

Applicant Appeal of the Planning Commission Approval of Ceres Farms Cannabis Cultivation

Case Nos. 22APL-00000-00028 and 19CDP-00000-00015

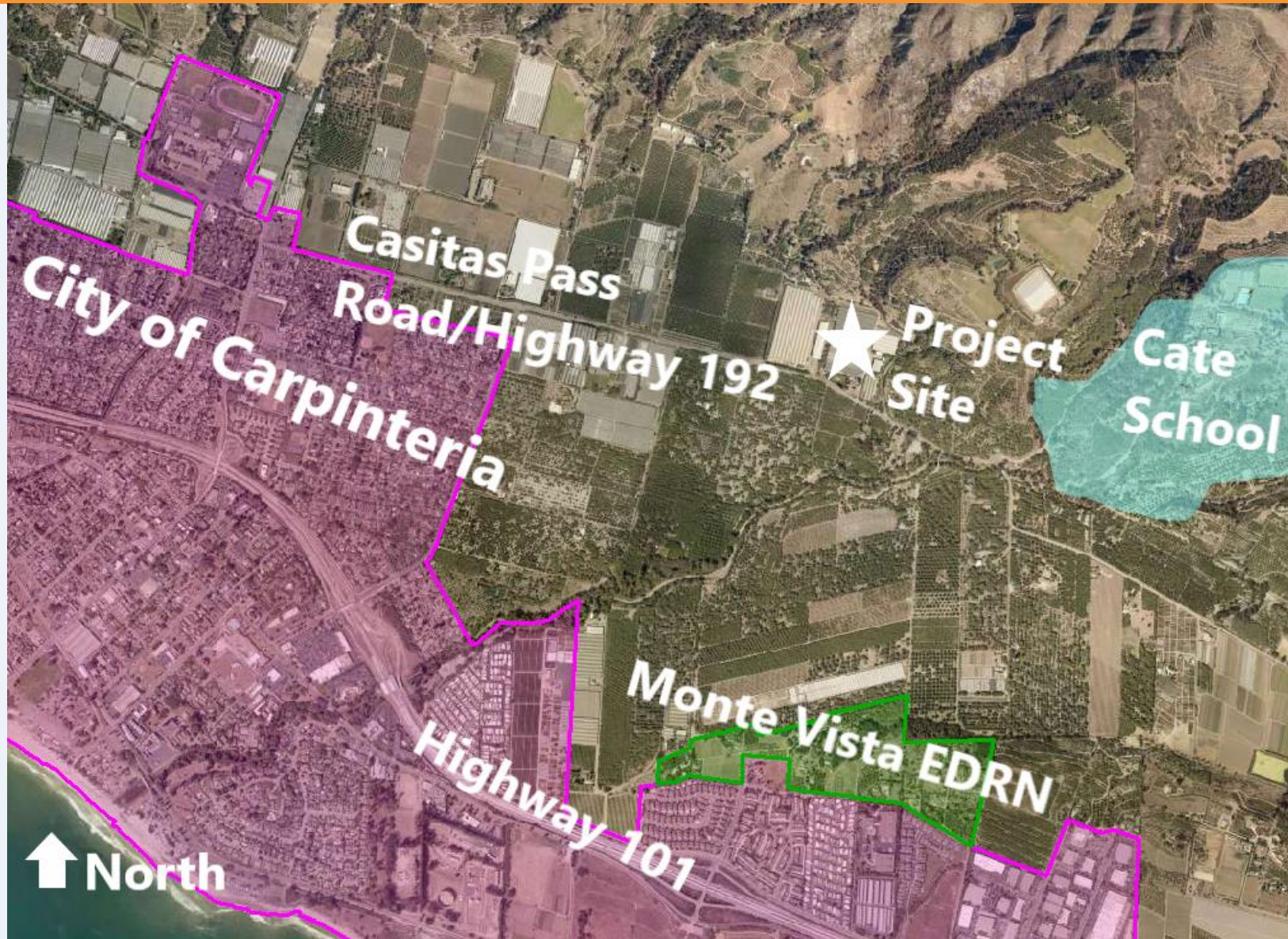
Appeal by Ceres Farms, LLC

**Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,
December 13, 2022**



**County of Santa Barbara
Planning and Development
Ben Singer**

Location



Vicinity Map



Project Description

- 9.5 acres of cannabis cultivation within three existing greenhouses and an existing processing building
- 7.86 acres of mature plant cultivation, 1.43 acres of nursery cultivation, and 0.21 acres of processing (drying, trimming, packaging, and storage)
- Removal of five unpermitted structures
- Up to 66 employees
- No new development or redevelopment of the greenhouses or processing building
- Carbon Scrubbers in greenhouses within 24 months of permit issuance

Site Plan



Appeal Issues Raised

1. Issue:

The Applicant requests a modification of the condition applied by the Planning Commission to allow 24 months to install the carbon scrubbers in the greenhouses rather than 12 months

Response

- The OAP submitted is certified by a licensed professional consistent with Article II
- The addition of carbon scrubbers within 24 months per this appeal is also consistent with Article II, with certification by a licensed professional

Policy Consistency

- Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance
 - Cannabis Ordinance
 - Carpinteria Agricultural Overlay District
- Coastal Land Use Plan
 - Including policies services, visual, water
- Comprehensive Plan
 - Land Use Element
 - Agricultural Element

Actions

- a) Grant the appeal, Case No. 22APL-00000-00028
- b) Make the required findings for approval of the modified Project as specified in Attachment 1 of the Board Agenda Letter dated December 1, 2022, including California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings
- c) Determine that the previously certified Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) (17EIR-00000-00003) is adequate and no subsequent environmental review is required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15162 and 15168(c)
- d) Grant *de novo* approval of the modified Project, Case No. 19CDP-15, subject to the conditions included in Attachment 2 of the staff memorandum, dated December 12, 2022