

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 5, 2023

**TO:** Project Review Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Derik Michaelson, Project Planner

**RE:** File No: CMO22-0008  
Owner: Nick Haemel  
Address: 5300 Burnham Ranch Rd, Santa Rosa  
APNs: 049-720-019

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Attached are the public comments received in response to the PRAC agenda item scheduled for April 6, 2023.

Attached Comments

Summit View Ranch HOA, 4/4/2023

Mykel Ferrantino, 3/30/2023

Harry D. (Hal) Koch, 3/30/2023

Kristin Merrihew, 3/29/2023

Nate Verbiscar-Brown, 3/29/2023



**From:** [Kristin](#)  
**To:** [Derik Michaelson](#)  
**Cc:** [Nicholas Haemel](#); [Bob James](#)  
**Subject:** 5300 Burnham Ranch Rd - CM022-0008  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023 1:09:29 PM

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Sonoma County Project Review Advisory Committee,

The Summit View Ranch Homeowners Association, which is the governing body for the shared ranch development which includes 5300 Burnham Ranch Road, the property affected by CM022-0008 is aware of the proposal to increase the building envelope to enable development of a pool. We are in support of this change. It is in the spirit of the development and management of our Ranch to allow modest development while leaving the vast majority of the acreage in its natural state.

Sincerely,

Robert James  
President  
Summit View Ranch HOA

sent by Kristin Merrihew secretary/VP SVR HOA for Bob James,  
President SVR HOA

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Derik Michaelson, Project Planner  
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Thursday, March 30, 2023

RE: Permit Sonoma File: CM022-0008, Homeowner Nick Haemel

To: Derik Michaelson and The Project Review Advisory Committee:

I am writing because I am unable to attend the public hearing in person.

As a member of the Summit View Ranch Community and neighbor of the Haemel family, I would like to voice my support for the expansion of the building envelope at 5300 Burnham Ranch Road.

Summit View Ranch is a beloved and unique community located on approximately 300 acres. Most of the land functions as a reserve for wildlife and the cows that graze here. As there will always, only be a limited number of homes on this land, we strive to continually improve and update our homes for both efficiency and family enjoyment.

Regards,

*Mykel Ferrantino*

3/30/2023

RE: CM022-0008; Nick Haemel

Derik Michaelson  
Sonoma Co. Permits

Dear Mr. Michaelson: I am Nick Haemel's neighbor and am in favor of the building envelope modification. Their home is protected from view with many trees. No other neighbors look directly on their property like us and we can barely see it.

Nick has been a champion on our ranch, leading our efforts of fire mitigation and infrastructure upgrades. He is a guy of integrity with engineering skills and can be counted on to do things right.

I am happy to answer any questions. Respectfully Submitted,

Harry D. (Hal) Koch

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Santa Rosa, CA 95404  
402-578-7773 (cell)

**From:** [Kristin](#)  
**To:** [Derik Michaelson](#)  
**Subject:** Extending building envelope - 5300 Burnham Ranch Rd/ CM022-0008  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 29, 2023 10:23:47 PM

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**EXTERNAL**

Dear Derik

I am a close neighbor of Nick and Anna Haemel who live at 5300 Burnham Ranch Rd., Santa Rosa, in the subdivided Ranch of Summit View Ranch. The Ranch entails an area of 320 acra most of which is kept in a maintained natural state. 5300 Burnham Ranch Rd has more than 10 acres and should easily be able to fit a pool on the lot. I am completely fine with the building envelope being extended to encompass a swimming pool. This will be a positive addition to our ranch where we encourage residents to improve their residences in ways that do not change the overall natural state of the ranch.

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**From:** Nate Verbiscar-Brown <natevbrown@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2023 10:54 PM  
**To:** Derik Michaelson <Derik.Michaelson@sonoma-county.org>  
**Subject:** Permit Sonoma File No. CM022-0008

## EXTERNAL

To the Project Review Advisory Committee:

I write to voice support for the application that is Permit Sonoma File No. CM022-0008.

I am a close neighbor to the subject property and have lived in the housing development in which it sits for nearly 40 years. I also frequently walk the common lands--owned by the HOA--that surround the subject property. I believe that the proposed change will have no discernable impact on the natural beauty or character of the local area, and will be beneficial, for the following reasons:

--The location of the subject property is out of the sightline of all neighbors and virtually all users of the common land; no one will see it.

--Expansion of the building envelope for the addition of a pool would be directly in line with the standards for the neighborhood. I have a pool, as does every property between mine and the subject property.

--A backyard pool provides a source of water should firefighting become necessary. I have a high capacity water pump with 150' of 1.5" fire hose. Every spring my family runs a fire drill. Based on our tests, we could continuously run our pump for over 24 hours with the water stored in our pool. I want all my neighbors to have this kind of firefighting capacity to strengthen our common defense against wildfires.

--A backyard pool provides a meeting and entertainment space that is great for fostering relationships with neighbors. This is especially true for those with children, as the region has become progressively older with fewer children than in the 1980s. Kids love pools, so having a pool is great for helping kids make friends. Also, learning to swim promotes lifelong water safety, to say nothing of the innumerable health benefits of swimming itself.

In closing, I can think of no reason why the proposed modification should not be granted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nathan Verbiscar-Brown  
5145 Burnham Ranch Rd.

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