

Subject: comments in regards to the Vesuvio Gardens project in Whitethorn
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I am writing in regards to Record # PLN-12615-SP. I wish to remain anonymous. The meeting was today, April 21st at 10:00 am. I am writing now in hopes that my thoughts can still be heard. I was trying to access the meeting which I was informed began at 10:30 only to realize after 45 minutes of waiting to for the host to start the meeting that it was truly at 10. I'm sick over it because there are some serious issues that need to be considered before approving this special permit.

Firstly, the proposed water source is a spring which if left unaltered would flow into the river during this unprecedented drought. The proposed project does not include rain catchment plans nor any provisions for forbearance during low flow months or conditions.

Being a neighborhood of families the county continues to face a housing shortage. Adjoining two parcels will limit the opportunities for more family housing now and for future land owners of those parcels.

The project outlines plans for processing onsite in the future. This parcel is one mile down a dirt road. The additional traffic for this project will contribute to road deterioration and sediment accumulation in the tributaries and river. The cumulative buildup of sediment in our river will affect the mattole valley ecology.

This project is adjacent to the river in an important zone crucial to river health, surrounding ecology and residents.

Locally, this property is characterized as a nuisance. This neighborhood is home to giant salamanders, saw whet owls, pygmy owls, barred owls, and many rare endangered species. This is the same owner and parcel that lit up the valley with light pollution for several years despite multiple complaints from various neighbors to the planning and building department. This display of bad faith only ended when the parcel was granted a permit for cultivation.

An additional nuisance suffered by multiple neighbors is listening to multiple dogs that seem to be in great distress on this property barking and crying all day and all night for many years now. If he does not live on this property, who is caring for these dogs? What conditions are they living in? Why do these animals need to suffer as well as the entire neighborhood that listens to their cries? This is a major issue in the neighborhood that is again affecting the people who live here, their livestock, pets, and all of the wildlife that live in this beautiful place.

Are you really willing to grant approval to someone to access this much water without any sustainable plan for moving forward during a water crisis.

I live on the river and never received a letter in regards to this meeting. I wonder how many other neighbors are uninformed about serious decisions being made that could affect the quality of life for all who live here. My hope is you will take all of these comments into serious consideration before granting approval for this proposed project.

Thank you for hearing these comments.