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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: PRA Request for Information - APN number 006-004-22, 10535 High Valley Road, Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423
Date: August 25, 2025 at 3:29 PM
To: Maria Kann mariackann@gmail.com
Cc: Lake County County Counsel mbx.CountyCounsel@lakecountyca.gov

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Hello Maria:

I hope you had a good weekend. I appreciate your response to my email regarding your PRA Request for Information regarding APN number 006-004-22, 10535 High Valley Road, Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423. I understand that you would like a search for records to be conducted under the parameters of your original, expanded request. However, I must reiterate that, under the PRA, the right to access public records is not without limits. A local agency is not required to perform a “needle in a haystack” search to locate the record or records sought by the requester. (*Cal. First Amend. Coalition v. Superior Court, supra*, 67 Cal.App.4th at p. 166.) The County would like to produce records to you at a reasonable rate. However, as your request reads, every department in the County must search every single one of their records from 1987 to see if “APN number 006-004-22” or “10535 High Valley Road, Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423” appear. A search at this level is too burdensome on County Staff time, County resources, and would require an expanded timeline for production.

Due to the overbroad and burdensome nature of your request, the County would like to propose a narrower scope, at least by departments. Seeing as your requests are regarding a property number and use permit, are you okay with the County limiting the search by the following departments:

1. Administration;
2. Assessor-Recorder;
3. Auditor-Controller;
4. Code Enforcement;
5. Community Development; and
6. Sheriff.

These six departments would be the departments in the County that would most likely have responsive records to your request. The search will be for records regarding APN number 006-004-22, 10535 High Valley Road, Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423, from 10/10/1987 to the Present.

If this reduced scope is agreeable to you, please let me know and the County will start conducting a search for responsive records.

Sincerely,

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From: Maria Kann <mariackann@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 7:02 PM

To: Jackson Berumen <Jackson.Berumen@lakecountyca.gov>

Cc: Lake County County Counsel <mbx.CountyCounsel@lakecountyca.gov>

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Good afternoon, Jackson Berumen,

Thank you for your email regarding my PRA.

I don't believe I've received all the email communications between staff and the project applicant and their associates. There are very few emails dating from the time the Poverty Flats project was submitted and relating to review and development of the project. The documents produced are missing almost all of the typical emails between planners and project applicants and between planners and internal supervisors/staff. So, I am assuming that these are still forthcoming. Documents provided to date have shown a much earlier start to the project development than we were aware of. The expanded time frame of my request is necessary to complete the timeline of the project and to produce documents that corroborate statements presented as facts by County staff within the project documentation and at the planning commission meeting of May 22, 2025. Therefore, I respectfully request all documents/data/etc. be supplied under the parameters of my PRA 25-134 request with the expanded time

frame.

I appreciate your work to provide a timely response to our request.

Sincerely,
Maria Kann and Associates

On Wed, Aug 20, 2025 at 3:39 PM Jackson Berumen
<Jackson.Berumen@lakecountyca.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon, Maria Kann:

The County is in receipt of your Public Records Act ("PRA") Request for all documents related to APN number 006-004-22, 10535 High Valley Road, Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423 from 10/10/1987 to the Present. I am reaching out to request that you narrow the scope of your request due to it being duplicative of prior requests, overbroad, and burdensome on the County, and County Staff.

The County seeks to provide complete responses to PRA requests where possible. Overly broad requests, however, impose financial and other burdens on the County and inhibit it from responding to PRA requests from other requesters in a timely manner, as well as completing its normal functions. Ultimately, where requests are unduly burdensome, the County does not have the resources, and is not required, to respond to such requests. A local agency is not required to perform a "needle in a haystack" search to locate the record or records sought by the requester. (*Cal. First Amend. Coalition v. Superior Court, supra*, 67 Cal.App.4th at p. 166.) Nor is it compelled to undergo a search that will produce a "huge volume" of material in response to the request. (*Ibid.*)

As worded, your request is duplicative of your PRAs from 07/21/2025 and 7/25/2025 and incorporates records already produced under your PRA requests to Community Development from 6/12/2025. In order to provide responsive records, the County asks that you narrow the scope of your request so that the records production process is not unduly burdensome on County resources and may be completed in a timely manner. At this time, the County will take no further action on your PRA until a narrower scope is provided.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

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