Mr. Denison and I discussed the side yard setback requirements in the zoning code and their applicability for the Mariposa Energy Project, specifically the pump station proposed on the Byron Bethany Irrigation District property (assessor parcel no. 001-041-061). The following is a summary of our conversation:

The pump station would need to have a side yard no less than 50 feet (per Section 84-42.1202) and while this section doesn’t specifically state that structures or buildings are not allowed within the side yard setback, Mr. Denison explained that the side yard (per Section 82-4.288) is defined as “…an open area between each line of a lot and the nearest line of any building on the lot…” and that essentially, a building and a structure are the same. Therefore, the pump station would need to be outside of the 50 foot wide side yard.