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August 19, 2025

#### COASTAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARD PERMIT AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY WORK CASE FILE EM\_2025-0002

OWNER/ APPLICANT: Young Kim

P.O. Box 500

Mendocino, CA 95460

AGENT: Debra Lennox

P.O. Box 798

Mendocino, CA 95460

SITE ADDRESS/ APN: 7746 N. Highway 1, Little River (APN: 121-280-17)

NATURE OF EMERGENCY: Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Chapter 6.7, Section

25292.05, the State Water Resources Control Board requires that all single-walled underground storage tanks (USTs) and non-exempt single-walled piping (SWTs) be permanently closed by December 31, 2025. This mandate applies without exception and necessitates immediate action to ensure compliance within

the specified deadline.

CAUSE OF EMERGENCY: The emergency stems from a State Water Resources Control

Board mandate requiring the permanent closure of all single-walled underground storage tanks (USTs) and non-exempt single-walled piping (SWTs) by December 31, 2025. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the forced closure of affected businesses. Additionally, the continued operation of these aging systems poses significant health, safety, and

environmental risks due to the potential for fuel leaks.

**REMEDIAL ACTION:** This Emergency Permit authorizes that all single-walled

underground storage tanks (USTs) and non-exempt singlewalled piping (SWTs) be permanently closed and removed. Per California Health and Safety Code, Section 25298, this will require the applicant to demonstrate to the local agency that all residual amounts of the hazardous substance or hazardous substances which were stored in the tank system prior to its closure have been removed, properly disposed of, and neutralized. The applicant shall adequately seal the tank system to minimize any threat to the public safety and the possibility of water intrusion into, or runoff from, the tank system. The applicant shall provide for, and carry out, the maintenance of the tank system as the local agency determines is necessary for the period of time the local agency requires. The applicant shall demonstrate to the appropriate agency, which has jurisdiction over the site, that the site has been investigated to determine if there are any present, or were past, releases, and if so, that appropriate corrective or remedial actions have been taken. The contractor will disconnect, drain, and remove the existing dispensers. Fuel piping at the turbine sump will be disconnected, drained, purged, and triple-rinsed before removal of fuel lines. A trench following the existing fuel line path will be excavated from the tank pit to the dispensers. Soil samples will be collected from underground containment system (UCS) locations at intervals of every 20 linear feet along the fuel line trench. Samples will be tested according to local agency recommendations. All fuel and cleaning materials will be collected in Department of Transportation (DOT)-approved drums and disposed of at a certified disposal facility. Two existing underground storage tanks will be purged, cleaned, and removed. The contractor will verify that all tanks slated for removal are free of hazardous vapors and are confirmed "inert" before removal by measuring lower explosive limit (LEL) and upper explosive limit (UEL) levels to ensure compliance with local agency standards. Two underground storage tanks will be labeled as "empty/clean/inert" and hauled as non-hazardous waste to a metal scrap yard. One underground storage tank located under the building will be partially removed and filled in place. Additionally, the contractor shall secure all open hazardous holes by installing temporary safety fencing during the removal of the tanks, as well as implementing best management practices. All work will be performed by Beacom Construction Co., holding State Contractor License No. 00168923 and ICC License for UST Installation and Retrofitting No. 5238454.

See the attached Emergency Permit application, site plan, construction plans, and a complete detailed scope of work prepared by the contractor.

CIRCUMSTANCES TO JUSTIFY EMERGENCY:

Failure to authorize this emergency work may result in forced business closure under the State Water Resources Control Board mandate, which requires all single-walled underground storage tanks (USTs) and non-exempt single-walled piping (SWTs) to be permanently closed by December 31, 2025. Furthermore, delaying this work increases the risk of fuel leaks, potentially resulting in serious health, safety, and environmental impacts.

COMPLIANCE:

Permits for Approval of Emergency Work are subject to MCC Sec. 20.536.060 *et seq*.

This emergency permit is effective immediately and shall become null and void at the end of sixty (60) days. Prior to expiration of this Emergency Permit, the applicant shall submit a standard Coastal Development Permit application for the work authorized by this permit.

RECOMMENDED BY:

MARCO RODRIGUEZ, PLANNER I

8-25-2025

#### APPROVED BY:

#### ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Location Map
- B. Aerial Map
- C. Aerial Map (Site)
- D. Topographical Map
  E. Site Map
  F. General Plan Map

- G. Zoning Map
- H. LCP Maps
- I. Adjacent Owner Map
  J. Fire Hazards Map
  K. Flood Zone

- L. Slope Map
- M. Soils Map
- N. Ground Water Resource Area
- O. Highly Scenic/Tree Removal
- P. Wetlands Q. Wildland-Urban Interface
- R. Important Farmlands
- S. School District
- T. Landslide Hazards
- U. State ParksV. Application
- W. Project Plans
- X. Health and Safety Code Section 25292.05
- Y. Health and Safety Code Section 25298





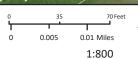


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Major Towns & Places

Assessors Parcels



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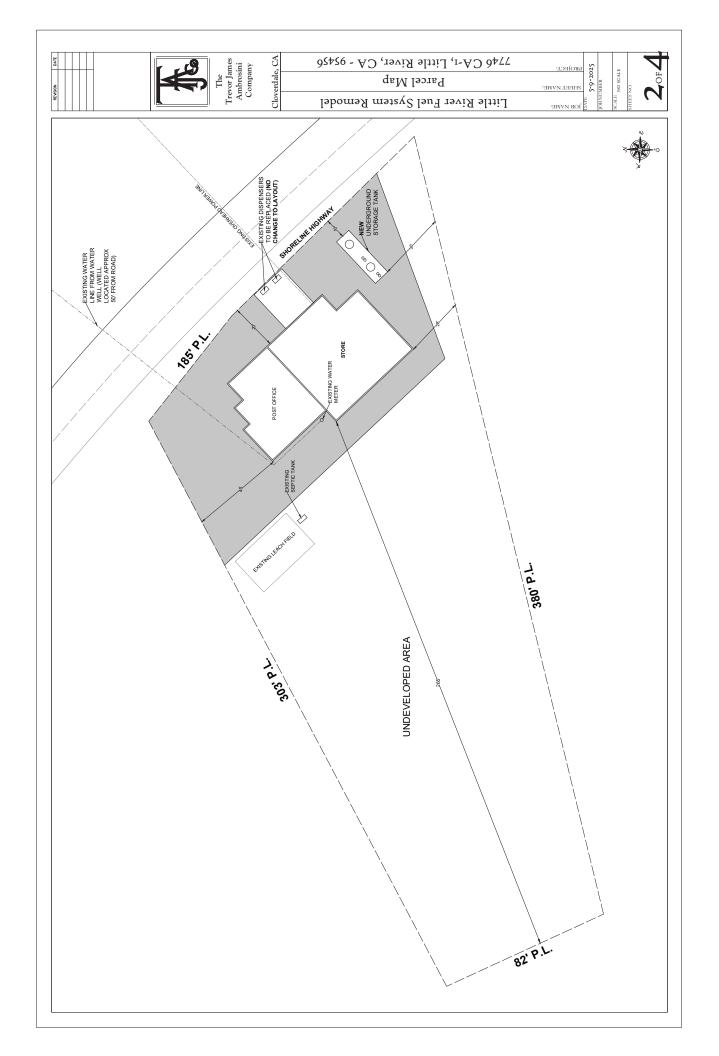
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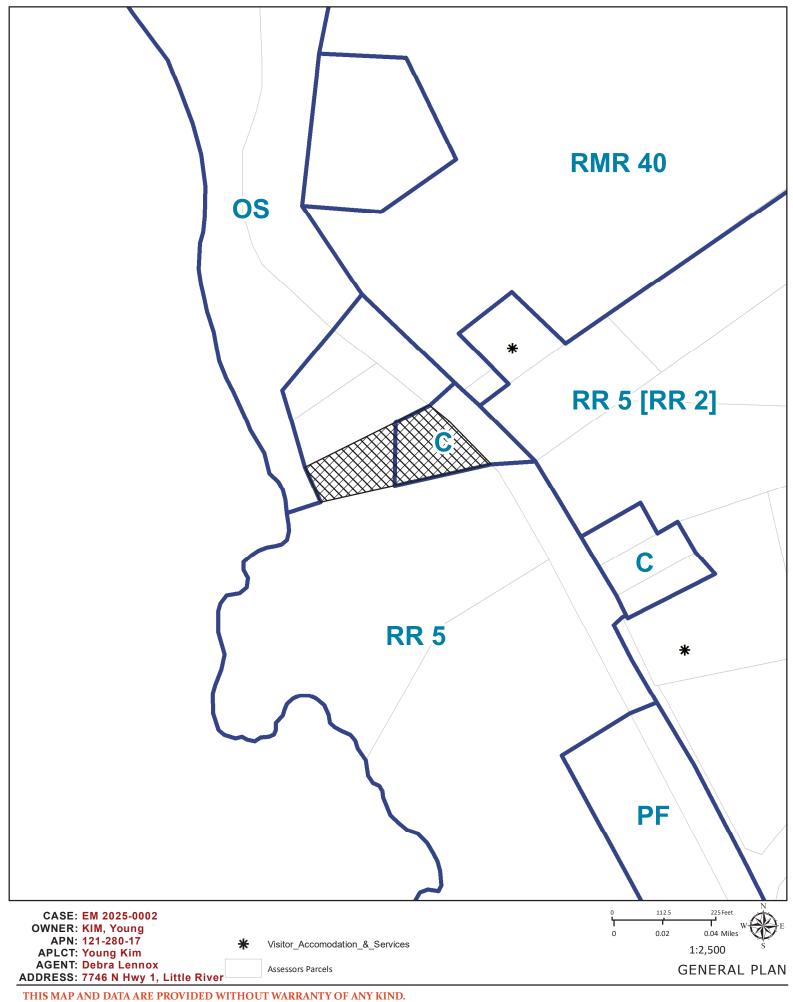
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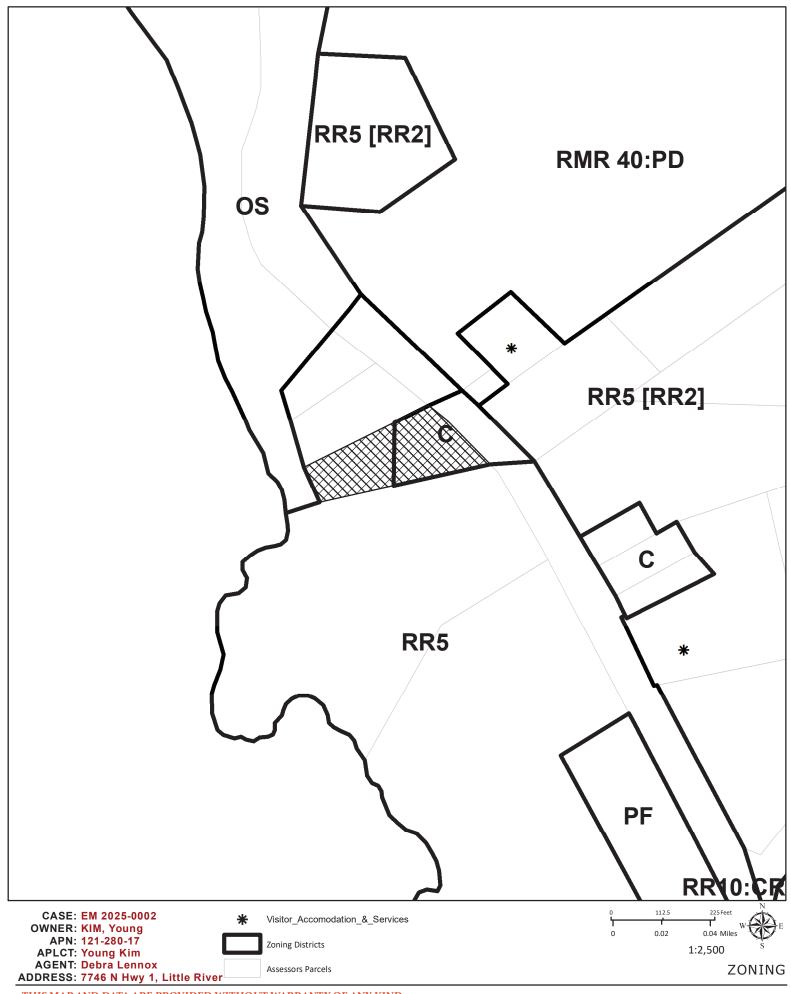
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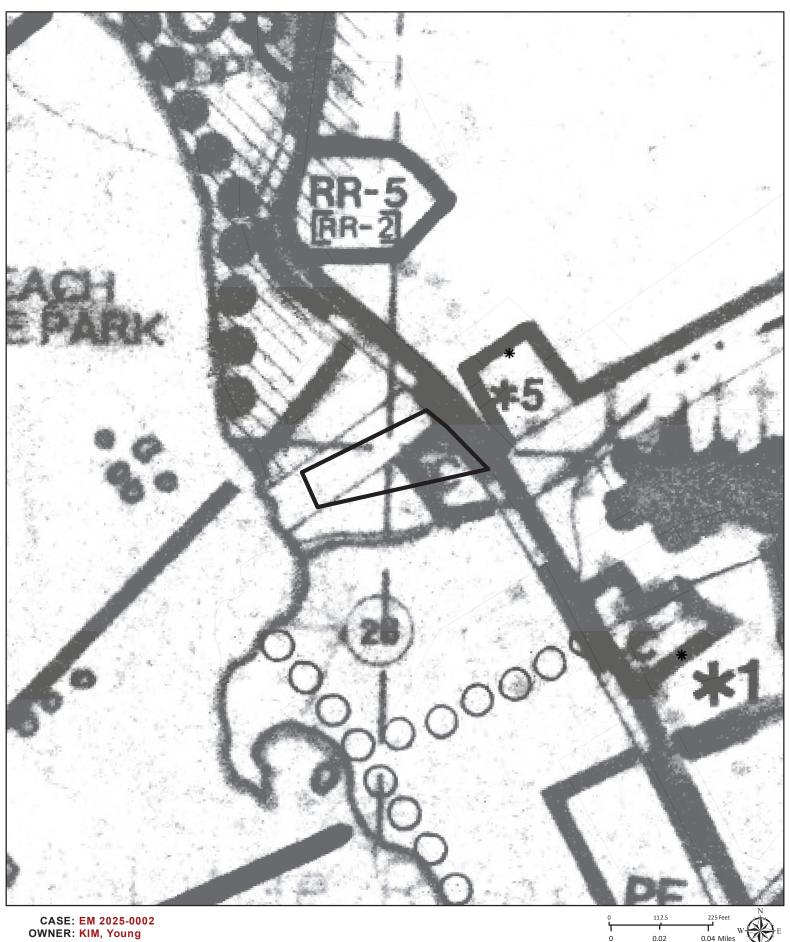
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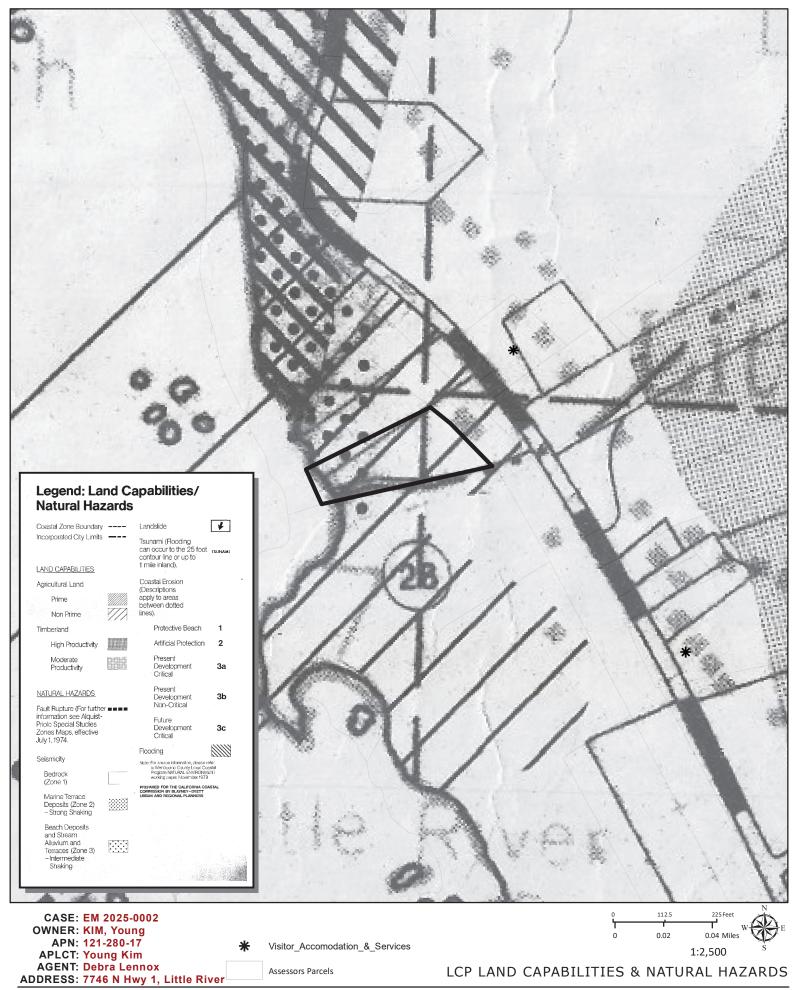


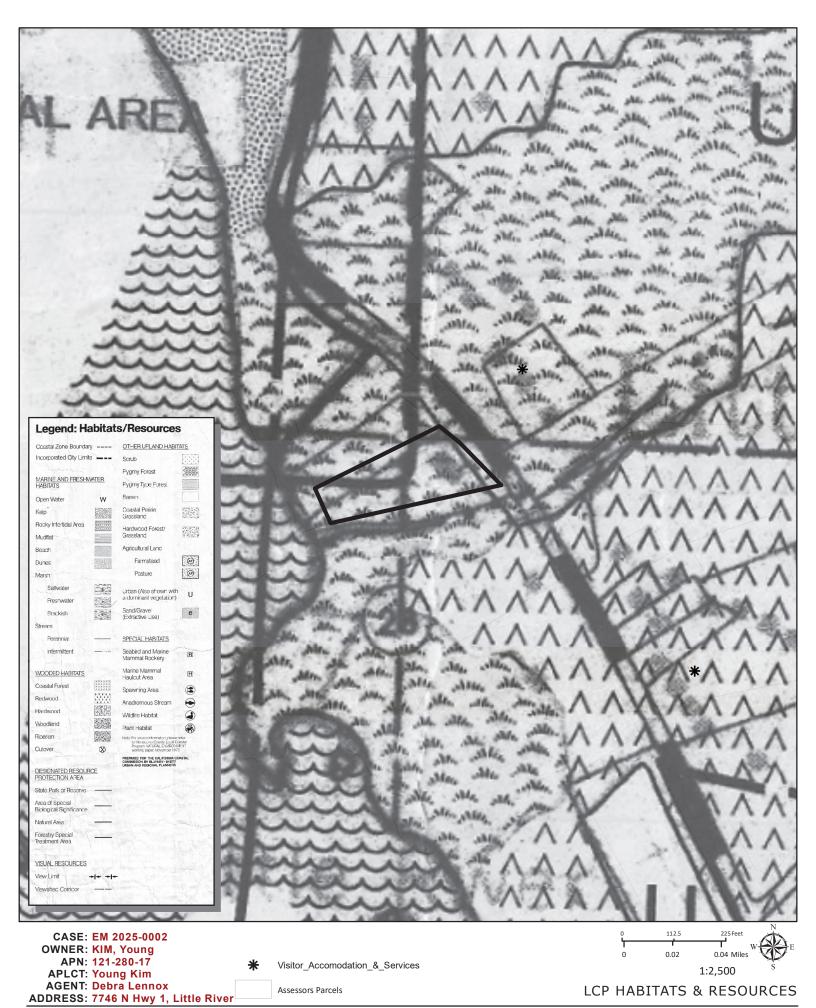




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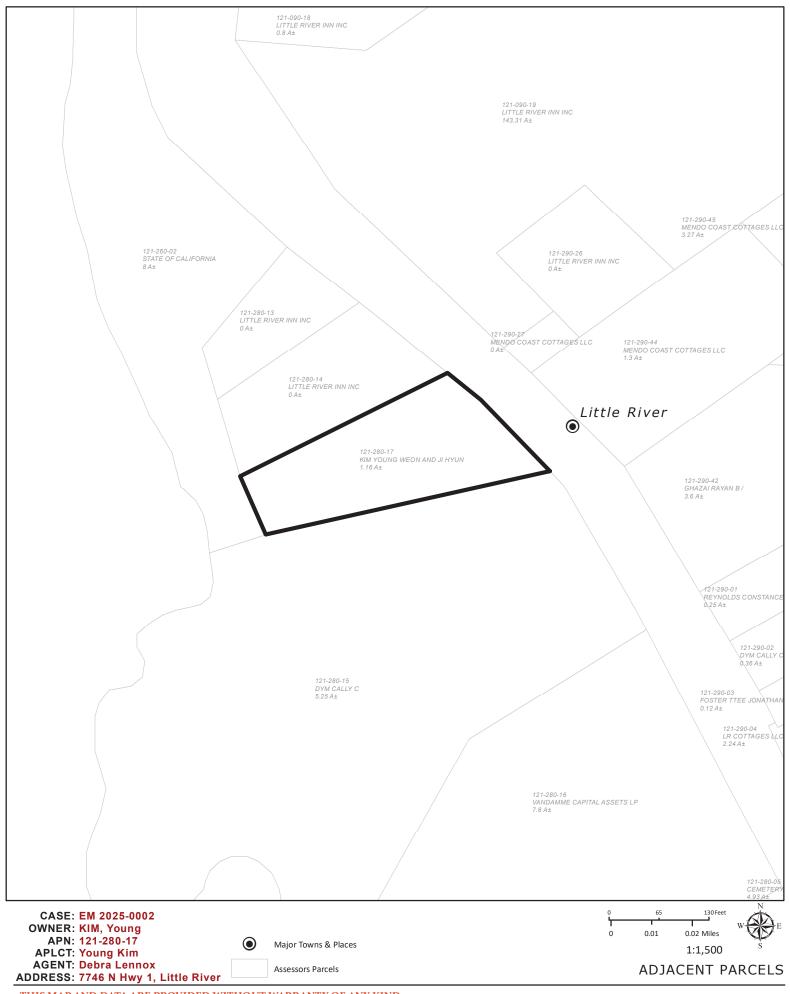


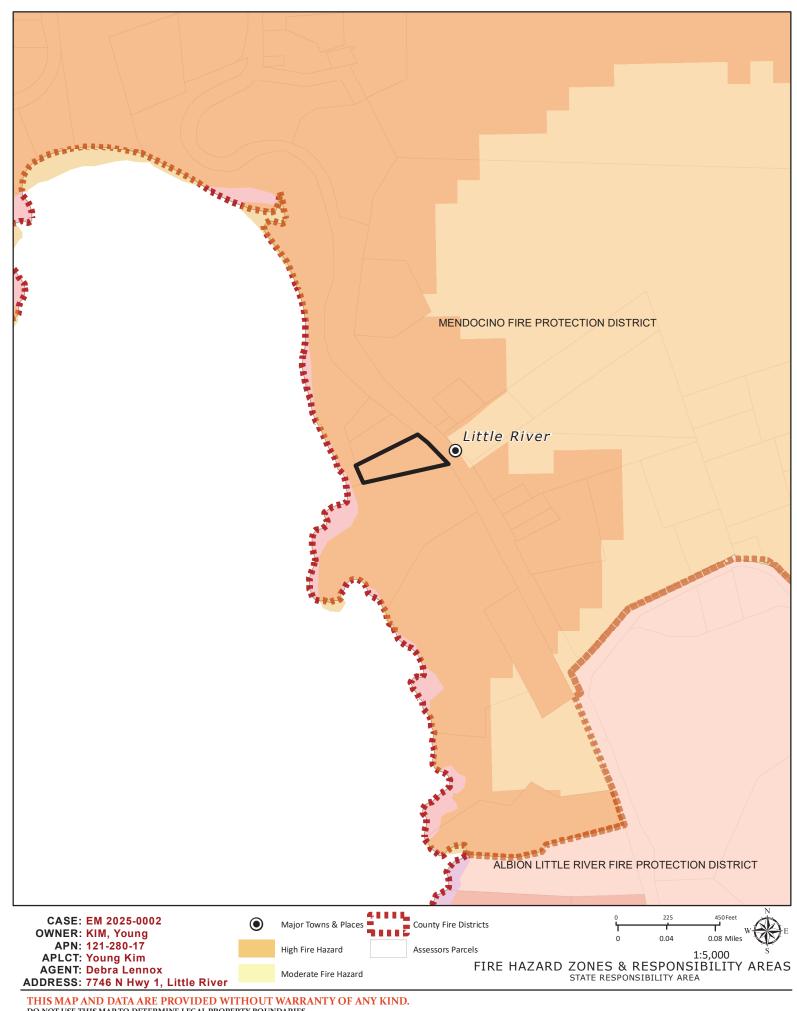


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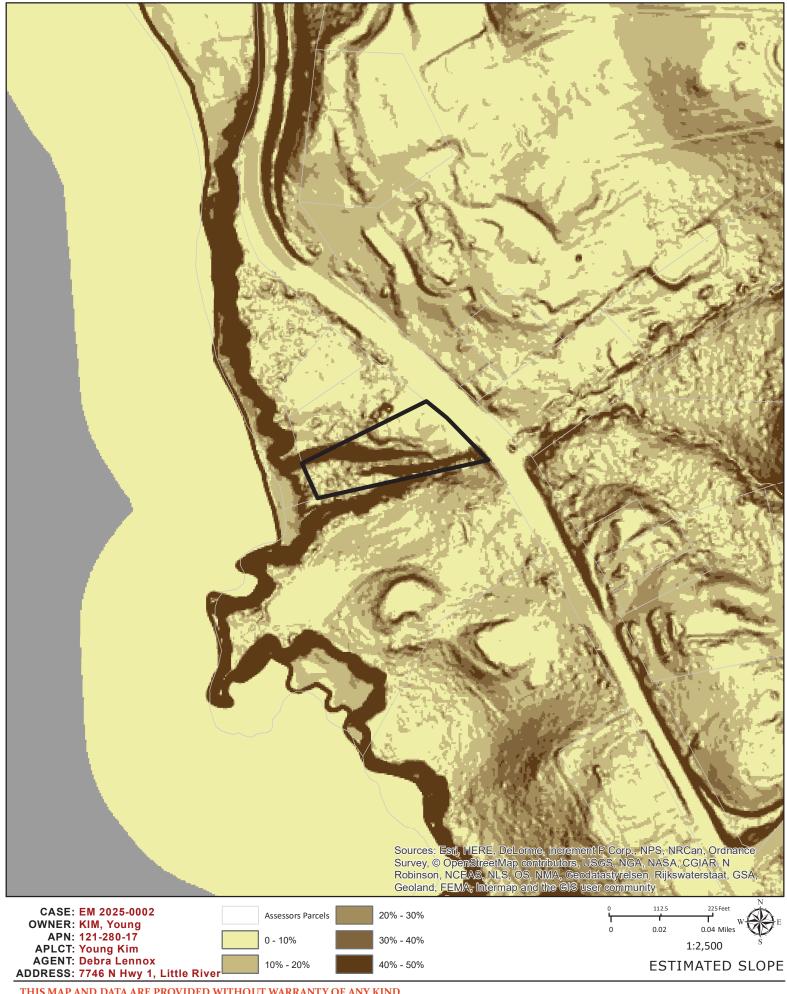
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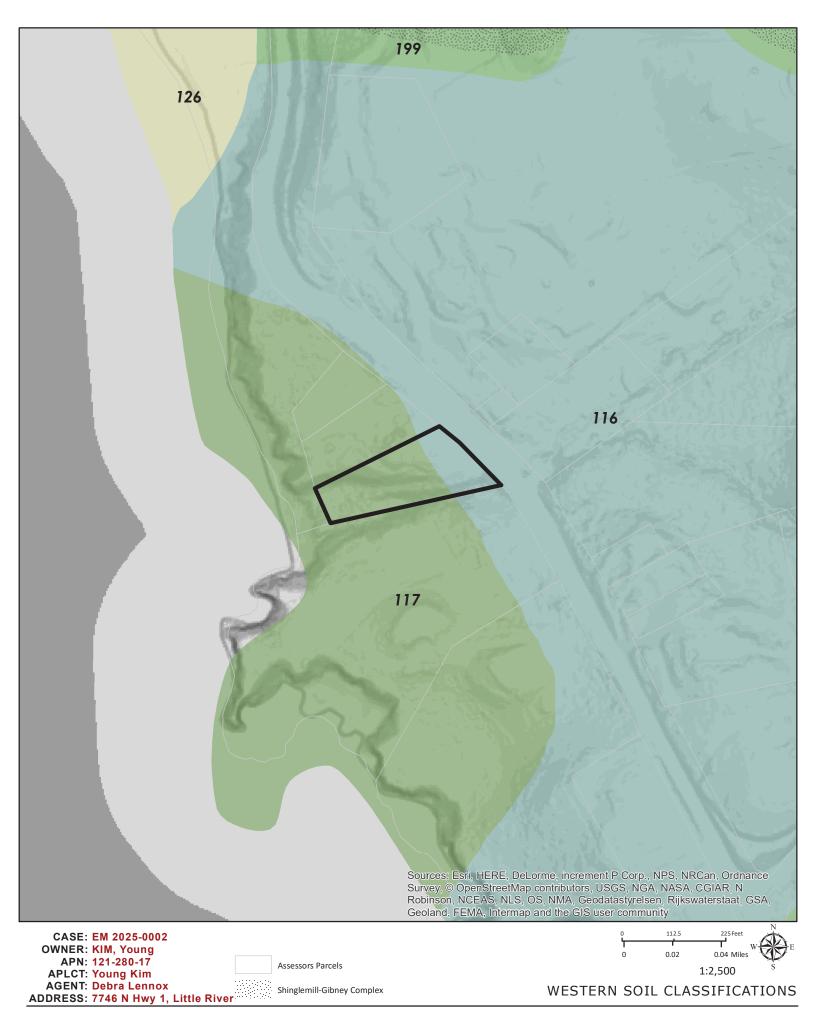
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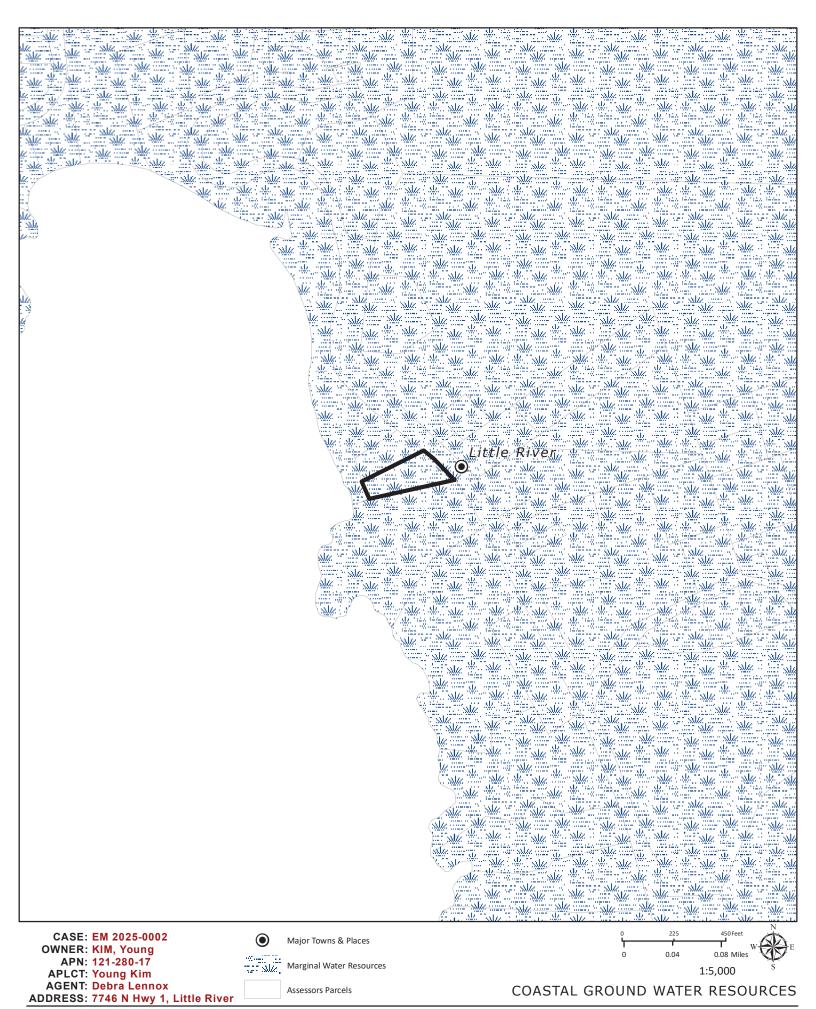


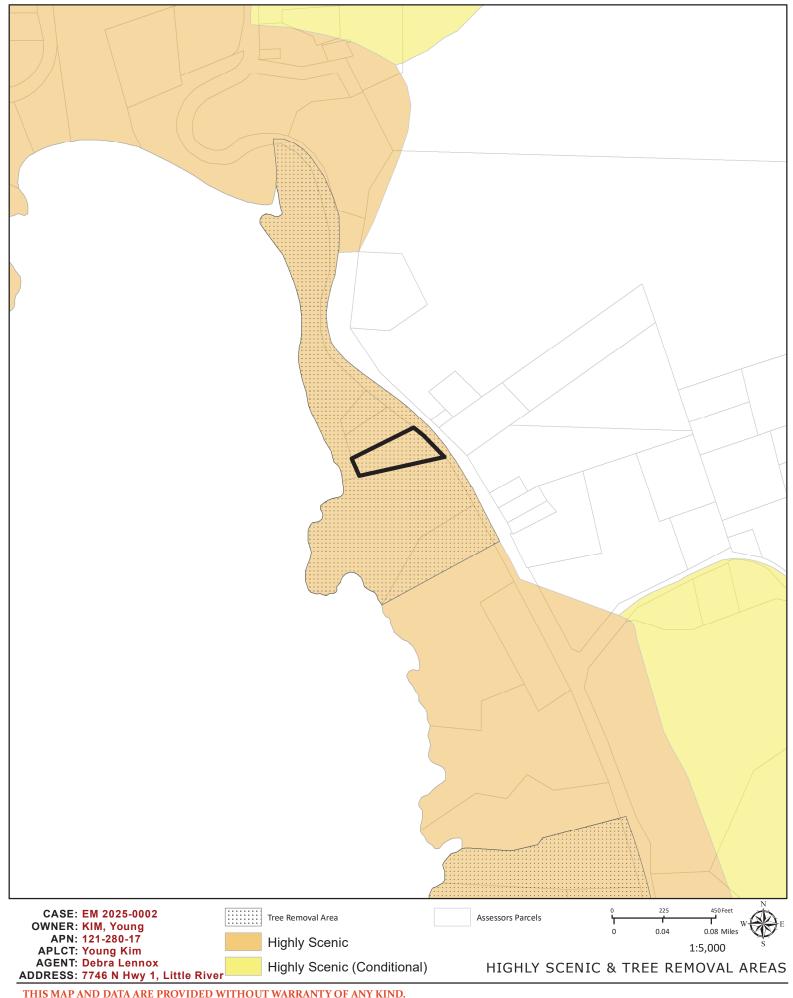


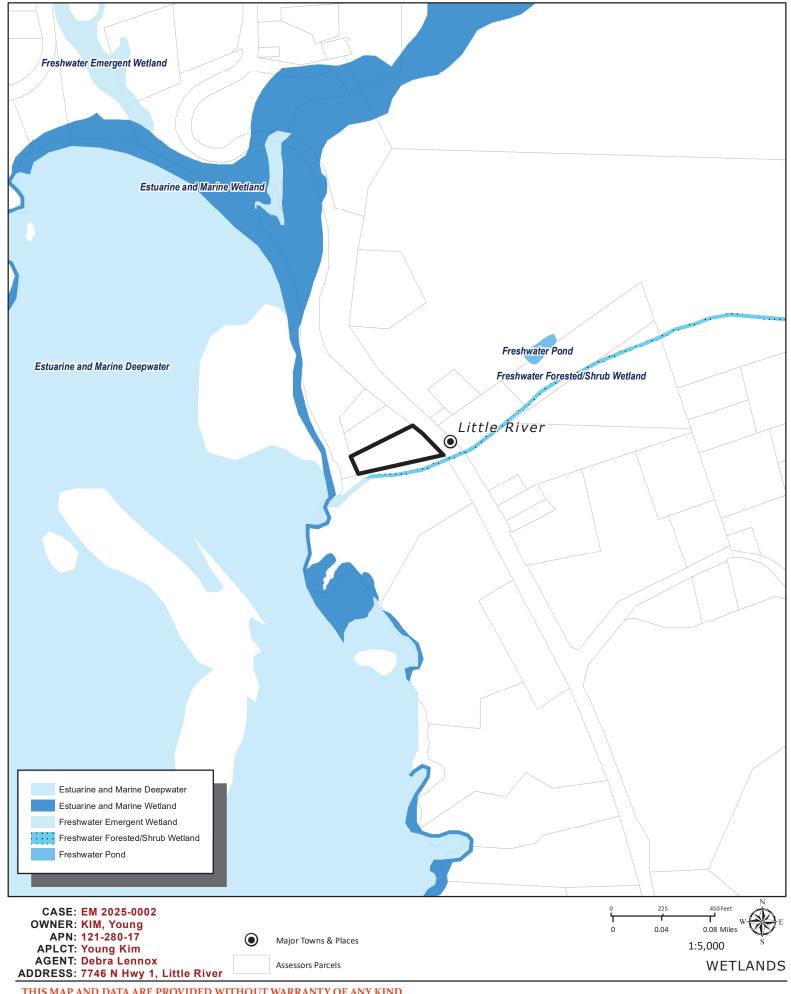


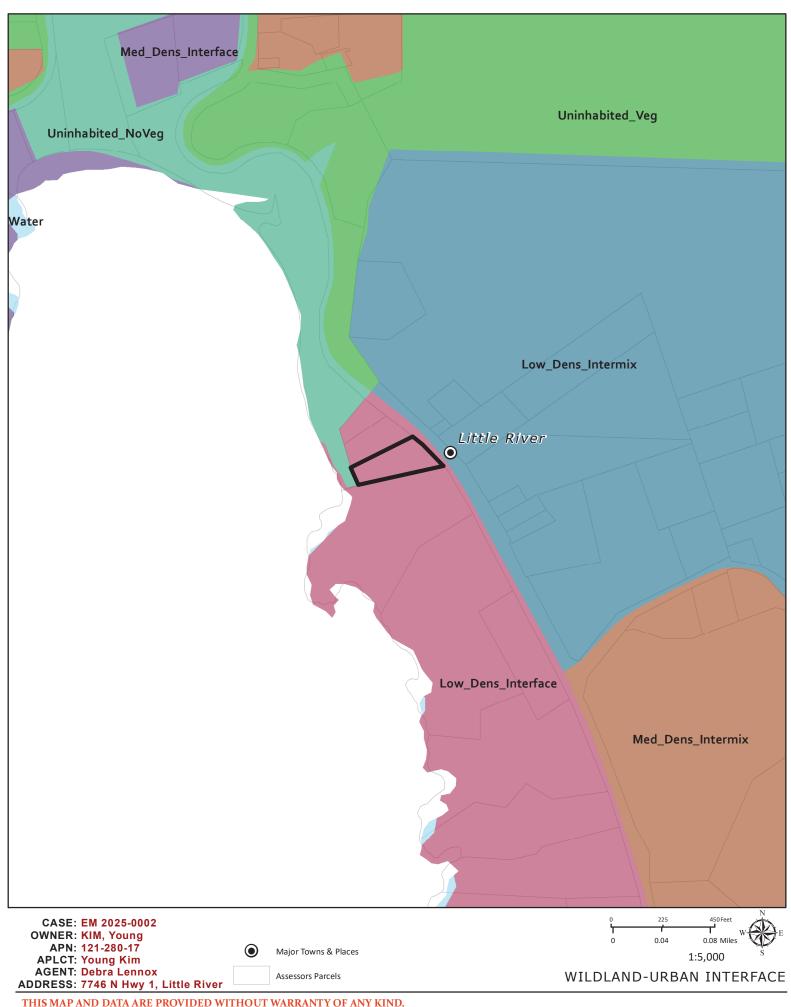


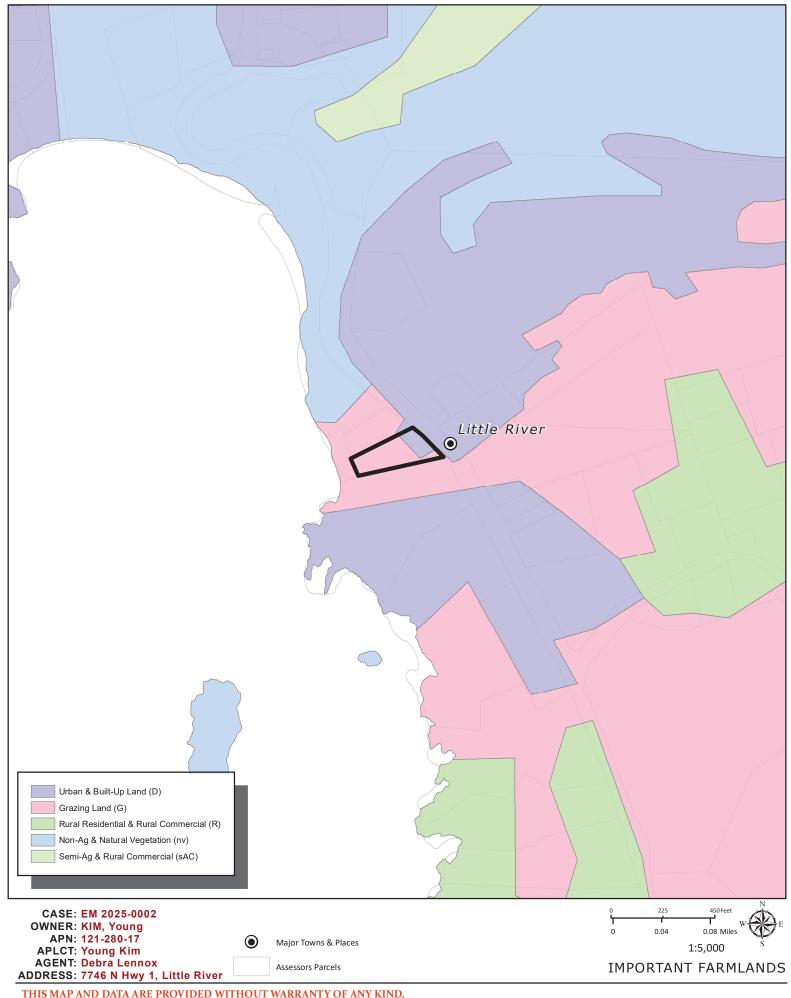


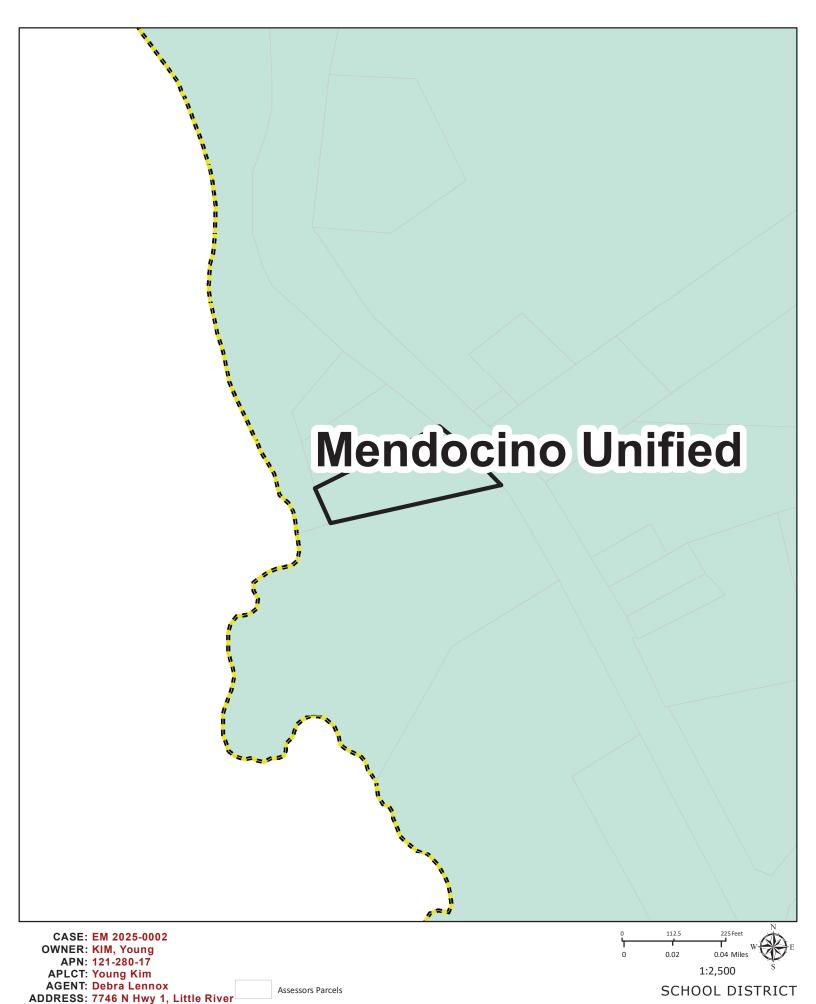






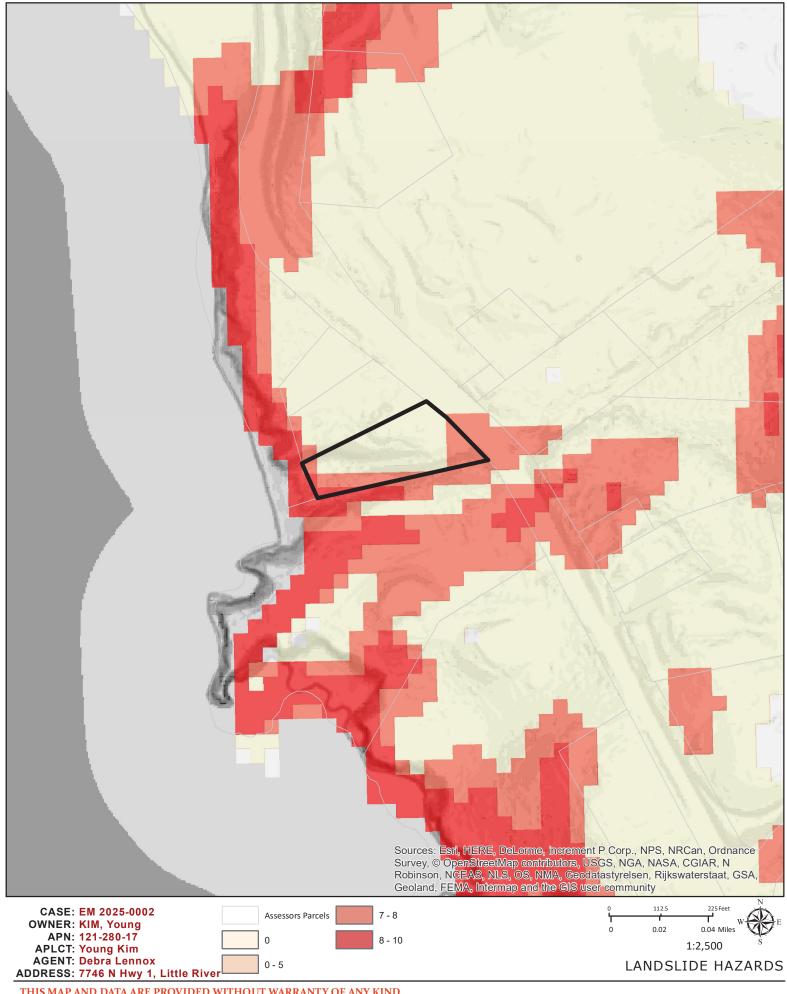


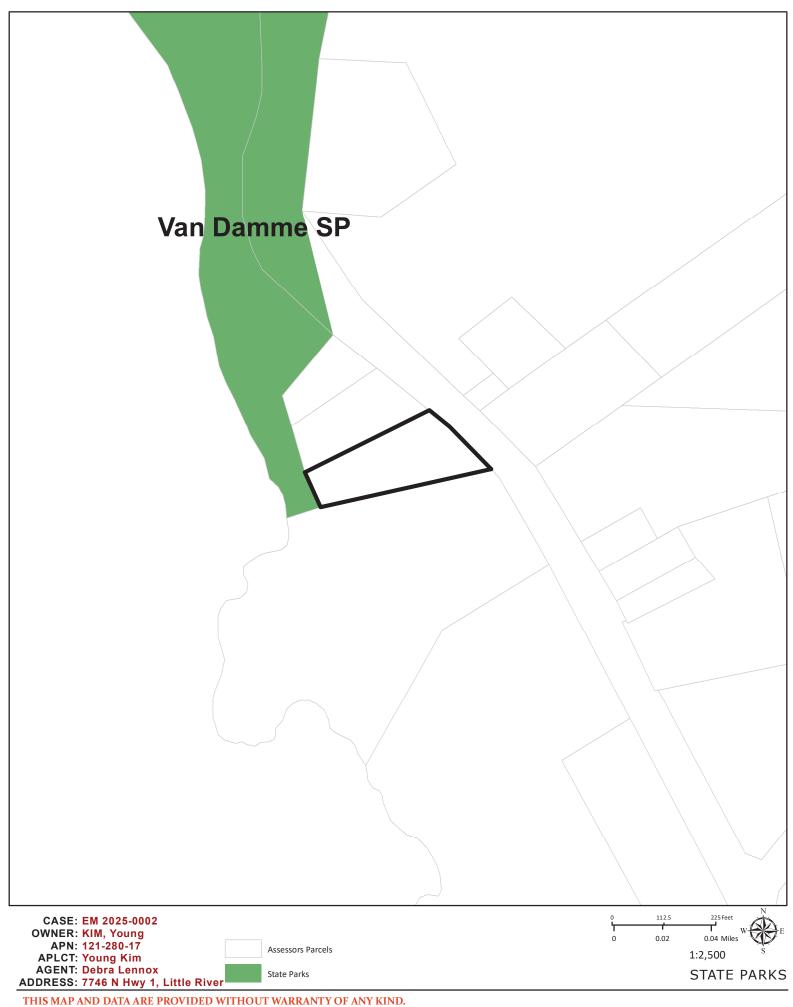




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# EMERGENCY PERMIT PROJECT INTAKE CHECKLIST

The following information and materials must be submitted at the time an emergency permit application is filed with the Planning Division. <u>Applicants should check off each completed item under the box marked "A" and submit this checklist with the application</u>.

A C	1. Two (2) Copies of items a - e, on 8 ½" x 11" paper, collated and stapled into
	individual application packets.
	<ul> <li>a) EMERGENCY PERMIT APPLICATION FORM - Please be sure to answer all questions thoroughly and accurately.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>b) EMERGENCY PERMIT QUESTIONNAIRE - Please be sure to answer all questions thoroughly and accurately.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>c) LOCATION MAP - Use USGS quad maps with parcel boundaries (see attached example).</li> </ul>
	d) SITE PLAN - drawn to scale (see attached example).
	e) ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING PLANS & ELEVATIONS FOR THE EMERGENCY WORK - (if applicable).
A C	<ol> <li>ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING PLANS &amp; ELEVATIONS FOR THE EMERGENCY WORK - 1 Full-Size Set (if applicable). Drawn to scale and folded to 8 ½" x 11" size.</li> </ol>
A C	3. SIGNED CERTIFICATION AND SITE VIEW AUTHORIZATION FORM - 1 Copy.
A C	4. SIGNED INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT - 1 Copy.
Å C	5. PROOF OF APPLICANT'S LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY - 1 Copy. Proof can be in the form of a current tax statement, title report, lease
	agreement or other documents showing legal interest to apply for the permit and comply with all conditions of approval. All holders or owners of any other interest of record in the affected property shall be identified on the application and notified in writing of the permit application by the applicant and invited to join as co-applicant(s).

# COUNTY OF MENDOCINO DEPT OF PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES 120 WEST FIR STREET FORT BRAGG, CA 95437

**Telephone:** 707-964-5379

Case No(s)_	EM 2025-0002
CDF No(s)	TBD
Date Filed	7/31/2025
Fee \$	1,783.00
Receipt No.	
Received by	Sandy Arellano
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EMERGENCY PERMIT APPLICATION FORM				
Name of Applicant Name of Ov		Name of Agent		
Young Kim Young		n Debra Lennox		
Mailing Address	Mailing Address	Mailing Address		
PO Box 500 Mendocino	same	PO Box 798 Mendocino		
Telephone Number	Telephone Number	er Telephone Number		
(408)234-7896		707-813-7886		
Project Description:		•		
REPLACE EXISTING F	UEL SYSTEM	M AT SITE; THREE EXISTING		
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MONITORING SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED; NO CHANGES TO LOT DRAINAGE				
Driving Directions				
The site is located on the (N/S/E/	The site is located on the _W_ (N/S/E/W) side ofHIGHWAY 1 (name road)			
approximately(feet/miles)N (N/S/E/W) of its intersection with				
LITTLE RIVER AIRPORT RD (provide nearest major intersection).				
Assessor's Parcel Number(s)				
121-280-1700				
Parcel Size	Stree	et Address of Project		
☐ Squar	re Feet 77	46 North Hwy 1 Little River, CA		
1.16 🔀 Acres	Pleas	se note: Before submittal, please verify correct street address with the uning Division in Ukiah.		

# EMERGENCY PERMIT APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

The purpose of this questionnaire is to relate information concerning your application to the Planning & Building Services Department and other agencies who will be reviewing your project proposal. The more detail that is provided, the easier it will be to promptly process your application. Please answer all questions. For questions which do not pertain to your project, please indicate "Not Applicable" or "N/A".

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1.	NATURE OF THE EMERGENCY NARRATIVE (use additional pages if necessary).
	a) Describe the nature, cause and location of the emergency.
	State Water Resources Control Board:Pursuant to Health and Safety Code, chapte
	6.7, section 25292.05,
	all single-walled underground storage tanks (USTs) and nonexempt single-walled
	piping (SWTs) must be permanently closed by December 31, 2025. There are no
	exceptions. b) Describe the remedial protective or preventive work required to deal with the emergency.  REPLACE EXISTING FUEL SYSTEM- UNDERGROUND TANKS & LINES &
	ABOVE GROUND DISPENSERS WITH NEW 10,000 GAL COMPLIANT TANK
	c) Describe the circumstances during the emergency that justify the course(s) of action taken, including the probable consequences of failing to take action.
	POTENTIAL FUEL LEAK INTO ENVIRONMENT; STATE MANDATE TO CLOSE
	BUSINESS IF NOT COMPLETED ON TIME
	d) Describe any secondary improvements such as wells, septic systems, grading, vegetation removal, roads,
	etc. that are necessary to deal with the emergency.
	NONE
2.	Are there existing structures on the property?  Yes  No

# INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

ORDINANCE NO. 3780, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 4, 1991, requires applicants for discretionary land use approvals, to sign the following Indemnification Agreement. Failure to sign this agreement will result in the application being considered incomplete and withheld from further processing.

# INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

As part of this application, applicant agrees to defend, indemnify, release and hold harmless the County of Mendocino, its agents, officers, attorneys, employees, boards and commissions, as more particularly set forth in Mendocino County Code Section 1.04.120, from any claim, action or proceeding brought again at any of the foregoing individuals or entities, the purpose of which is to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of this application or adoption of the environmental document which accompaties it. The indemnification shall include, but not be limited to, damages, costs, expenses, attorney for some expert witness fees that may be asserted by any person or entity, including the applicant, arising out of or in connection with the approval of this application, whether or not there is concurrent, passive or active negligence on the part of the County, its agents, officers, attorneys, employees, boards and commissions.

Date: 7/30/2015

Young King

Applicant

#### CERTIFICATION AND SITE VIEW AUTHORIZATION

- I hereby certify that I have read this completed application and that, to the best of my knowledge, the information in this application, and all attached appendices and exhibits, is complete and correct. I understand that the failure to provide any requested information or any misstatements submitted in support of the application shall be grounds for either refusing to accept this application, for denying the permit, for suspinding or revoking a permit issued on the basis of such misrepresentations, or for seeking of such further relief as may seem proper to the County.
- I hereby grant permis ion for County Planning and Building Services staff and hearing bodies to enter
  upon and site view the premises for which this application is made in order to obtain information
  necessary for the preparation of required reports and render its decision.

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		Owner/Authorized Age	ent /	Date

NOTE: IF SIGNED BY AGENT, OWNER MUST SIGN BELOW.

AUTHORIZATION	OF AGENT
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I hereby authorize Debra Lennox	to act as my
representative and to bind me in all matters concerning this application.	
Young Kim	7/30/2025
Owner	Date

# MAIL DIRECTION

To facilitate proper handling of this application, please indicate the names and mailing addresses of individuals to whom you wish correspondence and/or staff reports mailed if different from those identified on Page One of the application form.

Name	Name	Name	
Mailing Address	Mailing Address	Mailing Address	

Sara Pierce

Acting Auditor-Controller/Treas.-Tax Collector 501 Low Gap Rd, Room 1060 Ukiah, CA 95482

FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025 OR TAX YEAR 2024 - 2025 MENDOCINO COUNTY SECURED TAX STATEMENT

www.mendocinocounty.gov/ttc

Print Date: 10/10/2024 FOR

SEE REVERSE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PROPERTY INFORMATION

104004 1.1600

ACRES:

TAX RATE AREA: 7746 N HWY 1 LITTLE RIVER CA 1212801700 BILL NUMBER: PARCEL NUMBER: LOCATION:

AA 6578 1/1 P34 T30 LIEN DATE OWNER: KIM YOUNG WEON & JI HYUN

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*AUTO\*\*SCH 5-DIGIT 95472 KIM YOUNG WEON & JI HYUN PO BOX 500 MENDOCINO CA 95460-0500

See reverse for electronic payment information COUNTY VALUES AND EXEMPTIONS

Late Filing Penalty - R&T 463 Business Personal Property VALUE DESCRIPTION

Structures

(707) 234-6875 (707) 234-6800

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

(707) 234-6800 (707) 234-6859 (707) 234-6815

**Assessed Values** 

Address Change Tax Collection

Exemptions

Personal Property

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Net Value

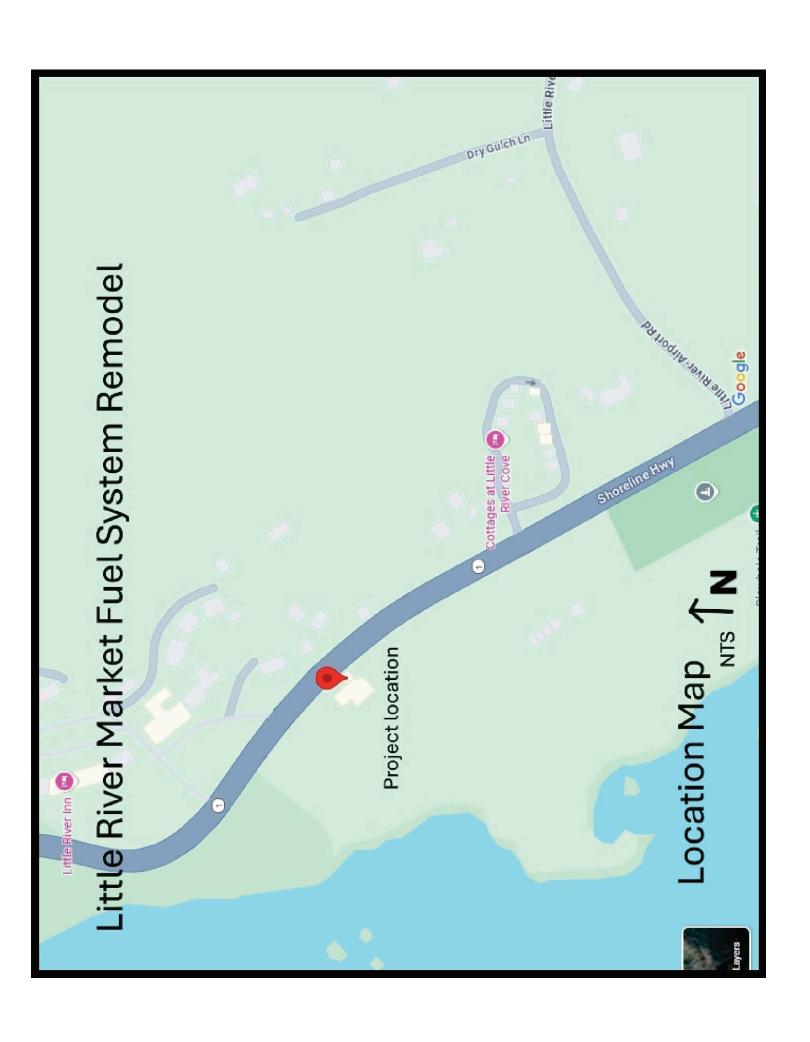
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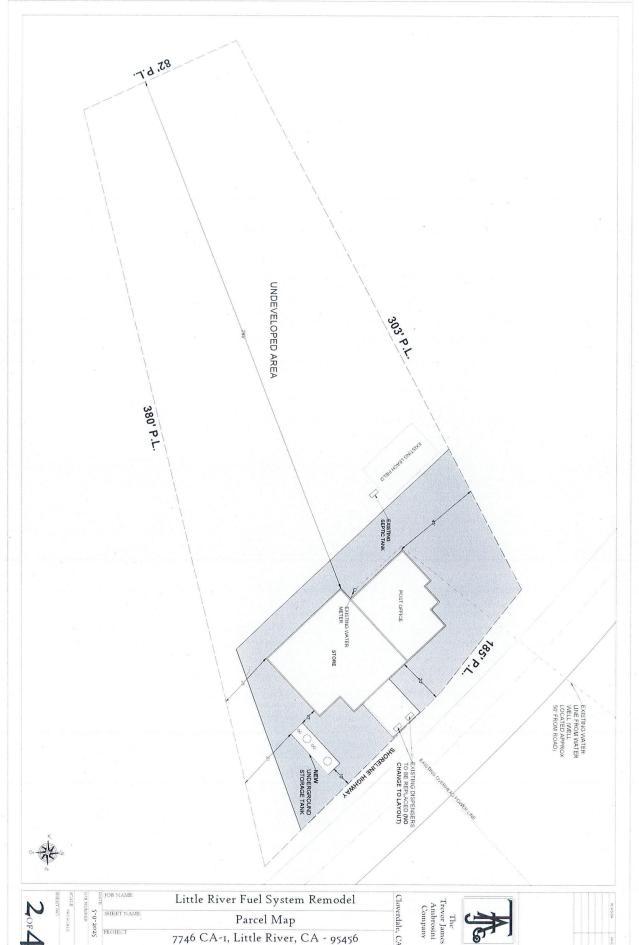
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KIM



Trevor James Ambrosini Cloverdale, CA 7746 CA-1, Little River, CA - 95456 4-6-2025 Company NO SCALE Title Page Little River Fuel System Remodel

SHEET INDEX

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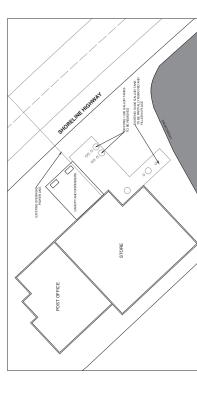
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SHEET 3 FUEL PLAN







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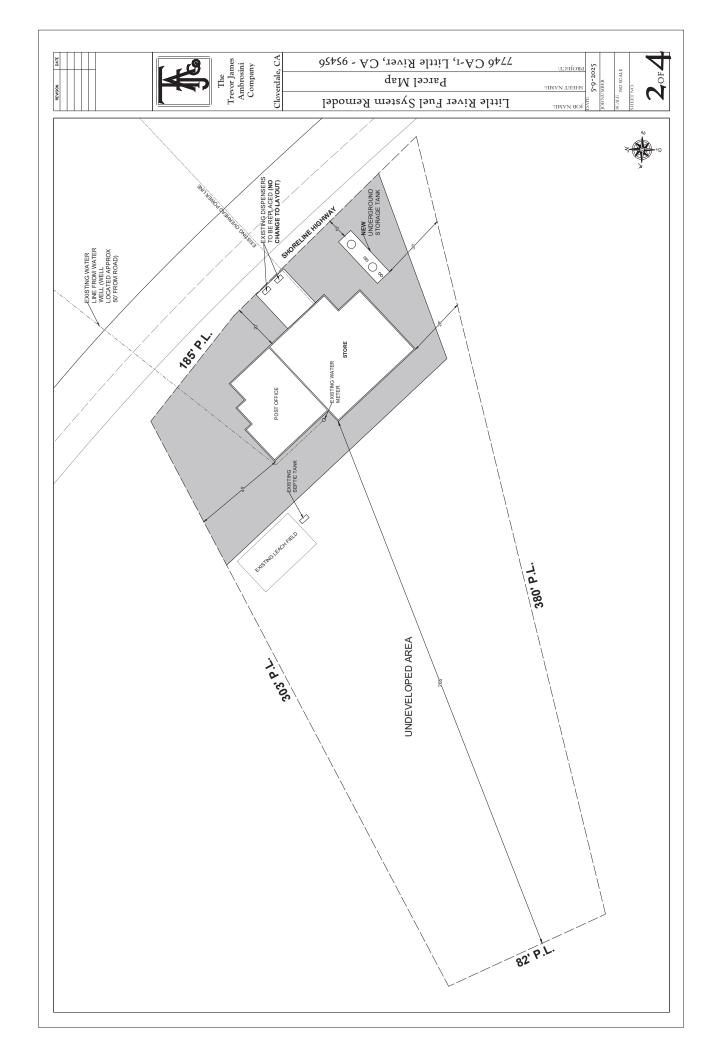
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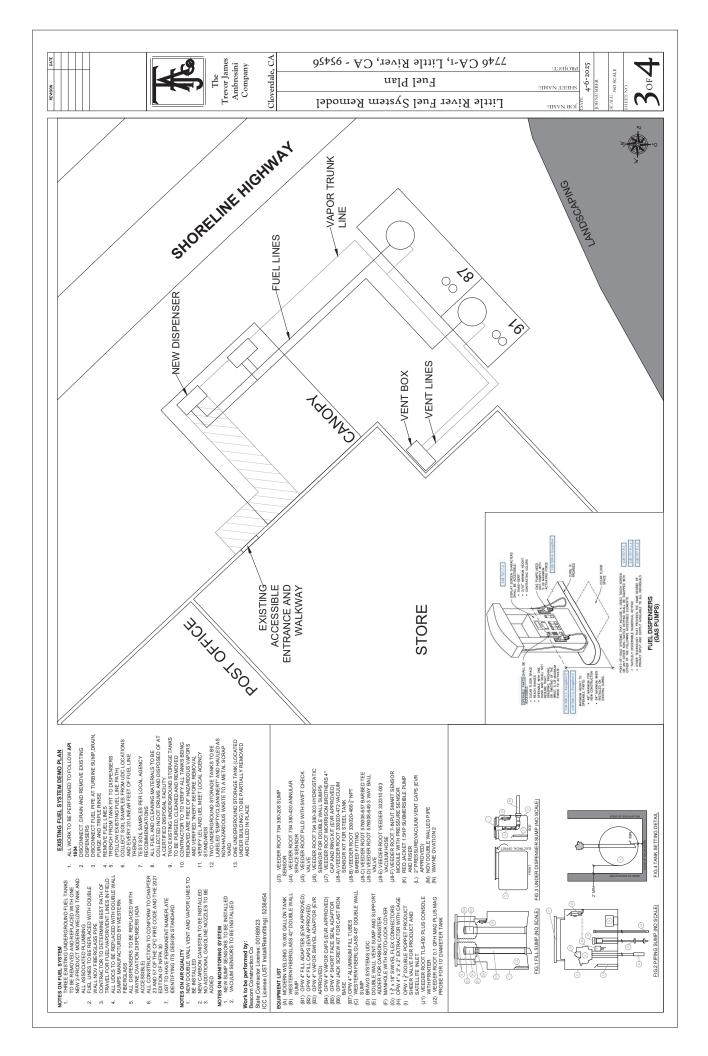
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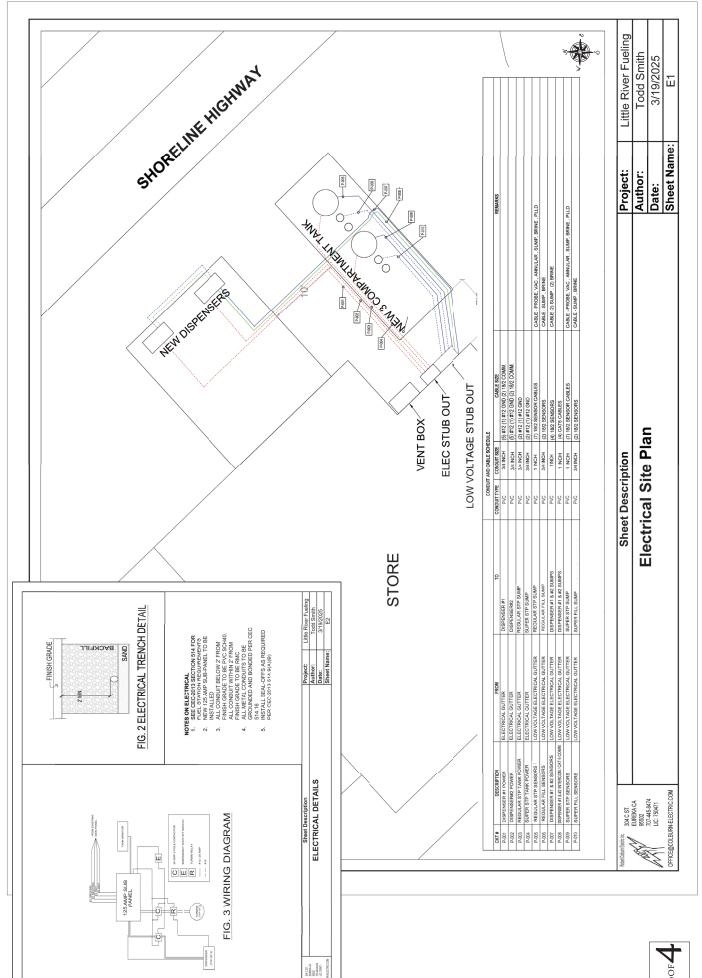
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SITE PLAN AND FUEL SYSTEM PREPARED BY: THE TREVOR JAMES AMBROSINI COMPANY







# **EXISTING FUEL SYSTEM DEMO PLAN**

- 1. ALL WORK TO BE PERFORMED TO FOLLOW API 1604
- 2. DISCONNECT, DRAIN AND REMOVE EXISTING DISPENSERS
- DISCONNECT FUEL PIPE AT TURBINE SUMP, DRAIN, PURGE AND TRIPLE RINSE
- 4. REMOVE FUEL LINES
- 5. TRENCH FROM TANK PIT TO DISPENSERS (FOLLOW EXISTING FUEL LINE PATH)
- 6. COLLECT SOIL SAMPLES FROM UDC LOCATIONS AND EVERY 20 LINEAR FEET OF FUEL LINE TRENCH
- 7. TEST SOIL SAMPLES PER LOCAL AGENCY RECOMMENDATIONS
- ALL FUEL AND CLEANING MATERIALS TO BE COLLECTED IN DOT DRUMS AND DISPOSED OF AT A CERTIFIED DISPOSAL FACILITY
- 9. TWO EXISTING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS TO BE PURGED, CLEANED AND REMOVED
- 10. CONTRACTOR TO TO VERIFY ALL TANKS BEING REMOVED ARE FREE OF HAZARDOUS VAPORS AND VERIFIED "INERT" BEFORE REMOVAL
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- 12. TWO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS TO BE LABELED
  "EMPTY/CLEAN/INERT" AND HAULED AS NON-HAZARDOUS WASTE TO A
  METAL SCRAP YARD
- 13. ONE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (LOCATED UNDER BUILDING) TO BE PARTIALLY REMOVED AND FILLED IN PLACE

# Work to be performed by:

Beacom Construction Co

State Contractor License: 00168923

ICC License (UST Install/Retrofitting): 5238454

# NEW FUEL SYSTEM INSTALL PLAN

- One new Underground Storage Tank, manufactured by Modern Welding, to be installed following ICC Standards
- 2. New fiberglass fuel pipe, manufactured by NOV, to be installed following ICC Standards
- All new tank trim, under dispenser containment and associated plumbing to be installed following ICC Standards
- 4. New sump sensors, vacuum sensors and In-Station Diagnostics to be added to existing monitoring system
- 5. New carbon canister to be installed
- 6. Test all components of new fuel system per ICC standards and manufacturer recommendations

# Work to be performed by:

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# GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS INDUSTRIAL - COMMERCIAL - FUEL SYSTEMS



#### Little River

The equipment on the site will be as follows and keep on developed areas:

1 Skidsteer 8 weeks
1 Mini X 8 weeks
1 Backhoe 8 weeks
1 Excavator 7 days
1 Dump Truck 10 days
1 Crane 2 days
3 Work trucks 8 weeks

The project will go as follows:

- 1. Excavate to the top of the tanks and piping
  - 2-1,000 gallon tanks 20' x 15' x 4 deep
  - 1- 10,000 gallon tank 10' x 36' x 4 deep
- 2. Contain excavated material with Visqueen and store on site in the parking lot. Approx 100 yards of material
- 3. Enter, Clean, remove two 1,000 gallon tanks. Dispose of as non hazardous material to Eel River Scrap and Salvage yard.
- 4. Enter, clean and fill in place one 10,000 gallon tank with slurry (2 sac cement per 1 yard of sand) Per CCR Title 23 Abandon in place requirements.
- 5. Excavate for 10,000 gallon replacement tank 12' x 28' x 14' deep. Contain in site parking lot aprox 200 yards of material (same as item #2)
- 6. Install 10,000 gallon replacement tank and fuel lines per CCR Title 23
- 7. Analyze excavated/stored materials for contaminates per CCR Title 23
- 8. If suitable, portions of excavated material will be reused for backfill and remainder of material shipped by Ben Trucking to appropriate approved disposal site. If not suitable all the material will be shipped by Bens Trucking.
- 9. All import backfill material will be pea gravel
- 10. Resurface all excavated areas to match existing grades with concrete/Asphalt

Thank you

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# State Water Resources Control Board

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## Dear RUST Applicant:

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7, section 25292.05, all single-walled underground storage tanks (USTs) and nonexempt single-walled piping (SWTs) must be permanently closed by December 31, 2025. There are no exceptions. To assist small business owners and operators in complying with the approaching deadline, the 2025/2026 California Budget Public Resources Trailer Bill (SB124) amended the Health and Safety Code statutes for the Replacing, Removing, or Upgrading Underground Storage Tanks (RUST) Program to allow eligible RUST applicants to begin their projects now, without waiting for a RUST agreement, and receive RUST funding for those costs after execution of a RUST agreement.

The statutory change allows applicants who submitted their applications on or before June 30, 2025, to begin their project; while waiting for RUST Program approval and funding, and to receive funding for those costs once the RUST agreement is executed, so long as the applicant removes all SWTs at the facility on or before December 31, 2025.

Eligible costs incurred prior to a RUST agreement execution are limited to the following costs:

- 1) Costs to remove SWTs incurred by the applicant on or after December 31, 2024 and before January 1, 2026; and
- 2) Costs to replace SWTs incurred by the applicant on or after December 31, 2024 and before January 1, 2027.

What does this mean for you and your project?

The RUST Program received your application on or before June 30, 2025. If you begin your project immediately and your application is approved, you may be reimbursed for costs incurred before your RUST agreement execution will be available for reimbursement subject to the above limitations. Your application must still meet all RUST Program eligibility requirements before being fully approved. Before beginning your project, it is important you understand RUST eligibility requirements and the timeline for RUST funding below and ensure you are able to proceed with the project while waiting for RUST funding.

# When will you receive funding?

The RUST Program currently is awaiting funding for fiscal year 2025/2026 to be released for use. It is anticipated that this funding will become available for use in late August 2025. At that time, the RUST Program will begin preparing funding and agreement documentation for those RUST applicants who have been conditionally approved for a RUST loan and/or grant. These RUST agreements will likely be sent out for execution during the month of September 2025. Once the RUST agreement is fully executed, RUST recipients may immediately request reimbursement for costs incurred. Due to processing timelines of both the State Water Resources Control Board's Accounting Office and State Controller's Office, payments are typically sent to recipients six to eight weeks after the RUST Program receives a Reimbursement Request. In light of the number of conditionally approved applications awaiting execution and the expected amount of Reimbursement Requests to be received, recipients likely will not receive funding before December of 2025. Applicants who do not receive conditional approval prior to August should not expect to receive funding before January of 2026. It is important for RUST recipients to be aware of the funding timelines when considering when to begin their project. RUST recipients who begin their RUST project before agreement execution should work with their contractors and/or material suppliers and/or secure other short term funding options while they wait for RUST reimbursement.

What will be required when submitting a Reimbursement Request?

- All costs being requested for reimbursement must have a corresponding invoice from the contractor or equipment supplier referenced in your RUST agreement of costs that have been incurred. (Please review your RUST agreement thoroughly to ensure the invoices being submitted match the original proposals approved and referenced in the RUST agreement);
- Copies of all permits required to complete the project (e.g. UST Permit to Install/Construct, Air Quality Management District Authority to Construct);
- Copies of the signed contract executed with your contractor and equipment vendor; and
- 4) Complete and signed "Request for Reimbursement" (SWRCB 140) form

If you have questions regarding this statutory change and how it affects your RUST application and project, please email <a href="RUST@waterboards.ca.gov">RUST@waterboards.ca.gov</a>.

Sincerely.

McLean Reich

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RUST, EAR and Reporting Section Manager

devices found to be not performing in conformance with the manufacturer's leak detection specifications shall be promptly repaired or replaced.

- (5) For monitoring underground tank systems that are located on farms and that store motor vehicle or heating fuels used primarily for agricultural purposes, alternative monitoring methods include the following:
  - (a) If the tank has a capacity of greater than 1,100 gallons but of 5,000 gallons or less, the tank shall be tested using the tank integrity test, at least once every three years, and the owner or operator shall utilize tank gauging on a monthly or more frequent basis, as required by the local agency, subject to the specifications provided in paragraph (7) of subdivision (c) of Section 2641 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, as that section read on August 13, 1985.
  - (b) If the tank has a capacity of more than 5,000 gallons, the tank shall be monitored pursuant to the methods for all other tanks specified in this subdivision.
  - (c) The board shall develop regulations specifying monitoring alternatives. The local agency, or any other public agency specified by the local agency, shall approve the location and number of wells, the depth of wells, and the sampling frequency, pursuant to these regulations.
  - (d) On or before December 22, 1998, the underground storage tank shall be replaced or upgraded to prevent releases due to corrosion or spills or overfills for the underground storage tank's operating life.
  - (e) (1) All existing underground pressurized piping shall be equipped with an automatic line leak detector on or before December 22, 1990, and shall be retrofitted with secondary containment on or before December 22, 1998. Underground pressurized piping shall be tightness tested annually.
    - (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to existing pressurized piping containing motor vehicle fuel, if the pipeline is constructed of glass fiber reinforced plastic, cathodically protected steel, or steel clad with glass fiber reinforced plastic, is equipped with an automatic line leak detector, and is tightness tested annually.

## § 25292.05. Permanent Closure of Single-Walled Underground Storage Tanks

(a) On or before December 31, 2025, the owner or operator of an underground storage tank shall permanently close that underground storage tank in accordance with Section 25298

and the regulations adopted pursuant to that section, if the underground storage tank meets either of the following conditions:

- (1) The underground storage tank is designed and constructed in accordance with paragraph (7) of subdivision (a) of Section 25291 and does not meet the requirements of paragraphs (1) to (6), inclusive, of subdivision (a) of Section 25291.
- (2) The underground storage tank was installed on or before January 1, 1984, and does not meet the requirements of paragraphs (1) to (6), inclusive, of subdivision (a) of Section 25291.
- (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the board may adopt regulations to require the owner or operator of an underground storage tank to permanently close that underground storage tank before December 31, 2025, in accordance with Section 25298 and the regulations adopted pursuant to that section, if the underground storage tank meets the conditions specified in either paragraph (1) or (2) of subdivision (a) and the underground storage tank poses a high threat to water quality or public health. The board shall consult with stakeholders before adopting regulations pursuant to this subdivision.

## § 25292.1. Underground Tank Systems; Operations Requirements

All underground tank systems shall meet the following operational requirements:

- (a) The underground tank system shall be operated to prevent unauthorized releases, including spills and overfills, during the operating life of the tank, including during gauging, sampling, and testing for the integrity of the tank.
- (b) Where equipped with cathodic protection, the underground tank system shall be operated by a person with sufficient training and experience in preventing corrosion.
- (c) The underground tank system shall be structurally sound at the time of upgrade or repair.

# § 25292.2. Evidence of Financial Responsibility

- (a) All owners and operators of an underground tank system shall maintain evidence of financial responsibility for taking corrective action and for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by a release from the underground tank system, in accordance with regulations adopted by the board pursuant to Section 25299.3. The regulations shall include a schedule that requires that financial responsibility requirements are phased-in for all underground storage tank systems on or before October 26, 1990.
- (b) If the owner and the operator are separate persons, either the owner or the operator shall demonstrate compliance with subdivision (a).

# § 25298. Abandonment, Closing, or Temporary Ceasing of Operation of Underground Storage Tank

- (a) No person shall abandon an underground tank system or close or temporarily cease operating an underground tank system, except as provided in this section.
- (b) An underground tank system that is temporarily taken out of service, but which the owner or operator intends to return to use, shall continue to be subject to all the permit, inspection, and monitoring requirements of this chapter and all applicable regulations adopted by the board pursuant to Section 25299.3, unless the owner or operator complies with subdivision (c) for the period of time the underground tank system is not in use.
- (c) No person shall close an underground tank system unless the person undertakes all of the following actions:
  - (1) Demonstrates to the local agency that all residual amounts of the hazardous substance or hazardous substances which were stored in the tank system prior to its closure have been removed, properly disposed of, and neutralized.
  - (2) Adequately seals the tank system to minimize any threat to the public safety and the possibility of water intrusion into, or runoff from, the tank system.
  - (3) Provides for, and carries out, the maintenance of the tank system as the local agency determines is necessary for the period of time the local agency requires.
  - (4) Demonstrates to the appropriate agency, which has jurisdiction over the site, that the site has been investigated to determine if there are any present, or were past, releases, and if so, that appropriate corrective or remedial actions have been taken.

# § 25298.5. Analysis Required to be Performed by Accredited Laboratories

The analysis of any material that is required to demonstrate compliance with this chapter or Chapter 6.75 (commencing with Section 25299.10) shall be performed by a laboratory accredited by the department pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 100825) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 101.

# § 25299. Violations, Civil and Criminal Penalties

(a) An operator of an underground tank system is liable for a civil penalty of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) or more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each underground storage tank, for each day of violation, for any of the following violations: