

AGENDA

TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, July 9, 2021

10:00 A.M.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/97829904437?pwd=cmpBb21VbWg0VlBVdjZra0RQdzBWZz09>

Dial by phone: 669 900 9128

Meeting ID: 978 2990 4437

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Approve Agenda
- C. Correspondence
- D. Minutes: June 11, 2021
- E. Public Matters: Informational items and persons wishing to address the Committee regarding non-agenda items
- F. Agenda Items:

ITEM 1: Review and possible approval of a hazard tree removal permit; 34061 Danberg Rd., Kirkwood, CA; APN 026-161-007; Applicant: Charos.

- G. Adjourn

MINUTES

TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, June 11, 2021

10:00 A.M.

VIRTUAL MEETING

Meeting link: <https://zoom.us/j/94171617000>

Meeting ID: 941 7161 7000

Call in phone number: +1 669 900 9128

A. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Brendan Ferry at 10:00 am. Members present were: El Dorado County, Brendan Ferry; Alpine County, Candace Stowell; Amador County, Chuck Beatty.

B. Approval of Agenda:

On a motion by Chuck Beatty and second by Brendan Ferry the agenda was approved as published.

Roll call vote: Brendan Ferry: Aye; Candace Stowell: Aye; Chuck Beatty: Aye.

C. Correspondence: None.

D. Minutes: May 14, 2021

On a motion by Chuck Beatty and a second by Brendan Ferry, the minutes from May 14, 2021 were approved. Candace Stowell abstained from the vote.

Roll call vote: Brendan Ferry: Aye; Chuck Beatty: Aye; Candace Stowell: Abstain.

E. Public Matters not on the Agenda: None.

F. Agenda Items:

ITEM 1: Review and possible approval of a proposed replacement parking lot for the parking that is currently located north of Timber Creek Lodge; Kirkwood Ski Area, Kirkwood, CA; Applicant: Joint project proposal from Kirkwood Mountain Development, LLC (KMD), who will construct the parking lot and Vail Resorts aka Kirkwood Mountain Resort (KMR), who will maintain and operate the parking lot.

Brendan Ferry introduced the item and Gary Derck – CEO/President of Kirkwood Mountain Development, LLC – provided an overview of the Project. Matt Jones – Vice President and General Manager of Kirkwood Mountain Resort – was also present and provided some perspective from the resort on the project.

Generally, the project is needed to replace the parking lot currently located north of the Timber Creek Lodge.

Candace asked about the gravel parking lot and if that was standard practice. Gary responded.

Chuck asked about protecting trees from snow removal and about the utilities. Gary and Matt responded.

Brendan asked about the gravel surface of the parking lot, the amount of grading taking place, the pedestrian access up to the lodge, if the parking spaces would be striped to ensure the number of parking spaces mentioned would be available, who was responsible for tree planting and maintenance, if Water Board approval was needed, about the Best Management Practices for the project, about snow removal on gravel, about the Timber Creek lot being removed, about the existing drainage adjacent to the project and about public outreach being done for the project. Gary and Matt provided thorough answers to all of the questions asked and Gary noted that the grading quantities would be rectified prior to submittal to Amador County.

The project will need to obtain a grading permit from Amador County prior to commencing work. The applicants stated that the project would be completed by Labor Day.

Members of the public did not have comments other than to state that they would keep an eye on the construction throughout the summer.

After the discussion, Tri-TAC members agreed that the project was approvable as presented.

On a motion by Chuck Beatty and a second by Candace Stowell, the Committee recommended approval of the project.

Roll call vote: Brendan Ferry: Aye; Candace Stowell: Aye; Chuck Beatty: Aye.

G. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:56. The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 9, 2021, at 10:00 am.

Mr. Chuck Beatty, Director of Planning
County of Amador
810 Court St.
Jackson, CA 95642

16 June 2021

Dear Mr. Beatty,

On June 1 of this year, I visited the property owned by George & Rae Charos on Danburg Road in Kirkwood. The Charos' asked me to conduct an inspection of three trees on their property to determine if any of them needed to be removed to protect the home that is going to be built on the Solvaag property to the south.

The purpose of this letter to you is to comply with the Kirkwood Specific Plan to advise your office of my professional opinion regarding the situation on the Charos property.

The Charos property, Lot 55 at 34061 Danburg Road (APN 026-161-007), is developed and occupied by their 2800 square foot house. There are three large Red fir located near the southwest corner of the property adjacent to the Solvaag property.

Of the three trees, one leans heavily to the uphill side and when it falls, it should not present a problem to either the Charos' or the Solvaags. Another tree is equally as old (perhaps 200+ years old), but appears to be relatively healthy, or perhaps I should say, as healthy as an old growth Red fir can be when infested with dwarf mistletoe and likely the Fomes annosus root rot that is endemic in this area. The third tree, a 42 inch diameter Red fir, leans toward the Solvaag property. It is certainly 200 years + old and has dwarf mistletoe and probably is infested with Fomes annosus. The evidence of the root rot can be seen on the root wad of a tree that was of the same age, located closer to Dangburg Road and which fell on the Charos house some years ago. My recommendation is that the 42 inch diameter tree that leans toward the Solvaag property should be removed as a preventative measure prior to building the Solvaag cabin.

The large Red fir that stands relatively straight bears watching. If the heavy leaner falls to the west on to National Forest land, the uplift action of that tree's root wad could cause some instability that would necessitate the removal of the last large Red fir in that corner of the Charos property.

One of the on-going issues in the Kirkwood valley is that a lot of the trees on these lots are over 200 years old. There is an endemic infestation of Annosus root rot in the red fir on the Eldorado National Forest and also on private land. This disease spreads through inter-root contact and also via the millions of spores produced by fruiting bodies in stumps. Over time, the root systems of older trees will rot and the tree will fall. I understand that one objective of the Kirkwood Specific Plan is to maintain a forested condition in the valley, But this will be difficult to maintain if young trees are not encouraged to take the place of the older trees that will certainly diminish over time. I once suggested to one of Kirkwood Resort's V.P.s that a forest nursery should be established in the valley so young trees could be provided to landowners. Perhaps the HOA, in cooperation with Vail Resorts and the Amador Resource Conservation District could initiate such a project;

Sincerely,

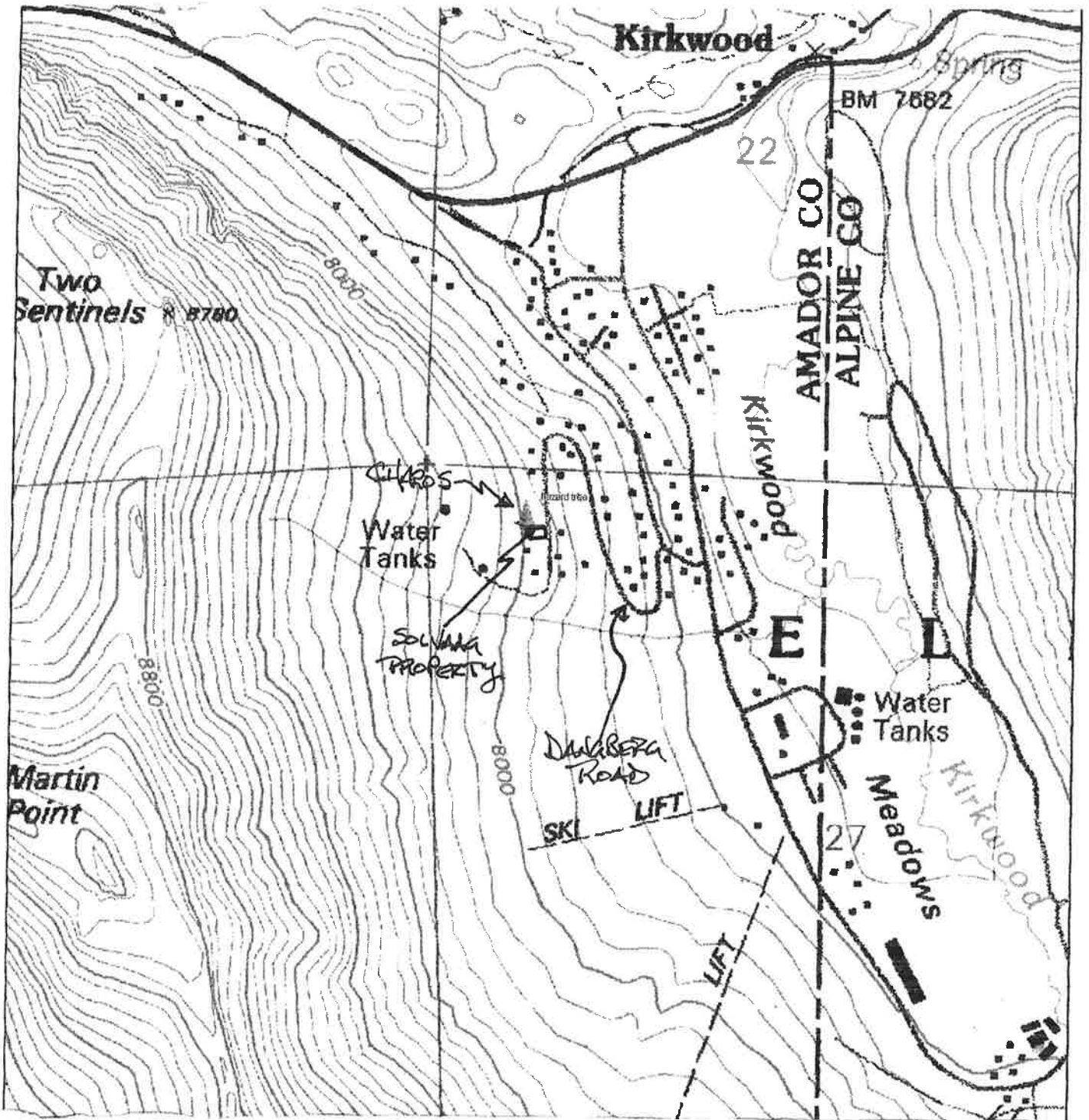


Steve Q. Cannon
Registered Professional Forester #2316

Attachments

Cc: Kirkwood HOA

Charos Hazard Tree Removal Project
 Township 10 North, Range 17 East, Section 27, MDB&M
 Caples Lake 7.5' Quadrangle
 Amador County



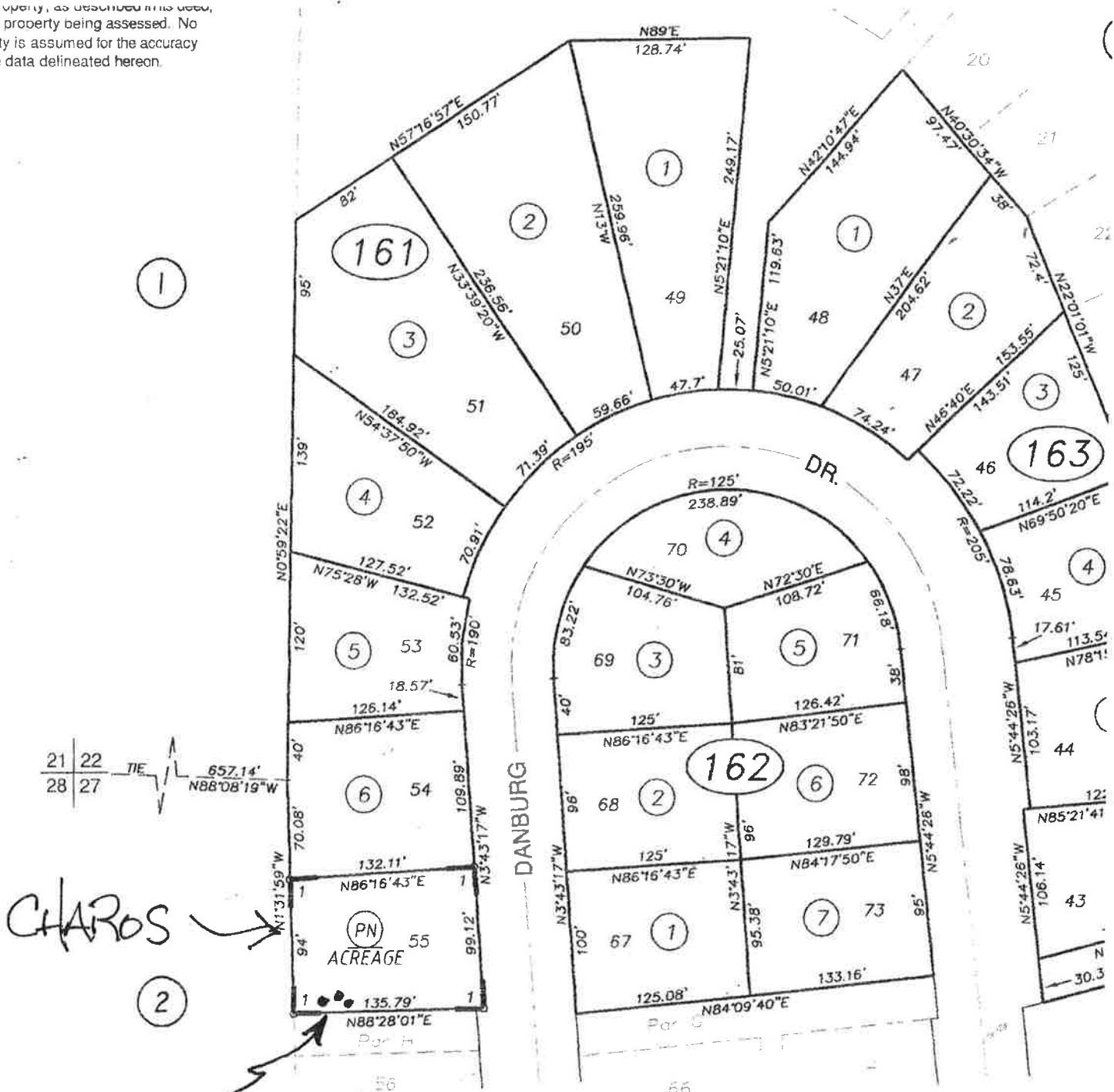
Location of Charos Hazard Tree

Location of Solvaag property



Charos Hazard Tree Removal Project
 Township 10 North, Range 17 East, Section 27, MDB&M
 Caples Lake 7.5' Quadrangle
 Amador County

the property, as described in this deed,
 is the property being assessed. No
 liability is assumed for the accuracy
 of the data delineated hereon.



CHAROS →

HAZARD TREE LOCATION →

R.M. Bk.03, Sub. Pg.30 Kirkwood Meadows Unit No. 1
 1-R.M. Bk.46, Pg.18 (01/15/92)