrations. Therefore, the Project would have a less than significant impact related to the potential to conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan, or to result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or State ambient air quality standard.

c-d) *Less Than Significant Impact* – Sensitive receptors are those individuals within the population that have an increased sensitivity to air pollution or environmental contaminants. Sensitive receptors include children, the elderly, and those with pre-existing serious health problems affected by air quality, and sensitive receptor locations include schools, parks and playgrounds, day care center, nursing homes, hospitals, and residences. The closest sensitive receptor is Murphys Community Park which is to the south the Project site.

The primary source of odor emissions would be from cigar smoke. The front patio and the area behind the structure will only be open for cigar smoking after 7:00 p.m. after many of the adjacent businesses have closed. Therefore, the proposed Project will not create any objectionable odors near a substantial amount of people.

The CUP process would allow the public an opportunity to voice concerns about potential air quality impacts and would allow the County to impose conditions of approval to reduce potential impacts from odors. The Project would require discretionary approval from the County and, following approval, would comply with the C1 zone's intended land use. Impacts would be less than significant in this regard.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	NO IMPACT
Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or US Fish and Wildlife Service?				
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				\boxtimes
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other				
approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				

- a) **No Impact** No candidate, sensitive, or special status species are known to be on or near the Project site and there are no habitat types on the Project site suitable to support special-status species. The Project site is currently developed with commercial structures, with no physical changes proposed. The adjacent parcels to the north, east and west are developed with commercial structures, and Murphys Community Park is located adjacent to the south. The Project site is developed, and the proposed Project does not involve any physical changes; therefore, implementation of the proposed Project will not impact any special-status species or their habitat.
- b-c) **No Impact** No riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or US Fish and

Wildlife Service is known to exist on the Project site. No state or federally protected wetlands exist on or near the Project site. The nearest watercourse is Angels Creek which is located to the south running through Murphys Community Park. As the proposed Project would not include any physical changes to the Project site, the Project would not result in any impacts to these resources.

- d) No Impact The Project site is developed with an existing commercial structure and does not contain any native vegetation or suitable habitat for special status species. As the proposed Project would not include any physical changes, Project implementation would not change the condition of the Project site with respect to biological resources or habitat types. Therefore, implementation of the proposed Project would not impact any migratory corridors or interfere with the movement of any fish or wildlife species.
- e-f) **No Impact** The Project proposes to operate a cigar lounge within an existing commercial structure and would not include any physical changes. Furthermore, there are no native or protected trees on the Project site that would be removed as part of the proposed improvements. The Project site is not located within the boundaries of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or State habitat conservation plan. Therefore, the Project would not conflict with any local policies, ordinances or plans protecting biological resources.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES Would the project:	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	NO IMPACT
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to § 15064.5?				
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to § 15064.5?				
c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?				

a-c) **No Impact** – There are no known historical, cultural, or archaeological resources, nor are there any dedicated cemeteries on the Project site. As described above, the Project site has been previously developed, and the proposed Project does not include any physical changes or ground disturbing activities. Therefore, no impact to historical, cultural, or archaeological resources would occur.

VI. ENERGY

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would the project:				
a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?				
b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?				
a-b) No Impact – The Project site has been publishess, and the proposed Project does increased consumption of energy resou energy or energy efficient plan. Therefore	s not include ar rces. Calaveras	ny physical chan County has no	ges which wou t adopted a lo	uld result in an cal renewable
VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS Would the project:	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	NO IMPACT
a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist- Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.				
ii. Strong seismic ground shaking?	_		_	_
iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				
iv. Landslides?				\boxtimes
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?				
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?				\boxtimes
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste				

	available for the disposal of waste water?				
f)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				<u>E3</u>
a-f	No Impact —There is no new developmed would not expose people or structures to or liquefaction and there is no new risk are no known unique paleontological reservoject site. Therefore, no impact would	o potential sub of harm to life sources or sites	stantial adverse or property site	effects relateded ed on expansiv	d to landslides e soils. There
VI	II. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT	NO IMPACT
W	ould the project:	IIVIPACI	MITIGATION	<u>IMPACT</u>	NO IMPACT
a)	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				
b)	Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				
a-b	o) No Impact –Auto emissions are the prime County; however, the County has not accepted would not be in conflict with an Street in Murphys and is replacing an elimpact on greenhouse gasses.	dopted a plan o y such plan or	or program to re program. The F	duce GHG's so Project is locate	the proposed ed along Main
	. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	NO IMPACT
	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				
b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the				

water disposal systems where sewers are not

	release of hazardous materials into the environment?				
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				
d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?				
f)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				
g)	Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?				
a-g	not within ¼ mile of an existing or propose 2 miles of a public use airport, nor is in pursuant to Government Code Section 65 will apply to all hazardous materials that There is no adopted emergency response the parcels in question. The proposed I Project application was routed to all comments were received.	ed school, is no t included on a 5962.5. All appli at may be used se plan or emer Project does no	t located in an ai list of hazardo icable Federal, S or stored on th gency evacuatio t impede any tr	rport land use us materials sitate, and Counce Project site on plan specific affic or alter a	plan or within ites compiled ty regulations in the future. cally involving ny roads. The
Χ.	HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	NO IMPACT
W	ould the project:	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	
a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?				
b)	Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede				

	sustainable groundwater management of the basin?					
c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:					
	(i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;				\boxtimes	
	(ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on or offsite;					
	(iii) create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or					
	(iv) impede or redirect flood flows?					
d)	In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?					
e)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?					
a-e) No Impact – No construction is proposed with this application. Project operations would not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality. All structures along Main Street in Murphys are currently serviced by public water from Calaveras County Water District (CCWD). The Project does not propose any physical changes that would introduce new impervious surfaces to a previously undeveloped area. Therefore, the Project would not substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the Project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin. As the Project does not propose any physical changes, it would not result in any changes to existing topography or drainage patterns of the Project site or the surrounding areas. The Project site is not in a flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zone. There is no water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan for the area of the County in which the Project site is located.						
ΧI	LAND USE AND PLANNING	<u>POTENTIALLY</u> SIGNIFICANT	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH	<u>LESS THAN</u> SIGNIFICANT		

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	or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				
	Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				
	For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				
a)	Less Than Significant Impact – Certain I general, these uses include residences space/recreation areas where quiet en and safety of the community. The Propand is adjacent to other commercial Community Park directly adjacent to the in any physical changes, no construction would operate as a similar commercial downtown commercial strip, the Projecusing Main Street and would have a new The Project would be required to community Noise Ordinance, which provides The CUP process would allow the publimpacts and would allow the County to impacts. The Project would require approval, would comply with the C1 significant in this regard.	s, schools, hosporized site is curred businesses. The south of the norelated noise cial use to wheat would not conflictly with the Conflict an opportunction impose condiscretionary	pital facilities, he necessary for tently developed The nearest ser Project site. As impacts will occur was existing areate an increason existing ambitation of approval from	ouses of worshe enjoyment, with a commensitive receptor the Project words. In addition, and is located in the number that hoise levels that and ards enument which may not a reduce pother County and to reduce pother county and to reduce pother county and the county and the county and the county and the county and to reduce pother county and the count	nip, and open public health, ercial business in is Murphys puld not result as the Project ed within the per of vehicles is. Therefore exceeded to the exceeded otential noise on the noise of the following in the public public is and the exceeded of the exceeded of the noise of the noise of the following is and the public p
b-c)	No Impact – Given that the Project we vibration and would comply with all substantial temporary or permanent in excess of standards established in the Project would not generate excession Project site is not located within the viction will be soft a public airport or public to the project of a public airport or public to the project site is not located within the viction will be soft a public airport or public to the project site is not located within the viction will be soft a public airport or public to the project with all substantial temporary or permanent in the project with all substantial temporary or permanent in the project with all substantial temporary or permanent in the project with all substantial temporary or permanent in the project with all substantial temporary or permanent in the project with all substantial temporary or permanent in the project would not generate excession and the project with all substantial temporary or permanent in the project would not generate excession and the project with a project	noise requirencese in ambine County Gerive groundborn inity of a privat	ements, the Profession of the Profession of the Profession of Profession of State of Profession of State of the Profession of State of Profession of State of the Profession of State of Profession of State of the Profession of State of Profession of State of the Profession of State of The Profession of Profession of State of The Profession of The Profes	oject would no in the vicinity ise Ordinance. roundborne no	ot generate a of the Project Furthermore, ise levels. The
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	ould the project:	— -		— -	_
	Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example,	Ц		Ц	

by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				
a-b) No Impact – The Project proposes to open Project does not propose new reside substantial population growth. The site induce substantial unplanned population existing people or housing, necessitating impacts would occur.	ntial, or emplo does not conta on growth to t	oyment-generati ain any housing. he area or disp	ing uses that Thus, the Proj lace substantia	would induce ect would not al numbers of
Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	NO IMPACT
Fire protection?				<u> </u>
Police protection?				
Schools?				
Parks?				
Other public facilities?				
<i>No Impact</i> – The Project was circulated	d to the Murph	ys Fire Protecti	on District and	d the Sheriff's

No Impact – The Project was circulated to the Murphys Fire Protection District and the Sheriff's Department and no comments were provided either in writing or verbally regarding the proposed Project significantly altering response times or other performance objectives. The proposed Project would not result in the construction of new or physically altered fire facilities. The Project does not propose new residential, or employment-generating uses that would induce substantial population growth and would not result in impacts to fire or police protection services resulting in the need for new or physically altered facilities. Thus, the Project would not require the need for new or physically altered fire or police station facilities in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives. These entities currently provide services to the existing commercial strip in downtown Murphys without difficulty.

The Project does not propose any physical changes and would not induce population growth within the County that would potentially result in a significant increase in the use of existing schools, parks, or other public facilities within the area. The Project would not involve the construction of new schools, parks, or other public facilities, nor would it result in the need for new or physically altered schools, parks, or other public facilities. Therefore, the Project would not result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered schools, parks, or other public facilities.

XVI. RECREATION	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	NO IMPACT
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				

a-b) **No Impact** – The proposed Project would not increase the use of any existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities in the vicinity. Development of recreational facilities is not proposed as part of the Project. No impact would occur.

XVII. TRANSPORTATION Would the project:	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	NO IMPACT
a) Conflict with a program plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities?				
b) Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines §15064.3, subdivision (b)?				
c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				
d) Result in inadequate emergency access?				

- a) **No Impact** The Project proposes a new commercial business in an existing structure along the commercial strip of downtown Murphys and does not propose any physical changes to the Project site or the surrounding area. The Project would not conflict with any plans, ordinances, or policies addressing the circulation system.
- b) **Less Than Significant Impact** –The Project structure is occupied with a wine tasting room. As this Project would entail the operation of a similar commercial use, it would not result in a significant change to the current vehicle miles traveled attributable to the current use, and therefore, would have a less than significant impact to transportation.
- c) No Impact The Project proposes to operate a cigar lounge in a commercial structure which was previously used as a wine tasting room. Thus, the Project would not introduce an incompatible use to the site. Further, the Project would not introduce a geometric design feature such as sharp curves or dangerous intersections.
- d) **No Impact** The Project does not propose any physical changes to the Project site or the surrounding area. Thus, the Project would not result in inadequate emergency access. The project was circulated to the Murphys Fire Protection District and the Sheriff's Department and no objection was provided either written or verbal regarding the construction of a new church in the area significantly altering response times or other performance objectives.

XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:

- a) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or
- b) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.

POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	NO IMPACT

a-b) **No Impact** — As discussed in Section 4.5, Cultural Resources, there are no known cultural or archaeological resources or dedicated cemeteries on the Project site. The Project site has been developed with a structure and used commercially along the downtown Murphys commercial strip, and the Project does not include any physical changes or ground disturbing activities. Therefore, no impact to tribal cultural resources would occur. As part of the processing of the project application, County staff initiated consultation with tribes that have requested formal notification of proposed projects within their geographic area of traditional and cultural affiliation per AB 52 Notification Request, Public Resources Code Section 21080.3(b). The Calaveras Band of Miwuk Indians, the California Valley Miwok Tribe, and the Ione Band of Miwok Indians have been notified of this project. No responses were received from the tribes.

XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	NO IMPACT
Would the project: a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, stormwater drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?				
b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?				
c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				
d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?				\boxtimes
e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				

a-e) **No Impact** – The Project proposes operation of a cigar lounge in an existing commercial structure. No new water, wastewater, electrical, natural gas, or telecommunications infrastructure or facilities would be constructed. Operation of the proposed Project would not generate demand for utilities requiring the relocation or construction of new or expanded facilities. The Project site is served by

public water and sewer, and no physical changes are proposed. Thus, no impact to water supplies or wastewater treatment capacity would occur as a result of the proposed Project. The Project application was circulated to utility agencies for an opportunity to comment on the project. The County has not received any letters concerning impacts to their services. The Red Hill Transfer Station is located not far from the project site, which has adequate capacity to serve the solid waste disposal needs of the Project and would not require expansion of the facility to accommodate its needs. No impact would occur in this regard.

If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	NO IMPACT
a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				
b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?				
c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines, or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?				
d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?				

a-d) **No Impact** – The Calaveras County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) outlines the functions, responsibilities, and regional risk assessments of Calaveras County for large scale emergencies such as wildland fires, hazardous materials incidents, flooding, and dam failure. The EOP addresses the planned response to extraordinary emergency situations and establishes a flexible, all hazards, emergency management organization required to facilitate the response to, and provide for short term recovery activities related to any significant emergency or disaster affecting Calaveras County. The EOP tasks the Calaveras County Sheriff's Department with authority and responsibility for evacuation and movement of citizens in times of crisis, including the identification of evacuation routes (Calaveras County, 2019).

The Project does not propose activities that would substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. The Project would not require the installation or

maintenance of new infrastructure that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment. The Project would not expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes. No impact would occur in this regard.

XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE	POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION	LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT	NO IMPACT
a) Does the project have the potential to Substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?				
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				

- a) **No Impact** Based on the information and analysis provided throughout this Initial Study, implementation of the proposed Project would not substantially degrade the quality of the environment and would not substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of rare or endangered plants or animals, or eliminate important examples of California history or prehistory. There are no known habitat or species or cultural resources that will be impacted by the proposed Project. The Project site is currently developed and located along the downtown Murphys commercial strip.
- b) **No Impact** The proposed cigar lounge would not create a cumulative impact to any of the items discussed above. The proposed use is permitted in the Local Commercial zone with a CUP; therefore, the Project is consistent with the General Plan and Zoning Code. The impacts discussed above are

either minor in nature or can be addressed through the compliance with County and State Development Standards. The proposed Project would not increase traffic compared to existing conditions; therefore, the proposed Project would not significantly contribute to cumulative impacts to vehicle miles traveled. The proposed Project would not result in a significant contribution to cumulatively considerable impacts.

c) **No Impact** – The analysis of environmental issues contained in this Initial Study indicates that the project is not expected to have substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly. Best management practices, compliance with standard regulations, and conditions of approval will reduce any impacts to a level of less than significant.

REFERENCES

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Attachment #3 **Project Application**

Project No.	
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APPLICATION FOR LANI	D USE DEVELOPMENT
General Plan Amendment (GPA) Zoning Amendment (ZA) Tentative Subdivision Tract Map (TSTM) Tentative Parcel Map (TPM)	Administrative Use Permit (AUP) Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Planned Development (PD) Other
NOTE: FAILURE TO FULLY COMPLETE APPI ATTACHMENTS COULD DELAY THE PROCES	
Applicant (s): Name Annalinda Samson / Mauricio Maheo	:ha
	City Murphys, CA 95247
Mailing Address 738 Clara Vista Avenue	City/ZIP Santa Clara 95050
	(Home)
Email knights_ot_long_ash@yahoo.com	(**************************************
Landowner (s): Name Jim Riggs	NA. mah. m. 05047
	_{City/ZIP} Murphys, 95247
Phone (Business) 2097289424	(Home)
Email Name and address of property owner's duly auth notice of hearing. (Section 65091 – Calif. Govt. 6	•
Authorized Agent:	
_{Name} Karen Kaua	
Mailing Address 280 Scott Street	City/ZIP Murphys, 95247
	(Home)
Email kkaua95247@gmail.com	
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Assessor's Parcel Number(s): 66002017, 66002018	Parcel Size: 0.34 Acres
Site location, including physical address, with directions to 419 Main Street, Murphys, Ca 95247	the project site:
Detailed Project Description (or attach separate document Taking over existing Winery Tasting Room (Mineral Wines) and	changing it to a Beer & Wine Cigar Lounge. The
existing structure, along with back yard and front patio, will rema	
used for storage, as food will NOT be prepared due to cigar smo	
main structure to keep the amount of smoke to a minimum (ie. F	RADDIT Air Filters for both the walls and floors)
Front patio to be general use during the day, with cigar smoking	to be allowed each evening after 1700 ONLY.
We will bring in a "Plug & Use" beer system that is self-containe	d and have 6 taps. Bottled beer and soft drinks
will also be made available; while wine will be purchased via Ve	ndor or ABC License to sell by the glass. Cigars
will be purchased via vendor as well, and sold as a per item trar	saction, being stored on-site in humidors.
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EXISTING LAND USE INF	FORMATION
Describe the existing use of the property:	
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Existing General Plan Designation(s): Historic Center	RECEIVED
Existing Zoning Designation(s): C1 Local Commercia	MAR 16 2023
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Describe the	existing man-made features of the subject property, including buildings, roads, wells,
septic system	os, etc.:
Main Stree	et, main building, front patio, kitchen, 1 toilet bathroom,
enclosed b	packyard/beer garden
Describe any	known archaeological, paleontological, or historical resources on the subject property.
	aeological Sensitivity designation from the General Plan Map V-13. Check appropriate (Medium/Moderate) (Low) . If sensitivity is shown as high or
medium/mode	erate an archaeological assessment study will be required prior to completing the
environmenta	review. If an assessment has been completed on a prior project that included the
project area, ¡ N/A	provide the information where the study can be found.
Describe the	existing natural features of the subject property, including terrain or topography,
	odies of water, wetland habitat (marsh, riparian, vernal pools), etc.:
•	y parking lot in back - dirt, not graded
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Describe the	Planning Department existing land uses within 500 feet of the subject property. (Example: Five single family
	the north, a duplex and pine forest to the west, a state highway and a gas station to the zing land to the south.) Be specific:
east, and graa North:	744
South:	MAIN STREET, RETAIL BUTLDINGS
South: East:	RETAIL BUILDINGS, WINERY TASTENS ROOM, PARKING LOT - DIRT
	2x WENERY TASTENC ROOMS, MURPHYS IRISH PUB
West:	RETAIL BUILDENES, S. ALGIERS STREET, MURPHYS HISTORIC HOTEL

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Access: Name of road on which property fronts: Main Street
Name of road on which property fronts:
If property fronts on a private road, provide the name of nearest publicly maintained road: N/A
If the subject property does not have frontage on a County road or State highway, describe the legal access to the property from the nearest public road: N/A N/A
Level of Service (Check with Calaveras County Public Works Department):
PROJECT SPECIFIC QUESTIONS
Will grading be required to implement the proposed use?
f yes, estimate the total cubic yards that will be moved and explain what will be done with the graded material:
Will there be any potentially hazardous materials or toxic substances, flammables or explosives used, stored, manufactured or disposed of at the site? Yes No f yes, list and describe the method of disposal of these items:
Describe any odor, noise, smoke, or dust which will result from the proposal:
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GPA	Proposed General Plan Designation:		MAR
ZA	Proposed Zoning:		MAR 16 2023
ТЅТМ	Proposed Land Division:		laveras County
& TPM	Total Acres:	Number of Lots: Plan	ning Departmen
	Minimum Lot Size:		
TSTM	Type of proposed land uses for land d	ivisions:	
& TPM	Natural Resource: Ag/Timber/Mineral	lots	total acres
	Single Family Residential	lots	total acres
	Multi-Family Residential	lots	total acres
	Commercial	lots	total acres
	Industrial	lots	total acres
	Public Service	lots	total acres
	Recreation/Open Space	lots	total acres
CUP/PD	Is the proposed use part of an intende	d larger future project? Yes	No
CUP/PD	Will all proposed uses be confined with If no, describe what activities will not be Front patio and back beer gar	e (including storage that will oc	-
CUP/PD	Expected total number of people to be employed at the proposed uses: Full Time 1 Part Time 1		
CUP/PD	For commercial uses, the number of p	arking spaces to be provided:	0
CUP/PD	Estimated number of vehicles to use the		
CUP/PD	How many trees with a breast-height or result of the site development?		e removed as a
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Any additional inf	formation or explanation parate sheet of paper.	ns supporting the p	proposal is encou	raged and may be
submitted on a se	parate sheet of paper.			

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Real property within or adjacent to areas zoned for agricultural operations or an agricultural operations may be subject to inconveniences or discomfort arising from a County has determined that the use of real property for agricultural operations, as defining high priority and a proper and necessary use, and will not consider the inconvenient from agricultural operations to be a nuisance if such operations are consistent practices and standards.	such operations. Calaveras efined by County Code, is a nces or discomforts arising
By our signatures below, I (We), as applicant(s) and property owner(s), hereby ack understood this disclosure.	nowledge having read and
Right of Entry By our signatures below, I (We), as applicant(s) and property owner(s), hereby acknown application, and under the authority of Government Code Section 65105, County performance of their functions, may enter upon the subject property and make opprovided that the entries, examinations and surveys do not interfere with the use of lawfully entitled to the possession thereof.	agency personnel, in the examinations and surveys,
<u>Verification of Application / Declaration Under Penalty of NOTE</u> : If someone other than an individual applicant or landowner signs below (e.g. la representatives, agents) satisfactory documentation of signature authority must be proinstructions]. Each record title property owner must sign the application.	ousiness entity
APPLICANT(S):	
By my signature(s) below, I (we) provide the acknowledgment and consent described declare under penalty of perjury that I am (we are) the applicant(s) for the project d and I (we) have completed and verified the truthfulness and accuracy of this application required for its submittal.	escribed in this application,
Printed Name(s) of Applicant(s): Annalinda Samson / Mauricio Mahecha	
Authorized Signature:	Date: 2/28/2023
Authorized Signature: Date:2	/28/2023
LANDOWNER(S):	
By my signature(s) below, I (we) provide the acknowledgment and consent describ declare under penalty of perjury that I am (we are) the record title owner(s) of the pr described in this application will be located and I (we) consent to the applicant's(a submission of this application.	operty on which the project
Printed Name(s) of Property Owner(s): Jim Riggs	
Authorized Signature:Date:	3-1-65
Authorized Signature:Date:	
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Method of Payment [] Cash [X] Check # 519 Amount \$5642.00	MAR 1.6 2023
Amount	(Revised August 11, 2022)
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Cash Register Receipt

Calaveras County, CA
Department of Planning

Receipt Number PLNG373

PLNG2023-00014 Address: 431 MAIN ST APN: 066002018

Fee Group Description	QTY	PAID
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT DEPOSIT PW	1	\$760.00
Total		\$760.00
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FEES		
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FEE 1 PLNG	1	\$4,147.36
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FEE 2 FIRE	1	\$360.64
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FEE 4 EMA	1	\$266.00
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FEE 5 OSW	1	\$108.00
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FEES Total		\$4,882.00
Total Fees Paid:		\$5,642.00

Date Paid: Thursday, March 16, 2023

Paid By: Annalinda Samson

Cashier: Jaclyn Taylor Pay Method: CHECK 519

