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FINAL ARGUMENTS



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EXHIBIT – COST APPROACH WORKSHEET

Property: 3584A N Main St, Kelseyville, CA

Subject: County Cost Approach Analysis

Sale Price (2023): \$700,000

Land Value

- Calculator cost worksheet provided by the County prior to the appeal stated the 2024 land value was \$100,000
- Calculator cost worksheet provided by the County at the appeal stated the 2024 land value was now \$150,000 because of grading

1. Actual Cost vs. County Adjustment

- **Actual grading + gravel cost: \$5,327.33**
- **County land adjustment: \$50,000**

10× higher than actual cost

2. Work Performed Was Limited in Scope

The work consisted of:

- Basic grading
- Gravel placement

It did **not include**:

- Paving (asphalt or concrete)
- Utilities (water, sewer, electricity)
- Drainage systems
- Structural site improvements

This was **minor site work**, not major land development.

3. Misclassification: Land vs. Site Improvements

- **Land value** = value of raw site
- **Grading & gravel** = site improvements

If recognized at all, this should be treated as a **minor site improvement**, not a **\$50,000 increase in land value**

The county also already has the aisle gravel roadway in the additives-yard improvement section of their worksheet for **\$15,750** (1.05 x 15000sqft). We again only paid a total of **\$5,327.33 for grading and gravel**.

Entrepreneurial Profit

- Calculator cost worksheet provided by the County prior to the appeal stated that entrepreneurial profit was **not included**
- Calculator cost worksheet provided by the County at the appeal has a **20% entrepreneurial profit** added for a total of **\$126,137.37**

Marshall & Swift does not automatically include entrepreneurial profit, it must be supported by the market. There is no evidence that buyers of small, utility-limited storage facilities pay a developer premium. This is a **simple property** with no utilities, no office, and no development complexity. It is also an existing, stabilized asset, **not a new development project**. Adding entrepreneurial profit would push the value above the actual purchase price and income-supported value, which shows it is not market-supported. For those reasons, **entrepreneurial profit should not be included** in the cost approach.

Depreciation

- The county also has 0 depreciation even though the facility was built in 2020.

County's Current Building and additives subtotal: \$630,686.87

- Change Aisle gravel roadway cost: 5,327.33

$5,327.33 \times 1.3552$ (regional & local multiplier) = 7,219.59

$7,219.59$ (yard improvement cost) + 894.43 (sign cost) = **8,114.02 (total additives cost)**

$232,882.65 + 174,229.26 + 201,336.14 + 8,114.02 = \mathbf{616,562.07}$

(Building A+Building B+Building C+Additives cost= Building and Additives Subtotal)

- Real Estate Taxes (Say 1% of building cost) = 6,165.62
- Remove Entrepreneurial profit

$616,562.07 + 6,165.02 = \mathbf{622,727.09}$

(Building and additives subtotal + Real Estate Taxes)

- Add 6 years depreciation

Economic life: 40

Age: 6

$$6/40=0.15$$

15% of cost = depreciation

$$622,727.09 \times 15\% = 93,409.06$$

$$622,727.09 - 93,409.06 = 529,318.03$$

- Change land value back to 100,000

$$529,318.03 + 100,000 = \mathbf{629,318.03}$$

Subtotal: 629,318.03

County's Cost Worksheet Prior to Appeal

CALCULATOR COST WORKSHEET

008-063-250

Building type	MINI-WAREHOUSES (386)	
Building class/quality	S-average	
Building size (area)	30X175, 15x190, 15x250	12000
Perimeter		1350
Age & Condition	New	
Region	WESTERN	1.07
City	lake county	1.22
Section 14, page 28, February 2024		

BUILDINGS	Square Foot Refinements	Description	M&S (sec, pg, mo & yr)	Multiplier	Add/Subtract to base cost	Cost
	1	Base Square Foot Cost	Average	sec 14 pg 28		47.5
	2	Heating & Cooling	Include		0	
	3	Elevator	None		0	
	4	Other			0	
	5	Total (1+2+3+4)				47.5
Multiplier Refinements						
	6	Multiple story adjustment		1		
	7	Story Heights Multiplier		1		
	8	Floor Area/Perimeter Multiplier	sec 14 pg 38	1.083		
	9	Other multiplier (if applicable)		1		
	10	Combined Mutliplier (6x7x8x9)		1.083		
Refined Square Foot Cost						
	11	Sprinklers	sec 14 pg 37		5.62	51.4425
Refined Square Foot Cost + Sprinklers						
Regional & Local Multiplier						
	12	Regional cost multiplier		1.07		
	13	Local Cost Multiplier		1.22		
	14	Combined Mutliplier (12x13)		1.3054		
Final Square Foot Cost						
	BUILDING COST (size x final sf cost)					74.4893875
						893872.65

ADDITIVES	Yard Improvement					
	1	warehouse aisle gravel roadway	sec66 pg1	1.05	15000	
		warehouse aisle roadway price per sf				
		Regional & Local multiplier		1.3054		
		Parking lot cost (size x cost per sf x multiplier)				20560.05
		Total Yard Improvement cost (1 + 2 + 3 + 4)				20560.05
	Signs					
	1	Sign size 5x3 metal	metal front only	Sec 56 pg 6	98	15
		Sign cost per sf				
		Regional & Local multiplier		1.3054		
	Signs cost (size x cost per sf x multiplier)				1918.938	
ADDITIVES COST					22478.988	

BUILDING and ADDITIVES SUBTOTAL					
Financing Costs					916,352
Real Estate Taxes		Say 1% of building cost			9,164
Leasing Commisions					
Land Value		2024 land value assessment			100,000
Entrepreneurial Profit		not included			
Broker's Commision					
SUBTOTAL					1,025,515
expected life sec 97 p 12					
	expected life	age	life left	percent	
Depreciation	40	0	40	0	-
VALUE INDICATOR BY COST APPROACH					1,025,515

County's Worksheet at Appeal

CALCULATOR COST WORKSHEET

		BLDG A	BLDG B	BLDG C
Building type	MINI-WAREHOUSES (386)			
Building class/quality	LOW COST			
Building size (area)	30X175, 15x190, 15x250	3750	2850	3750
Perimeter		530	410	420
Age & Condition	New			
Region	WESTERN	1.12	1.12	1.12
City	lake county	1.21	1.21	1.21
Section 14, page 28, February 2024				

1.3552

BUILDING A	Square Foot Refinements	Description	M&S (sec, pg, mo & yr)	Multiplier	Add/Subtract to base cost	Cost
	1 Base Square Foot Cost	Low Cost	sec 14 pg 28			32.5
	2 Heating & Cooling	NONE			0	
	3 Elevator	None			0	
	4 Other				0	
	5 Total (1+2+3+4)					32.5
	Multiplier Refinements					
	6 Multiple story adjustment	1		1		
	7 Story Heights Multiplier	1		1		
	8 Floor Area/Perimeter Multiplier	530	sec 14 pg 38 2/22	1.41		
	9 Other multiplier (if applicable)			1		
	10 Combined Mutliplier (6x7x8x9)			1.41		
	Refined Square Foot Cost					45.825
	11 Sprinklers		sec 14 pg 37		0	
	Refined Square Foot Cost + Sprinklers					45.825
	Regional & Local Multiplier					
	12 Regional cost multiplier			1.12		
	13 Local Cost Multiplier			1.21		
	14 Combined Mutliplier (12x13)			1.3552		
	Final Square Foot Cost					62.10204
	BUILDING COST (size x final sf cost)	3750				232,882.65

BUILDING B	Square Foot Refinements	Description	M&S (sec, pg, mo & yr)	Multiplier	Add/Subtract to base cost	Cost
	1 Base Square Foot Cost	Low Cost	sec 14 pg 28			32.5
	2 Heating & Cooling	NONE			0	
	3 Elevator	None			0	
	4 Other				0	
	5 Total (1+2+3+4)					32.5
	Multiplier Refinements					
	6 Multiple story adjustment			1		
	7 Story Heights Multiplier			1		
	8 Floor Area/Perimeter Multiplier	410	sec 14 pg 38	1.388		
	9 Other multiplier (if applicable)			1		
	10 Combined Mutliplier (6x7x8x9)			1.388		
	Refined Square Foot Cost					45.11
	11 Sprinklers		sec 14 pg 37		0	
	Refined Square Foot Cost + Sprinklers					45.11
	Regional & Local Multiplier					
	12 Regional cost multiplier			1.12		
	13 Local Cost Multiplier			1.21		
	14 Combined Mutliplier (12x13)			1.3552		
	Final Square Foot Cost					61.133072
	BUILDING COST (size x final sf cost)	2850				174,229.26

BUILDING C	Square Foot Refinements	Description	M&S (sec, pg, mo & yr)	Multiplier	Add/Subtract to base cost	Cost
	1 Base Square Foot Cost	Low Cost	sec 14 pg 28			32.5
	2 Heating & Cooling	NONE			0	
	3 Elevator	None			0	
	4 Other				0	
	5 Total (1+2+3+4)					32.5
	Multiplier Refinements					
	6 Multiple story adjustment			1		
	7 Story Heights Multiplier			1		
	8 Floor Area/Perimeter Multiplier	420	sec 14 pg 38	1.219		
	9 Other multiplier (if applicable)			1		
	10 Combined Mutliplier (6x7x8x9)			1.219		
	Refined Square Foot Cost					39.6175
	11 Sprinklers		sec 14 pg 37		0	
	Refined Square Foot Cost + Sprinklers					39.6175
	Regional & Local Multiplier					
	12 Regional cost multiplier			1.12		
	13 Local Cost Multiplier			1.21		
	14 Combined Mutliplier (12x13)			1.3552		
	Final Square Foot Cost					53.689636
	BUILDING COST (size x final sf cost)	3750				201,336.14

ADDITIVES						
	Yard Improvement					
	1 warehouse aisle gravel roadway		sec66 pg1	1.05	15000	
	warehouse aisle roadway price per sf					
	Regional & Local multiplier			1.3552		
	Parking lot cost (size x cost per sf x multiplier)					21,344.40
	Total Yard Improvement cost (1 + 2 + 3 + 4)					21,344.40
	Signs					
	1 Sign size 5x3 wood	wood front only	Sec 56 pg 6	44	15	
	Sign cost per sf					
	Regional & Local multiplier			1.3552		
	Signs cost (size x cost per sf x multiplier)					894.43
	ADDITIVES COST					22,238.83
	BUILDING and ADDITIVES SUBTOTAL					630,686.87
	Financing Costs					
	Real Estate Taxes		Say 1% of building cost			6,306.87
	Leasing Commisions					
	Entrepreneurial Profit			20%		126,137.37
	Land Value		2024 land with grading			150,000.00
	Broker's Commision					
	SUBTOTAL					913,131.12
	expected life sec 97 p 12	expected life	age	life left	percent	
	Depreciation		40	0	40	0
	VALUE INDICATOR BY COST APPROACH					913,131

EXHIBIT- COUNTY UPDATED APPRAISAL

Property: 3584A N Main St, Kelseyville, CA

County Value Conclusion: \$1,440,000

Owner Opinion of Value: \$700,000 (supported by market sale)

1. No New Market Evidence

The County's appraisal relies on three incomparable properties:

- Large-scale facilities
- Multi-parcel portfolio sales
- Superior utility and infrastructure

The County's appraisal from the appeal **repackages adjustments** but does not improve comparability from the the appraisal that was given to us prior to the appeal.

2. Comparable Properties Are Not Similar

All County comparables are **materially superior**:

Feature	Subject	County Comps
Electricity	✗ None	✓ Yes
Water	✗ None	✓ Yes
Office	✗ None	✓ Yes
Paving	✗ Gravel	✓ Paved
Gate/Fence	✗ None	✓ Yes
Scale	12,000 sf	50,000–90,000+ sf

These are **institutional-grade facilities**, not comparable to a small rural property.

3. Adjustments Are Unsupported

The updated report applies:

- Large dollar adjustments
- % condition adjustments (e.g., 15%)

However, it provides:

- ✗ No paired sales analysis
- ✗ No cost-based support
- ✗ No market-derived adjustment data

The County added more adjustments in the updated report, including condition percentages, but provides no market evidence to support them.

There is no paired sales analysis, no cost basis, no explanation of how these numbers were derived.

4. Arm's-Length Sale Ignored

- Subject sold in **2023 for \$700,000**
- Equals **~\$58/sf**
- Within supported market range of **\$40–\$60/sf**

County conclusion:

- **\$1,440,000 (~\$100–\$120/sf)**

No evidence supports a **100%+ increase over a recent market transaction**

5. Conclusion

The updated appraisal adds complexity, but not credibility.

The appraisal provided by the County prior to the appeal gave a value of \$1,000,000. The appraisal provided at the appeal has a value of \$1,440,000.

Trying to understand where \$440,000 got added back in.

The most reliable evidence remains the actual sale and the properly adjusted market range of \$40 to \$60 per square foot.



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County's Appraisal Prior to Appeal

Different Comp

Subject Property



Assessment

Document Number

Situs

NeighborhoodCode

SalesPrice

EventDate

BuildingSize

PricePerSF

UnfinBelGrdSF

QualityClass

YearBuilt

EffectiveYear

Condition

Distance

ation

Acres

BedRooms

BathRooms

HalfBaths

HVAC

Garage

AttachedGarageSF

DetachedGarageSF

CarportSF

PatioSF

DecksSF

PoolSpa

Fireplace

View

MiscBuildings

SpecialFeatures

Remarks

NetAdjustments

AdjustedPrice

008-063-250-000

3584A NORTH MAIN ST
KELSEYVILLE

008

Slope: 2°

0.62

12k sf storage space

Comp1



014-270-680-000

2022R0005681

18355 VINTAGE CT MIDDLETOWN

014

8,500,000

04/22/2022

19.96

Slope: 3°

1.37

-1,033,979

-2,000,000

70k sf storage
space

-4321000

7 parc grp sale
10.33 ac

-7,354,979

1,145,021

Comp2



049-300-140-000

2022R0010277

11360 SPRUCE GROVE RD LOWER
LAKE

049

6,875,000

07/27/2022

14.42

Slope: 18°

7.46

-684,000

-1,000,000

89k storage space

-3657500

1 prcl 7storge units

-5,341,500

1,533,500

Comp3



010-044-220-000

2022R0003348

2260 OGULIN CANYON RD
CLEARLAKE

010

6,490,000

03/10/2022

35,319

\$ 183.75

12.73

Slope: 10°

3.04

-2,374,026

64k sf storage
space

-2470000

7 prcl grp sale
23+/- ac

-4,844,026

1,645,974

15-2025 Myers Storage
008-063-250

Comparable Approach
\$1,000,000

Income Approach
1,210,000

Cost Approach
1,025,500

\$1,078,500

round down

\$1,000,000



PROPERTY TAX
APPRAISAL

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County's Appraisal at Appeal

Different Comp

Subject Property	Comp1	Comp2	Comp3	
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION acreage \$160k/acre value is under View as program would not allow large amount in Acres allocation space storage space \$47.5/sf condition \$15k/year				
Assessment	008-063-250-000	049-300-140-000	014-270-710-000	010-043-070-000
Document Number		2022R0010277	2022R0005681	2022R0011224
Status	3584A NORTH MAIN ST KELSEYVILLE	11360 SPRUCE GROVE RD LOWER LAKE	18300 VINTAGE CT MIDDLETOWN	6925 OLD HWY 53 CLEARLAKE
NeighborhoodCode	008	049	014	010
SalesPrice		6,875,000	8,500,000	5,000,000
EventDate		07/27/2022	04/22/2022	08/18/2022
BuildingSize	12,000		14,273	
PricePerSF			\$ 595.53	
UnitInBldgGrdSF				
QualityClass				
YearBuilt	2021	0	0	0
EffectiveYear	2021	0	0	0
Condition	New		Good	
Distance		14.42	19.91	12.27
Location	Slope: 2°	Slope: 18°	Slope: 2°	Slope: 2°
Acres	0.62	7.46	1.10	0.57
BedRooms	0	0	0	0
BathRooms	0	0	0	0
HallBaths	0	0	0	0
HVAC				
Garage				
AttachedGarageSF				
DetachedGarageSF				
GarportSF				
PatioSF				
DecksSF				
PoolSpa				
Fireplace				
View	No influence			
MiscBuildings				
SpecialFeatures	new	64k sf storage sp 38 yrs old	15k sf storage 3 bldgs misc im	54k storage sp 40 yrs old
Remarks		1 parc	7 parc grp sale 10.33 ac	3 parc grp sale 2.58 ac
NetAdjustments				
AdjustedPrice				

Indicated Value

Land:
Structure:

\$1,440,000

EXHIBIT – FINANCING ADJUSTMENT (FCV WORKSHEET)

Property: 3584A N Main St, Kelseyville, CA

Subject: County “Full Cash Value with Present Value of Interest” Analysis

Sale Price (2023): \$700,000

Issue:

The County attempts to increase the verified purchase price of **\$700,000** to **\$1,058,374** by adding a calculated “**present value of interest**” of **\$358,374** derived from the loan amortization schedule.

1. Double-Counting Financing (Fundamental Error)

- The \$700,000 purchase price already reflects the **total negotiated consideration** between buyer and seller.
- The County then **adds future interest payments** on top of that price.
- **Interest is the cost of borrowing money—not property value.**
- This results in **double-counting the same transaction.**

2. No Evidence of Concessionary or Below-Market Financing

- The loan terms shown:
 - **6% interest rate**
 - Seller financing**Correct terms: 20% down, 7% interest rate, payments for 5 years with a balloon payment**
- The County provides **no market evidence** that:
 - 6% was below market in 2023, or
 - The financing inflated the purchase price
- Without proof of a **financing premium**, **no upward adjustment is justified.**

3. Misapplication of “Cash Equivalent” Theory

- A proper cash-equivalent analysis:
 - Adjusts financing **to market terms if necessary**
 - Converts the price to a **cash equivalent—not a higher value**
- The County instead:
 - Adds **total projected interest** as if it were value
- This is **not an accepted appraisal method.**

4. Result is Economically Unrealistic

- County conclusion: **\$1,058,374**
- Actual sale: **\$700,000**

- Increase: **+51% above market transaction**
- The conclusion is based **solely on loan math—not market evidence**

Correct Standard of Value:

Under California law, **full cash value = fair market value**, defined as:

The price a willing buyer and seller agree to in an open market transaction.

- The **2023 arm's-length sale at \$700,000** is the **best evidence of value**
- Financing terms do **not convert into additional real estate value**

Conclusion:

The County's analysis is **not a valid appraisal method** and results in a **material overstatement of value**. The calculation improperly converts financing costs into real estate value.

Final Position

- The County's "present value of interest" analysis is:
 - **Methodologically incorrect**
 - **Unsupported by market evidence**
 - **Contrary to appraisal standards**
- It should be given **no weight** in determining value