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Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 11:57 PM
To: Planning Clerk
Subject: North Fork Mattole Farms LLC: Record Number PLN -2020-16766

To Whom it May Concern,

My objections to North Fork Mattole Farms LLC: Record Number PLN -2020-16766
Planning date: September 16, 2021 at 10 a.m. are as follows:

Cultural Degradation:

I do not believe that the use of land in downtown Petrolia by the North Fork Mattole Farms is in the best interest of the future of our town. The cultural impact to the community of Petrolia, California and the Mattole Valley Watershed by big cannabis agriculture has to be acknowledged as what it is: extractive and environmentally impactful. We as a community have to ask ourselves what will propel this community into the future?

The natural beauty and health of the ecosystem are a priority of this community. The scale of this project in downtown Petrolia seems antithetical to the beliefs of those who live here. The proposal set forth by The North Fork Mattole Farms has at its core the very problem the community is wrestling with. Do we allow the local young men of our valley to do the extracting, do we wait for some unknown person to come do it or do we start a plan that benefits the land and all of its inhabitants?

Housing and Schools:

As a community we should think of the impact cannabis cultivation projects have on our youth. What do these projects give back to the educational community? The future access to open space for our children and all of the natural beauty Petrolia has to offer will end if we continue to sell large parcels of land to private entities who only want to grow cannabis. How do we house our teachers, school staff and families with children in a valley that is so overpriced because of cannabis cultivation?

Water and Electricity:

Water shortages abound in California. I do not believe that we should continue on the path towards massive water usage for marijuana. Our river is at an all time low. The North Fork Mattole Farms proposed plan is of real concern to me. I think it is unrealistic to believe that you can fill (72) 5,000 gallon water tanks from rain catchment alone. No matter how much you try for sustainability and to be organic, the runoff of any and all implements used on the Mattole North Fork Farms will go directly into the watershed.

I am also distressed by the proposed use of a generator until there is PG&E. What a waste of resources. There are no new PG&E hookups for humans right now in this valley! And finally, need I even write this, green houses... more green houses. They are abhorrent to look at and a complete environmental nightmare.

Thank you for your time,
Michelle Warner