Business Operations Description

Intended use

Small business scale lumber operations specializing in salvage of local trees brought down for purposes other than lumber harvest such as housing development, trees endangering structures, orchard replanting, and storm damage. We will bring in ecologically sound, commercially harvested timber if salvage sources are not sufficient to fill capacity and demand. The business is targeted at wholesale and online sales. As such, we do not intend to conduct retail sales on site.

Hours of operation

8 am to 6 pm; Monday through Saturday

Number of employees

Current operations are run with 2 employees but as operations grow there could be as many as 10. There will be ½ to 3 office employees as operations grow with balance working in the manufacturing operations. The existing Williams tree service operation may have up to 3 office employees with other employees working primarily at customer locations.

Deliveries

There is no preset schedule for incoming log deliveries or outgoing lumber deliveries. Initially we will have most deliveries made in box containers less than 22 feet in length. We have taken deliveries on a 40 ft log trailer twice in our 2 year operating history. Initially we will take approximately 1 delivery a week. As business grows we may take 1 delivery per day. This includes but may not be limited to the commercial harvested timber referenced in the intended use statement. Outgoing deliveries will be made on flatbed trucks or trailers of approximately 20 feet in length. Outgoing deliveries will be 1 or 2 per week initially and may grow to 1 or 2 per day. Deliveries will be made to construction sites, cabinet shops, and lumber yards. Most deliveries will be made within Santa Cruz County but some will be made within the greater San Francisco and Monterey Bay areas.

Hazardous materials and waste products

We intend to store small volumes of diesel fuel for use in our equipment. We do not have definite plans at this time but any such storage would utilize code compliant storage and handling methods. Deposal will be done by licensed pick up or delivery to appropriate waste disposal sites such as the Buena Vista Landfill. The only other waste products are “mill ends” (the initial cuts on a log which includes the outer portions of the log and bark) and lumber trimmings. These are all clean wood waste which will be ground and then used for landscaping purposes, or will be incinerated in a mobile Air Burner PG Firebox which Air Quality and Cal Fire compliant.

Initial equipment list

- Self built electric mill

- Weinig U17A molder
- Whitney planer
- Diehl straightline rip saw
- Hyster forklift

Williams operations

The Williams Tree Service will share the property. Their operations will consist of

- employee parking within the designated parking locations
- a brush pile area also indicated on the site plan; this brush pile will be ground periodically and the chips sold for landscaping purposes
- parking of equipment when not in use at customer locations; the parking location is also shown on the plan
- future details of their operation are included in their use permit application

Development phasing

Phase 1

- Remove existing trailer. Move existing containers
- Metal 45,000 galleon water tank and fire infrastructure per fire district requirements
- Baserock access road, required parking, accessible path of travel, and fire dept turnaround. Refer to civil plan for more precise phasing.
- Septic system: vault, pump, leach field, and expansion area
- (E) driveway closure: remove asphalt between the gate and Ranport Rd. Add planting.
- "Slow trucks" signs (W51 (CA)) for each direction of travel
- 4' high split rail fence and 3' earth berm at the edge of the riparian buffer setback above 17' contour line to be permanently maintained.
- Bathroom building
- Provide separate portable containers with covered receptacles for trash and depositing, storage, and collection of non-hazardous materials for recycling

Phase 2

- 1-story, 500 SF, 50'x100' storage building 1

Phase 3

- 1-story, 500 SF, 50'x100' storage building 2

Phase 4

- 1-story, 500 SF, 50'x100' mill manufacturing building

Phase 5

- Remove bathroom building
- 2-story 1,600 sq ft, 24’x36’ yard operations building.
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