

Supervisors back plan to build hotel-restaurant in San Andreas

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A proposal for construction of a 79-room hotel and restaurant in San Andreas cleared its final step in the planning process last week when the Calaveras County Board unanimously gave its approval on a pair of items.

The board on Dec. 10 approved a zoning amendment and modified height variance for the project at 236 and 300 E. St. Charles St., adjacent to El Dorado Savings Bank. Plans call for a 45,220-square-foot hotel and separate 2,257-square-foot restaurant to be constructed on the 4.14-acre site.

Saint Charles Hospitality LLC out of Los Gatos is the developer and the board heard two favorable public comments before giving the project the green light.

San Andreas native Jennifer Brock, who has been in the travel industry for 50 years, said the hotel and restaurant would be “a huge boon to San Andreas and the entire county.”

San Andreas business owner Mark Bolger said, “As a man much wiser than me with decades in the county once told me, ‘Calaveras County can be allergic to opportunities’... I think we can prove him wrong.”

Bolger said the project would be a “huge benefit” to the community and urged the board to approve it.

According to conceptual drawings submitted in the planning process, the hotel will be a Fairfield by Marriott. Fairfield is a franchised economy to mid-scale hotel brand of Marriott International.

The developer plans for the building’s facades to be modified to fit within the historic context of San Andreas.

Fairfield targets guests willing to accept fewer amenities for lower prices. Cost-saving measures included standardized building architecture and bedding, and the absence of a full-service restaurant, but a complimentary hot breakfast.

Amenities at most properties include a pool, whirlpool, health club, same-day dry cleaning, vending machines, meeting rooms, free Wi-Fi, an ergonomic desk and chair, business center with printing capabilities, in-room television, mini-refrigerator and microwave.

There are approximately 1,200 Fairfield by Marriott hotels worldwide.