

**From:** [Erik Markegard](#)  
**To:** [Sonal Aggarwal](#)  
**Cc:** [Summer Burlison](#); [Eleonor Hilario](#)  
**Subject:** Re: VIO2023-00089/PLN2023-00112, 350 Madera Lane - Resubmittal still not received - 9/17/24  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 6:10:41 PM

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Hello Erik,

I have been advised from the operations standpoint, that pond is not an issue for our facilities, and we see no need for the land owner to do anything.

Thank you and Stay Safe,

**Kevin Wun ( He/Him/His ) – Land Agent**  
**Pacific Gas and Electric Company**  
**300 Lakeside Dr**  
**Oakland, CA 94612**

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On Sep 17, 2024, at 6:04 PM, Erik Markegard <[erik@markegardfamily.com](mailto:erik@markegardfamily.com)> wrote:

Sonal,

I am so so sorry, right after our meeting I started getting my ducks in a row, including getting a letter from PG&E about them being fine with the pond. Then I had a major crisis in my family and I completely dropped the ball. I do feel guilty every time I drive by Madera, so I will get the ball rolling again ASAP.

Sorry

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On Sep 17, 2024, at 2:53 PM, Sonal Aggarwal  
<saggarwal@smcgov.org> wrote:

Hi Erik,

It's been a long time since we heard back from you. Just want to check how things are moving along. We are in September now, and the last I heard from you was April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Please submit your plans/proposal to us by October 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 to move your application along.

Regards,  
**Sonal Aggarwal** (she/her)\*  
Planner III

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**From:** Sonal Aggarwal  
**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2024 1:41 PM  
**To:** Erik Markegard <erik@markegardfamily.com>  
**Cc:** Summer Burlison <sburlison@smcgov.org>  
**Subject:** PLN2023-00112, 350 Madera Lane - Next Steps and Process for this Permit - March 29, 2024.

Hello Erik,

After meeting with the management it was decided that the freezer can be classified as “supportive of Ag” and can utilize the 30 feet front setback. We will still classify the stacked shipping containers as “Facilities for processing, storing, packaging and shipping of agricultural products” under Section 6353 B. 12., which would require a PAD Permit. However, since the containers are supportive of Agricultural use, and comply with the Categorical Exemption F. 1., we will process this as a CDX instead of a CDP. You will still need to go to the Planning Commission hearing for your PAD Permit. Before the project goes to the Planning Commission, all departments should have signed off. Once all departments have signed off, I'll work on the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and take the project to the Planning Commission once the notice period of the MND is over. Once all of this is done, then you can submit your plans to the Building Department for your Building Permit.

To move forward, you will have to address all previously made comments. Demonstrate that the pond is used for aquaculture or agricultural activities, or **remove the pond** (either through a revised scope of work or as a condition of approval).

Thanks, and let me know if you have any questions about the information shared above.

Please re-submit your full proposal along with a detailed proposal for the pond by **April 22nd**. Let me know if you will need more time for re-submission.

Thanks!

Regards,  
Sonal Aggarwal

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**From:** Erik Markegard <erik@markegardfamily.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:07 PM  
**To:** Sonal Aggarwal <[sagarwal@smcgov.org](mailto:sagarwal@smcgov.org)>; Summer Burlison

<[sburlison@smcgov.org](mailto:sburlison@smcgov.org)>; Steve Monowitz <[smonowitz@smcgov.org](mailto:smonowitz@smcgov.org)>

**Subject:** Re: Storing Frozen, packaged meat is not considered Agriculture according to the San Mateo County planning department.

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Can you please explain to us why the planning department doesn't consider a freezer storing our meat an agricultural building. I am going to pass on your response to a group of people. Because when I'm reaching out for assistance, everyone's response is, how can you not consider it agriculture. So I need it in writing so I can forward it to everyone.

Thank You

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On Feb 1, 2024, at 4:07 PM, Erik Markegard  
<[erik@markegardfamily.com](mailto:erik@markegardfamily.com)> wrote:

Sonal and Summer,

Thank you both for meeting me today. on the way back over to the coast I made some phone calls. I called Kathy Webster with Left Coast Grass Fed and TomKat Ranch. I also have a call into our Ag Ombudsman Eliza Milio. Kathy is making some calls and reaching out to some people that can give us some advice on how to convince your department that a handful of us Local Meat Producers storing our own meat should absolutely fall under an agricultural building. We direct market all of our meat. We do not wholesale. I am a rancher and I manage own or lease over 15,000 acres in San Mateo, Sonoma, and Marin counties. Including eleven properties in this county. We raise all of our own livestock. Cattle, Sheep, Pigs, and Chickens. Everything we raise we haul to a USDA kill plant, then a USDA certified delivery is made to a local USDA Certified butcher called Sonoma Meats. Then we pick up our packaged USDA certified meat and we deliver it to our customers in the San Francisco Bay

area. There are only a handful of us in San Mateo County Still trying to scratch out a living in agriculture so please find a way to help the Markegard Family legalize this agricultural barn to store meat and hay. The foundation would be impossible to move back to meet a 50 foot setback. And even if I could, it would block the driveway that accesses the property. But I am totally willing to do realistic things to help in legalizing this building. I have no problem moving the portable generator that does not meet the 50 foot setback. I am totally willing to plant any kind of trees or hedgerow along Highway 84 so the building is not visible from the turnout across the highway from the property.

I will let you know as soon as Kathy and Eliza get back to me with some advice.

Erik Markegard

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