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"Less Than Three Acre Conversion Amendments 2016"

Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR):

Division 1.5, Chapter 4, Surchapter 7, Article 7

Amend : 1104.1 (1)

Dear Board,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Less & Penny Rasmussen. I hope you are aware that they have been waiting over three years to build a garage on their property, 4 Apache Trail, Graeagle, Ca 96103.

After buying their one third acre lot in 2004, obtaining all the necessary permits and paying the fees they had seventy five trees removed and built their home.

In 2014 they decided to build a garage. Again, they followed "The Rules", applying for permits and taking out a loan for the project. Included in their permits was one from Cal-Fire requiring a conversion permit.

A Forester was hired. In doing his review of the Rasmussen property he found arrowhead chips. The finding of these chips then led the Rasmussen 's into doing an Archaeological Evaluation, again, finding the same artifacts found throughout the subdivision.

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I can not begin to express my frustration with how this situation has come about, how it has been handled and how the Rasmussen 's have been treated. To "Deny" anyone the right to build a garage after building their home and witnessing numerous neighbors building on their property is Not Right.

The whole idea of a Conversion Permit makes me ask, "A Conversion From What"? The Rasmussen property Is Not zoned Timber Production. This property is zoned Residential.

I Am Respectfully Asking This Board To Rectify This Situation To Ensure Consistent And Scrupulous Treatment Of "ALL" Property Owners.

Respectively Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Engel', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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