



# TOWN OF PARADISE

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## **Town Council Meeting May 12, 2020**

Attached are comments,  
received after the posting of the agenda,  
regarding Agenda Item 5a – Log storage Facility.

This item has been updated until 5:30 p.m. on  
May 12, 2020. If additional items are received, they  
will be read into the record at the meeting.

**From:** [Luke Bellefeuille](#)  
**To:** [Volenski, Dina](#)  
**Subject:** Anderson veg yard.  
**Date:** Saturday, May 09, 2020 7:34:30 AM

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My name is Luke Bellefeuille. Born and raised paradise resident. Just want to say I'm in favor of this veg yard proposal on skyway just above the crossroads coming into town. We need multiple yards to Take the burnt trees and brush to. And mr Anderson's yard will be one that will help the property owners who don't have the insurance coverage to get their property cleaned up. Our town needs these yards to get the rest of the mess cleaned up. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Luke

Sent from my iPhone

5/9/2020

Paradise Town Council

I am writing to each of you today to voice my support of the Planning Commission's recommendation for the Dave Anderson wood yard project, I know that you have heard from a number of opponents to the project and many of them are from the neighboring property (Blue Oak Estates) who are not even Paradise residents, but are concerned with noise, dust and traffic. And the concern that Mr. Hartley brings up about it being on dead mans curve is not a current reality. The last time someone was killed there was many years ago when a drunk driver went down the road the wrong way.

My reason to ask you to support this project is because of the need to get these dead and burnt trees out of our town so we are much more fire safe and to reduce the risk of the living trees being damaged by the bark beetle infestation that would create more fire hazard. As I assume that you are all aware of the many residents that were and are un or under insured that simply do not have the funds to have these trees removed from their property. That coupled with the loss of jobs and income from the Covid 19 shutdown just adds to the problem. And here is a new local non profit working with a local business owner to try and bring a solution to this problem that the town has. Even your staff has given this plan a green light as well as Cal Fire, and we are all having to deal with the inconvenience that this disaster and its clean up that has burdened us citizens with and here is the chance to help all of the residents get back to a safer normal.

It is only temporary and it will serve a need that so many of us have to become compliant with the fire safe regulations in our new reality. So please vote to support this planned project and serve the best interest of the residents you represent rather than a group from outside our town limits that threatens legal action if you don't reject this plan. I will plan to call in during the agenda item at your meeting to speak in favor of this item.

Thank You .... Steve "Woody" Culleton & Maureen Culleton

**From:** [Torey Feldhaus](#)  
**To:** [Volenski, Dina](#)  
**Subject:** Anderson log deck support plan  
**Date:** Sunday, May 10, 2020 7:19:23 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to show my support of the log deck location on the outskirts of town. I think the proposal will benefit the town in many ways. I understand it is temporary and is part of the clean up process. I feel we are behind as a town on tree removal and if Dave is willing to provide a location to help assist with the process, I am in favor of it.

If it's a location issue, alternative locations must be found immediately. Something must be done and we must act soon before more trees start to fall on new homes and risk personal and public injury. If the location doesn't work, I hope an alternative location can be acquired.

Thank you,

Torey Feldhaus

Sent from my iPhone



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## OPTIONAL COMMENTS FOR HOMEOWNERS/PROPERTY OWNERS

Dear City Council Committee of Paradise regarding Temporary Use Permit for Anderson we request their application be denied based on the following:

- Urgency Ordinance No. 590 and Town Municipal Code Chapter 8.59 – “Removal of Fire Damaged Debris from Private Property Following the Camp Fire”, is No Longer Valid and is terminated in conjunction of the emergency proclamations terminations
- Emergency Proclamation occurs only during the response phase when the facts support the declaration or proclamation and requires immediate response and action
- Town Council did not review the need for continuing the local emergency every 14 days as required by *California Government Code 8630*, to support the Urgency Ordinance 590 and continue the need for such urgency ordinance.
- Town Council declared Urgency Ordinance 590 was necessary for immediate preservation of public peace, health, and safety based on the Camp Fire Emergency and the Camp Fire Emergency is over in accordance to the definition of “Emergency” established by *California Public Resources Code, Section 201060.3*

- The circumstances that legally justified the Urgency Ordinance 590 no longer exist
- Issuance of the requested Temporary Use Permit would be an improper suspension of zoning laws, Town General Plan, regulatory statutes, orders, rules, or regulations and abuse of the Town's police powers
- The Town no longer qualifies for immunities under the *Emergency Services Act, California Government Code Section 8655*, and will be liable for discretionary actions in issuance of a Temporary Use Permit
- Failure of the City Planning Commissioners to respond to any of the requirements above and denying our Civil Rights as Citizens of USA and residents of Butte County.

Executed in Paradise, California on, April 27, 2020

Paul P. Farsai , Paul P. Farsai

Property Owner Signature

BLUE OAKS TERRACE RESIDENTS / LOT  
OWNERS' SUPPORT AGAINST ANDERSON  
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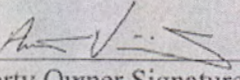
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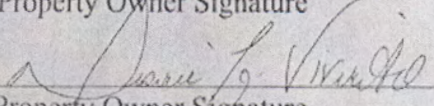
SEE ATTACHED - RE TRUCK POLLUTION

Executed in Paradise, California on

April 28, 2020

Date

 4-28-20  
Property Owner Signature

 4/28/20  
Property Owner Signature

I sent a letter via email to CARB regarding the health hazards of diesel toxins that will be released in our community if Anderson project passes.

I explained that 285 trucks per day, 12 hours a day, 7 days a week will exit approximately 1500 feet from our community.

Eighty percent of vehicles will be heavy equipment (weighing 10k pounds)

This is equivalent to 1,995 trucks a week and within 6 months, 365,000 trucks will have stopped across from our community unloading, releasing various toxins, green gasses and particulate matter in the air we breathe in and throughout our neighborhood and outlying residences.

## ***Below are health hazards of diesel:***

### ***Health Effects of Diesel Particulates***

This is a preview of the paper, limited to some initial content. Full access requires DieselNet [subscription](#). [Please log in](#) to view the complete version of this paper.

**Abstract:** The health effects of diesel particulates, a complex mixture of solids and liquids, are not yet well understood. Biological activity of particulate matter may be related to particle sizes and/or particle composition. A number of epidemiological studies concluded that exposure to particulate matter may cause increased morbidity and mortality, such as from cardiovascular disease. Long-term exposure to diesel exhaust is also associated with small increase in the relative risk of lung cancer.

- [Introduction](#)
- [Particle Properties and Toxicity](#)
- [Non-Cancer Health Effects](#)
- [Carcinogenicity of Diesel Exhaust](#)

## **Introduction**

### **Components of Diesel Particulates**

Diesel [particulate matter](#) (PM, also abbreviated DPM) is a complex mixture of solid and liquid material. The particles in diesel exhaust are of special concern because, due to their respirable size, they can penetrate deep into human lungs. The composition of DPM includes many species that are known for their adverse health effects, including several carcinogens. Health effects most often linked with particulate pollution, from diesel and other sources, include an increase in death due to respiratory and cardiovascular disease and worsening of symptoms in people with asthma.

Primary materials found in the solid phase of diesel PM include inorganic carbon and metal ashes, while the liquids include high boiling hydrocarbons, water, and sulfuric acid. According to most legal definitions of diesel particulates and the corresponding sampling and measurement methods, diesel particulates are sampled from exhaust gases that are diluted with air and cooled, typically to 52°C. These sampling procedures have been introduced in an attempt to simulate atmospheric dilution effects on diesel emissions.

Although it is known today that the products of real-life atmospheric dilutions may differ from what is sampled in a laboratory dilution tunnel, there has been a consensus in regards to the above definition among worldwide public health authorities. Accordingly, the total particulate matter traditionally includes the following fractions:

1. Solids (inorganic carbon, ash)
2. Organics (organic fraction—OF)



### 3. Sulfates (hydrated sulfuric acid, metal sulfates).

There is no such consensus, however, in diesel particulate exposure regulations in various occupational health environments. The *elemental carbon* (EC) definition—which excludes all organic content, sulfates, or inorganic ash—appears to become the preferred representation. Sometimes, the *total carbon* (TC) definition, which includes both the elemental and organic carbon but no sulfates, is also used.

Once released into the atmosphere, diesel PM becomes a part of the ambient suspended particulate matter, which also includes a number of other components, such as:

- Natural PM material including mineral dust, sea salt, biologic substance (plant/animal debris, pollen, ...)
- Combustion particles from sources other than internal combustion engines: power plants, industrial plants, heating furnaces
- Secondary particles formed from gaseous precursors in the atmosphere: mostly nitrates and sulfates

Ambient particulates are measured according to a large variety of protocols, but in general they do include both solid and liquid material, just as it was the case with diesel PM.

Health effects from exposure to diesel PM and non-diesel particles are extremely difficult to separate. Since particulates from different sources are often similar, so are the health effects they may cause. In fact, health effects caused by some gaseous pollutants may be also similar to those caused by particles. Despite these challenges, research studies have always attempted to separate the toxic effects of gaseous and particle pollution from different sources. This type of knowledge is essential for the policy makers to establish control strategies that would maximize the public health benefit by targeting the most critical sources of pollution

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It is ridiculous to permit this operation to perform  
12 hours a day 7 days a week, with the traffic, noise,  
and air pollution that will need to be mitigated, being  
placed in an area # of homes that relatively survived the fire.

Executed in Paradise, California on 05/03/2020  
Date

Karl P. Bolis

Property Owner Signature

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Property Owner Signature

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43 Tuscan Drive

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Date

William P. Camusi  
Property Owner ~~Signature~~ Print

William P. Camusi  
Property Owner Signature



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1. THE LOG YARD & SAWMILL ARE NOT  
APPROPRIATE FOR THIS LOCATION,  
ZONED 'RURAL - RESIDENTIAL',

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5/1/20  
Date

  
Property Owner Signature

JAMES C. FLANEGIN

  
Property Owner Signature

Gail C Flanegin



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Since we are rebuilding our home. I feel we have had enough devastation in our town & properties. To have a log Storage Plant as part of the entrance to our town will surely detracts people to rebuild

Executed in Paradise, California on May 1, 2020  
Date

William Ahn  
Property Owner Signature

[Signature]  
Property Owner Signature

I feel there are plenty of other properties that can be put to use for this issue.  
With everything that is going on we need smart decisions.  
We might not have rebuilt if we knew this was going to be down the street from us



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SEE ATTACHED PAGE 'MYRICK'

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[Signature]  
Property Owner Signature

[Signature]  
Property Owner Signature



To Paradise City Council:

1. We have recently listed our home For Sale. The realtor has informed us this logging operation will have an impact on our homes value if approved. The realtor says it is a financial detriment to the entire area surrounding the operation.
2. IF the town of Paradise is going to continue to rebuild at the current (or faster) rate, it has in the past year, this logging operation will SLOW DOWN that progress substantially. This operation IS NOT in the best interest of anyone currently living, rebuilding or working in Paradise.
3. I have worked the last 40 years in the Fire Protection Industry. A logging / chipping / milling type of operation is a great concern because of the Fire / explosion hazard that exists in the operation. Has Cal Fire / local Fire authority been consulted regarding this site and the proposed use?

Even though "land useage" can be compromised, The Uniform and National Fire Codes are very much still in regulatory force. The county, city and its residents surely don't need another fire disaster.

4. If approved and anything (fire, accident, spill, contamination etc. ) should occur (heaven forbid) , The council would be in serious trouble. Governmental authorities are exempt from liability as per govt code to perform their duties... EXCEPT when " knowingly" ACTING NEGLIENTLY in their duties. Especially when information and questions are ignored.

"Failure to Warn" is the #1 Lawsuit in the US.

5. Is this decision, in honesty and with integrity in the community's best interest? Please consider your actions and risk. We strongly ask this council to NOT approve the logging operation at this site.

Leroy & Vicky Myrick / 257 Bay Tree Drive / Paradise / Blue Oaks Terrace  
Sub.lot39

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Date

Joanne Lougaris  
Property Owner Signature

Joanne Lougaris  
Property Owner Signature

Bay Tree Dr.

Paradise, CA 95969



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Ed Budsings  
Property Owner Signature

[Signature]  
Property Owner Signature



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Owners of Lot #40.

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Property Owner Signature

Property Owner Signature



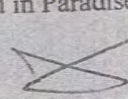
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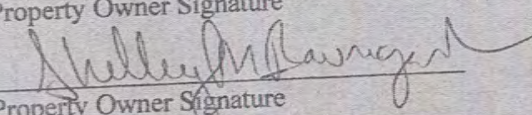
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Owners of Lot #4.

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Property Owner Signature

  
Property Owner Signature

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Dale Wagoner  
Property Owner Signature

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Property Owner Signature



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Lisa Shaffer  
Property Owner Signature

Kirk A Shaffer  
Property Owner Signature

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OWNERS AGAINST ANDERSON LOG  
STORAGE AND PROCESSING PLANT**

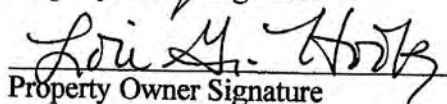
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Your reconsideration of the proposed  
aforementioned project would be  
greatly appreciated. Thank You

Executed in Paradise, California on April, 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Date

 TODD J HOOK  
Property Owner Signature

 LORI G HOOK  
Property Owner Signature

APN # 055-540-053  
401 BAY TREE DRIVE  
PARADISE



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We live at 368 Bay Tree Drive. My husband  
has severe heart and lung disease. He is on  
oxygen 24 hours a day. He cannot be breathing  
in the airborne particular matter that this plant  
would produce. Placing this in the middle of  
an area zoned for residential use and surrounded  
by existing residential neighborhoods  
is unconscionable.

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Date

Mel Shirley  
Property Owner Signature

Sherman Shirley  
Property Owner Signature



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Property Owner Signature

  
Property Owner Signature

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Date

Spencer Holton  
Property Owner Signature

Emily Holton  
Property Owner Signature

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OWNERS AGAINST ANDERSON LOG  
STORAGE AND PROCESSING PLANT

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OPTIONAL COMMENTS FOR HOMEOWNERS/PROPERTY OWNER

Lot # 27 - 432 Bay tree Dr.

Executed in Paradise, California on 5-5-20  
Date

*Dina Nelson*  
Property Owner Signature

*Lisa Nelson*  
Property Owner Signature

*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten signature]*

**From:** [tony and anne](#)  
**To:** [Volenski, Dina](#)  
**Subject:** Anderson brothers temporary wood storage facility  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:25:43 AM

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My name is Anne Hansen and my husband, Tony, and I own property on Craft Lane in Paradise. Part of our property adjoins a part of the Anderson property in question. We want to support the project which Mr. Anderson is proposing.

Like almost everyone living in Paradise right now, we are camp fire survivors. We survived the fire but lost our home and are currently rebuilding. After the fire, when we had to make a decision to build or leave, Paradise was not a very pretty place. But we had 29 years of memories of what Paradise had been - and could become again.

After the fire, burned debris was everywhere and we had to endure months of heavy traffic, congestion with debris trucks, dirt and dust and all the inconvenience that went with debris cleaning. But the job was completed and Paradise is looking much better.

Now we are faced with dead trees everywhere we turn and for Paradise to return to the beautiful town we had, the dead trees must go.

I think the camp fire has taught us some patience and the willingness to make some sacrifices on the short term for the better results in the future. It would seem that Mr. Anderson's project is a project that would help many people, who might have difficulty with the tree removal, get it done.

I think we all want Paradise to become a beautiful place to live, just as it was before the fire. We are willing to sacrifice a short term inconvenience which would facilitate that happening.

Anne Hansen  
237 Craft Lane  
Paradise, Ca.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Bill Hartley](#)  
**To:** [Volenski, Dina](#)  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM  
**Date:** Monday, May 11, 2020 9:48:37 PM

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Dear Dina,

I am having difficulty with my email and respectfully request that you disregard the previous version of my public comment and please use the below version.

Mr. Mayor and Council Members:

Good evening. I am Bill Hartley, a resident of Paradise for 39 years. I am opposed to the proposed log storage and wood processing yard on Skyway, but I am not opposed to the tree program. I recognize the need to remove the dead and hazardous trees, but creating another hazard to fix a hazard does not make sense.

As you know, I retired from the Paradise Police Dept after 20 years of service to our town. I know the history of the Skyway curve at the gateway to our town and know of several fatalities on that curve and numerous accidents. In police circles we called this section "Deadman's Curve," but later renamed it "Curtis Corner" after Officer John Curtis broke his leg jumping out of the path of an out-of-control car. Officer Curtis was there during daylight hours investigating an accident that happened the previous day.

I lived off Neal Road for 38 years and my property backs up to the Anderson property. From my home there were numerous times I heard car tires screeching and metal crunching as cars tumbled off the curve and filed several phone reports after hearing the accident. Although some of the hazard may be mitigated with traffic control, stopping traffic on a curve will be hazardous and cause severe delays on one the busiest roadways in Paradise, if this project is allowed. This is not necessary as there are other suitable sites available that will not cause extreme traffic control measures to alleviate hazards.

This is a residential zone and allowing an industrial business in this zone sets a precedent for future industrial projects in residential neighborhoods. Safety should be the town's top priority and other sites can process trees without jeopardizing the health and safety of the residents you, the council, represent.

I realize this is scheduled to be a 6-month temporary project, common sense tells me that it is nearly impossible to process thousands of trees in such a short time. Most likely there will be a request to extend the permit duration, and realistically the operation will continue for 12 to 18 months. I believe that is the estimate by tree experts. All this can be avoided by locating this wood processing operation to a different site.

Again, does it make sense to create a hazard to reduce a hazard? Please don't put your constituents' health in jeopardy and make safety your top priority.

Respectfully,

Bill Hartley



**From:** [Debbi Neves](#)  
**To:** [Volenski, Dina](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Skyway Anderson log yard  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:27:20 AM

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Opposition-

I watched the planning commissioners meeting last month and have to say I was a bit bewildered with theatrics surrounding Mr. Anderson's personal presentation. I too, wish all the people in homes surrounding this site could share a painted picture of our home life, our families, our children, pets, healthy water supply, our histories in this town. We've all lost many things to the Camp Fire, even those who didn't lose homes, we lost our sense of security, we lost friends and neighbors, our town, use of our homes for many months, all the recovery efforts to get back to our homes, our beautiful views, our privacy, the list goes on.

We have been through wringer up here. At this point, we are finally feeling some peace as we move forward, many of us are still clearing our land, replanting, rebuilding. Please don't add to the worries in our lives by allowing a wood processing yard next door. It would jeopardize our clean water, threaten our pond life in our stream that runs through the proposed property, be a constant noise nuisance and take away any peace we have at our homes. Small chippers used by neighbors to take care of brush, literally shakes our home and I can't even imagine how earth shaking an industrial chipper of this magnitude would be, this everyday, all day, for months. I understand that the tree removal needs to happen and they need property to use for this purpose but I have to say there are many better suited areas for this in Paradise. This is the literal entrance to our town, it would be the "Welcome to Paradise". To ever say that the traffic in this location wouldn't be a problem, you would have never had traveled the Skyway into Paradise...

Town of Paradise, please, encourage Mr. Anderson to build some beautiful homes on this parcel, use it for residential, as it is zoned and find a better location for the wood processing, maybe a location not absolutely surrounded by inhabited homes.

Thank you for considering how this will effect this if us surrounding this location.

Debbi Neves  
Tuscan Dr, Paradise

**From:** [tony and anne](#)  
**To:** [Volenski, Dina](#)  
**Subject:** Anderson Brothers temporary wood storage facility  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:57:31 AM

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My name is kurt gilbertson, owner broker of Gilson Real Estate in Paradise, CA. We rebuilt our home in Paradise and we are looking forward to our town being rebuilt and be better than it was before. Two things are of utmost importance to help those who are in Paradise and to attract others to our town. Streets being repaired once all heavy work is complete and dead trees being removed. I am asking that the town council approve the Anderson Brothers temporary Wood storage facility so dead trees from properties in town that owners who cannot afford to have them removed can be helped in a efficient and safe manner. Not only will this help restore the beauty of Paradise but also safety of its citizens. This may be an inconvenience for some but its only til December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and I would ask those who feel inconvenienced to consider the needs of the community over their inconvenience.

Thank you, Kurt Gilbertson

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [pmbellfay](#)  
**To:** [Volenski, Dina](#)  
**Subject:** Anderson property  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 6:02:48 AM

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Dear Council Members and Mayor,

Please consider moving in the direction of the Planning Comissions decision to have use the Anderson Brothers lot on Skyway as a location to take brush and trees.

Traffic can be directed and slowed with the use of flaggers and cones, just as it was when the golf course property was used to house the debris removal workers. And we all know there is far less traffic than ever be cause of far less people living in the ridge. Is the golf course a good location? Sure it is, but what is the cost to lease that property and who covers that cost? Dave's project is to help those who may not a means to pay for hauling, dumping, etc. Time is money. The location is great because it is in close proximity to Paradise. Some lots have 15 or more trees to be removed. We have received bids to clean up our property from \$14,000 - \$22,500. At \$3500 per day, do you want to pay for drive time for trucks to go to who knows where to take the debris.

It is imperitave the trees and brush get cleared. Fire season is approaching fast as well as the timing for possible bark beetle infestation on dead trees. And we all know how dangerous that is.

A wind storm will blow a tree on your brand new house in the middle of the night, possibly harming the residents. Or on a brand new car driving down a street, there are many scenarios. A place to take the trees and shrubs is desperately needed and this is a good place.

The lot at the garbage company on Clark should be opened as well. Charge a minimal fee per trailer to create revenue for the town.

AND is it true that the Cal OES program is looking at the Walmart property between the 2 Skyway's firm their program?

Please continue to move forward for the Anderson Brothers to be able to offer their property to help clean up this town.

Thank you.

Mary Bellefeuille

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

The Proposed Anderson Log Yard.

Hello,

My name is Mike Cosentino. I live in the Blue Oaks Subdivision adjacent to the proposed Anderson Logging yard. I wanted to express my concerns on the site that has been picked for this particular yard. A little history on me, I have driven trucks for more than 35 years, I have managed drivers for more than 25 years and I am currently a Logistics Manager over semi's here in northern Ca.

Having a fully loaded logging truck heading down the Skyway in the fast lane and trying to slow down enough to make the turn onto the Crossroads is an extremely dangerous maneuver. It takes over 2 football fields to stop a truck traveling 50 miles an hour. Then to make the turn, which is sharper than 90 degrees, will be extremely hard for any driver. If there were to be another vehicle turning down the Skyway from the Crossroad it is certain to be hit. That corner is hard enough in a regular sized vehicle. I have heard that there is talk about putting in another crossover road just above that, but without a proper turning lane in place you will have the same result. There will undoubtedly be many inexperienced drivers hired on to help with the volume of trees that they are talking about hauling, this will compound the issue and potentially hurt someone.

Then you now have the issue of crossing the Skyway against oncoming traffic heading into Paradise. There is just too much potential for accidents coming down and then going up the Skyway. I know that you've heard this many times over. But, this is just not the right location for this logging yard. Everyone knows that there are plenty of vacant lots throughout Paradise more suitable for this endeavor.

Please consider the safety of the truck drivers and other drivers on the road. This is just a bad decision and a very dangerous area to have this kind of traffic.

Thank you  
Mike Cosentino

**From:** [Mr. Clay](#)  
**To:** [Volenski, Dina](#)  
**Subject:** Log Sites  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 1:07:37 PM

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Greetings All,

I think all involved persons would love to see the recovery of Paradise happen as soon as possible, we know that tree processing will have to take place. I don't think the Anderson property is the best place for this process. There are many other sites, zoned industrial, that would be a better fit.

If we have to use the Anderson Site, please under no circumstances extend the permit, or change the zoning of the property!

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Clay Carter  
127 Tuscan Dr.  
Paradise, CA

**From:** [Comcast](#)  
**To:** [Volenski, Dina](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Public Comment Item  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:50:36 PM

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> Dear Town Council Members,  
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> As a residence of Paradise, thousands of us remember fleeing for our lives on that dreadful day in November.  
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> Thousands of us escaped down the Skyway as our wonderful law enforcement opened both sides so the people of Paradise could escape.  
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> My greatest fear is that the proposed logging site in the center divider of Skyway will place our town and residences in danger right next to our main escape route. With almost 2,000 trucks a week entering at the town gateway to proposed site, we are significantly increasing our fire hazard incidents, lack of escape route access, toxic releases from heavy diesel equipment trucks, carrying thousands of gallons of fuel. One crash, one explosion and we risk thousands of lives, not to mention one cigarette dropped from a driver or worker, and or leaking fuels from trucks being stored.  
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> We live in an area where we are fortunate to have access to many rural areas of available land that will not jeopardize our main escape route.  
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> Keeping the Skyway gateway divide free and clear of this enormous traffic and public fire hazard will keep the people of Paradise and Magalia safe.  
> We need to FEEL SAFE!  
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> Once Covid 19 restrictions lift and people return to work, our Skyway will become extremely busy with heavy traffic, not to mention all the work vehicles helping to restore Paradise.  
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> I as thousands of others still have issues with PTSD from this disaster and have sought counseling.  
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> For families and children who live near this site, in Paradise and Magalia, we ask you to please vote against the use of this land.  
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> We are counting on the great people of our town council to protect all of us.  
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> Please, please, please allow us to FEEL SAFE in our community.  
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> Thank you from my heart and thousands of others.

> Desiree Viverito  
> Paradise, CA  
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>  
> Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Gail Flanegin](#)  
**To:** [Volenski, Dina](#)  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:38:20 PM

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**Re: Appeal of Temporary Use Permit PL19-00383, Anderson Brothers Corp**

As Camp Fire Survivors living beside Skyway at the Crossroad, **we appeal to you to oppose this location** (zoned RR 2/3) for industrial chipping, grinding, processing, and log storage.

Valid concerns about the proposed location were ignored once Mr. Anderson said “nonprofit”:

1. **Traffic Safety:** Several memorials near our neighborhood attest to the danger of this blind curve heading into Paradise where cars travel 50+ mph.
  - Mr. Anderson’s **40-home plan** does **not** account for **285 trucks daily**. One truck every three minutes for 12 hours creates a hazard, a bottleneck, and hinders evacuation.
  - Paradise Traffic-plan Review “***after the log yard is in place***” is too late.
  - Bill Hartley, Retired Police Officer & Paradise Resident, has investigated many wrecks at this curve, “***... in police circles, we call this Deadman's Curve.***” I heard someone blame “*drunk drivers*”. True or not, no one deserves to die. This curve is already dangerous.
2. **Fire Danger:** Dead trees stacked 20 x 30 x 500 feet pose an ENORMOUS FIRE DANGER to nearby families evacuated in 2017 and 2018.

A 12,000 gallon portable tank & trucks seem inadequate, based on our recent experiences.
3. **Residential Zone:** Camp Fire Survivors rebuilding homes and lives after an event that devastated Us All surround the proposed site, Zoned: RR2/3 on the town’s map.
  - Paradise, with 2,500 people/homes distributed, must have safer sites to use.
  - Clark and Pence have industrial sites—though I heard someone say one neighborhood would be too close at a half mile away. ***What makes the proposed site a few hundred feet from homes and families the better choice?***
4. **Environmental Degradation**
  - **Air Quality:** Daily wind poses health issues dispersing debris from **chipping, grinding, processing Seven days/week, 7 am to 7 pm per the permit.**
  - **Contamination:** Our neighborhood has two uncovered 20,000 gallon water

tanks a few hundred feet from the proposed site--provided to Cal Fire as needed.

- **A second Cal Fire resource**, Nance pond directly behind my home, is below grade and could be compromised by runoff from the proposed site.

5. **Project Duration: Extensions affect all neighbors. Is 7 months genuinely realistic to finish and clean?** Mr Anderson said this is a “*very short term project*”--to be operational will “*take a month, at best*”). What happens if ROE forms are not received on time? What about CEQA requirements after the end of the year?

**Thank you in advance for locating this project in an already-designated industrial site. Best regards,  
Jim and Gail Flanegin**



**From:** [Cheryl Robbins](#)  
**To:** [Volenski, Dina](#)  
**Subject:** For Tonight's Council Meeting May 12th 2020  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:47:18 PM  
**Attachments:** [Dahlgren B exposurewoodRX.pdf](#)  
[BioRes 11 1 209 Mrackova Creation Wood Dust Size Health 7987.pdf](#)

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Please submit to the meeting tonight:

For the good of the public health we must be assured that a detailed plan in cooperation with the EPA, OSHA, including an Environmental Impact Assessment be submitted and that it be proven to us that all of these concerns will be eliminated. The noise pollution alone will affect all wildlife in the area so we must consider everything carefully and with good conscience. The health hazards that can be caused are serious-we must pay attention to the health of our population, not to mention existing Federal laws to which we must comply.

Environmental Impact Statements are required by Federal Law: 39 CFR § 775.11 - Environmental impact statements. | CFR | US ..

(10) An environmental impact statement must contain a discussion of any inconsistency between the proposed action and any State or local law, ordinance, or approved plan; and must contain a description of the manner and extent to which the proposed action will be reconciled with the law, ordinance, or approved plan.

Here is more information on those laws

<https://www.epa.gov/nepa/national-environmental-policy-act-review-process>.

Here are the EPA's wood processing effluent guidelines

<https://www.epa.gov/eg/timber-products-processing-effluent-guidelines>

OSHA has very strict standards which must be attended to. Please read the OSHA site

"The wood products industry includes some of the most dangerous occupations in the United States. "

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/woodproducts/index.html>

This is a list of my concerns:

1. Traffic congestion and dangerous road conditions as well as the excess noise involved in the operation.

For the operation itself large trucks will generate much slow traffic as the trucks navigate in and out of the facility. Skyway is congested at the Neal Junction so this is a salient issue for all entering and leaving Paradise on a daily basis.

2. Health hazards of the dust emitted -Govt regulations recommend that operations like this be farther than 2 miles in any direction from residential areas.

If there is actual sawing going on at the site- Exposure to Cobalt -Stellite tipped saw blades generate a fine dust containing cobalt when sharpened. Cobalt is a silvery, bluish-white, odorless, and magnetic metal. The fume and dust of cobalt metal is odorless and black. Cobalt also is combustible

and burns brilliantly in air at room temperature. Dusts of cobalt metal or cobalt compounds may form explosive mixtures in air.

Inhalation of cobalt metal fume and dust may cause interstitial fibrosis, interstitial pneumonitis, myocardial and thyroid disorders, and sensitization of the respiratory tract and skin. Chronic cobalt poisoning may also produce polycythemia and hyperplasia of the bone marrow. Among 12 workers engaged in the manufacture or grinding of tungsten carbide tools (cobalt is used as a binder for tungsten carbide crystals), who developed interstitial lung disease, there were eight fatalities.

Chronic exposure: Chronic exposure to cobalt metal, dust, or fume may cause respiratory or dermatologic signs and symptoms. Following skin sensitization, contact with cobalt causes eruptions of dermatitis in creases and on frictional surfaces of the arms, legs, and neck. Following sensitization of the respiratory system, cobalt exposure causes an obstructive lung disease with wheezing, cough, and shortness of breath. Chronic respiratory exposure results in reduced lung function, increased fibrotic changes on chest X-ray, production of scanty mucoid sputum, and shortness of breath. Chronic cobalt poisoning may cause polycythemia, hyperplasia of the bone marrow and thyroid gland, pericardial effusion, and damage to the alpha cells of the pancreas.

3. Fire Hazards-Flammability The National Fire Protection Association has not assigned a flammability rating to cobalt metal, dust, and fume; however, powdered cobalt (pyrophoric cobalt) is combustible and burns brilliantly in air at room temperature. Dusts of cobalt metal or cobalt compounds may form explosive mixtures in air.

4. Exposure to wood dust- long been associated with a variety of adverse health effects, including dermatitis, allergic respiratory effects, mucosal and nonallergic respiratory effects, and cancer. Contact with the irritant compounds in wood sap can cause dermatitis and other allergic reactions. The respiratory effects of wood dust exposure include asthma, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, and chronic bronchitis. Aerosol distribution of large amounts of pesticides used for the protection of the stored wood may also pose a health hazard.

5. Diesel exhaust - a combination mixture of gases, vapors and liquid aerosols. The main component of chain saw exhaust emissions are hydrocarbons. Breathing in these diesel fumes can cause adverse health effects.-Irritation of eyes, nose and throat, Dizziness (lightheadedness), Nausea (feeling sick to stomach), Wheezing, Headache,Drowsiness (feeling sleepy)Long-term (Chronic) Effects Increased susceptibility to bacterial or viral respiratory infections, Asthma,Persistent cough,Lung cancer,Lack of coordination, Blood disorders

I've attached information that has been verified by experts to call attention to risks that must be addressed before allowing this operation to proceed.

Thank you,

*Cheryl Robbins*

(530) 990-8645

**From:** [Lori Hook](#)  
**To:** [Volenski, Dina](#)  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 4:44:53 PM

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Dear Paradise Town Council,

We are addressing you all regarding the proposed Anderson Project located on Skyway at the gateway to our amazing community.

When researching the proper way to go about composing our email, it was mentioned to avoid discussion of property values, safety issues, and personal reasons, and to stick to the facts. Well the truth is, ALL of those items are the basis for our concerns! The proposed wood processing project WILL affect our property values as it will be an external obsolescence that no one will want to invest near. That's a fact. The hundreds of loaded logging trucks attempting to maneuver tight turns into the Anderson property off of Skyway WILL be a major safety issue. That's a fact. What about our water supply? We, Blue Oak Terrace Mutual Water Company has invested an enormous amount of money on our private wells. We are extremely concerned. That's also a fact. And as for the emotional impact, I am quite sure each and every one of you understand the impact that we all have felt, and the majority are still feeling. For some of us, our surviving home is our sanctuary. We don't want to see, hear or smell anything outside of our subdivision. And certainly not seven days a week for months on end. We would simply ask each of you to ask yourselves one question; Would you want to live next to such a nuisance? Please give that some thought.

Thank you for your consideration,

Todd and Lori Hook

401 Bay Tree Drive

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Lisa Kasza](#)  
**To:** [Volenski, Dina](#)  
**Subject:** Log Yard Comments  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 5:12:27 PM

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Dear Town Council,

I am writing to voice my concerns for the proposed log yard on Skyway. I know that Mr. Anderson has had some bad luck with this property and has not been able to pursue his plans as he originally intended. So, I understand his likely motivation to recoup some losses he has sustained. However, this project, conducted in this residentially zoned area is not the way to do it.

To date, 3 sites for this project have been approved. There is question whether another site is actually even needed. There has been no opposition to at least one of those approved sites, as it is in a more appropriate and commercially zoned area. With all the available property now there is no emergency to have this project conducted at this residential location. I have commercially zoned property on Clark that could be used and I would be willing to donate or lease it at cost for insurance and other such expenses. I am sure there are many others like me who would be willing to do the same, and not charge \$90,000 a month to lease their land as Mr. Anderson intends to do.

Perhaps Mr. Anderson can be encouraged to recoup his losses through a project that is suited for a residential zone.

This site is wrong on so many levels. There is wide opposition to it, so please listen to those voices and do the right thing.

Thank You!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Kasza

**From:** [Cheryl Robbins](#)  
**To:** [Volenski, Dina](#)  
**Subject:** Meeting Tonight  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 4:53:46 PM  
**Attachments:** [ceqa flow chart.pdf](#)  
[2019 CEQA Statutes and Guidelines.pdf](#)

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CORRECTION: Since the California Environmental Quality Act would govern the Anderson project and its approval or non-approval council members should become aware of these regulations and requirements in relation to providing full disclosure via an environmental impact report to the community of the proposed project.

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/CEQA/Purpose>

Thank you for adding this information to my previous comments.

*Cheryl Robbins*

(530) 990-8645

**From:** [jason.onstein](#)  
**To:** [Volenski, Dina](#)  
**Subject:** Anderson Log Deck  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 5:35:43 PM

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My name is Jason Onstein I have lived in Paradise for 37 years and I would like to contribute some opinion on this topic. To begin with I do need to say that I live on the opposite side of town from the property in question I do however live the same approximate distance from the new vegetation yard owned by DJ Gomes across from the post office and I have no complaints about such activities happening, they need to be completed promptly so the town can have a clean slate from which to move forward as soon as possible. As part owner of a family business in Paradise (Green Ridge Landscaping) we have had numerous jobs in which we cleared dead brush, fell dead trees and removed them from the properties and having had vegetative waste locations in town would have saved time and money for our clients. I feel strongly that Anderson brothers generous offer to donate the use of their land to raise funds so local contractors can be hired who will then hire local workers would benefit our community far above bringing in "out of town" contractors and out of town workers who will then take the bulk of their earnings and leave to their homes, benefiting their communities, not ours. My vote is that we heed our own slogan and "Keep our money on the Ridge".

Respectfully,

Jason Onstein

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10