

**From:** [Hayes, Kathy](#)  
**To:** [Ford, John](#); [Bass, Virginia](#); [Bohn, Rex](#); [Bushnell, Michelle](#); [Wilson, Mike](#); [Madrone, Steve](#)  
**Cc:** [Damico, Tracy](#); [Eberhardt, Brooke](#); [Sharp, Ryan](#)  
**Subject:** FW: end appeal  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021 11:10:48 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Dear Board Members: please see the attached correspondence. Thank you.

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**From:** coyotebuttes nursery <coyotebuttes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021 11:00 AM  
**To:** Eric Kirk <eric@shkklaw.com>; Hayes, Kathy <KHayes@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Donna Weisse <donnaw@shkklaw.com>  
**Subject:** end appeal

Board of Supervisors,

We, the water rights holders of the Overland Subdivision wish to end our appeal of the Rising Goat permit. PLN2021-17060, today April 14, 2021. We are satisfied with the document received from Cliff Johnson yesterday. It addresses our concerns adequately. We are encouraged by the evident interest of the county to protect our water rights. We hope this means we will be notified as soon as the work to test the well goes forward.

Sue Jacobsen, et al

**From:** [Bass, Virginia](#)  
**To:** [Arleen Olson](#)  
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**Subject:** RE: Public comment not acknowledged  
**Date:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 1:29:49 PM

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Arlene, I think there is a little bit of a misunderstanding . I knew it would not be able to be heard in the morning so I said we wouldn't take it up until after 1:30 when we come back from break. Some people took that to mean that it was time set but that was not the case as we follow the agenda as it is lined out in our agenda packet generally. Regarding not being recognized on the call, all hands that are raised to make a comment that had been raised by pressing star 9, are kept in the queue and not only myself but also our clerk of the board follows those. Do you happen to mind telling me what the last four digits of your phone number are? We had several people that day that we're a little thrown off by having the TV on and listening to that in the background and then calling in on the phone because there is a fairly large time delay.....What you see on TV is actually about 30 seconds slower than what you hear on the phone. I'm more than happy to go and check back on that agenda item and watch the recording to see if your number did pop up and if so when, to determine what might have happened. I also copied our staff member who helps keep track of the raised hands in case he can recall the specific instance.

Also I expected to hear that item before we did but an item in between took a surprisingly long time so things were a bit more thrown off. As you know from seeing the item on Tuesday, it appears that the applicant and the appellants are willing to talk about resolution. When the item comes back to us we will have it officially time-set so which will be shown on our meeting agenda that you can access on line. If it is easier, I can also reach out to you when this comes back so you will have plenty of notice.

Any confusion or miscommunication. Regarding your hand not being recognized I'm suspecting that there might be something off in timing but we will look into that as it certainly was not intentional.

Thank you for your thoughtful email and taking the time to reach out. Sorry if it was confusing but in the day of zoom everything seems to be a new experience and like I said for some reason Tuesday had a lot of people having a hard time getting on so I'm wondering if there was some type of bigger delay between the phone and what's seen on the television or online? once again, please do send me your phone number that you called in on so that we can track down what happened. Due to Brown Act restrictions, I am only copying supervisor Wilson who is our vice chair of the board.

-----Original Message-----

From: Arleen Olson <aolson@redwoodcoast.net>  
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:24 AM  
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Subject: Public comment not acknowledged

To: The Board of Supervisors  
Humboldt County, CA

April 7, 2021

I tuned in to the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 6, 2021 to participate in the appeal of Rising Goat Ltd. special permit using a well dug 200 feet to add 18,000 square feet for new cannabis cultivation. I waited 3 1/2 hours to have my voice heard (we were told it would start at 1:30 and we were last on the public agenda around 5 pm) When it came time for public comments on this, I pushed \*9 and waited. No response. I was not recognized. Then the meeting ended abruptly. What's going on here? Does this happen often? I know at least 5 of us from the Overland Subdivision tried to respond during this public comment period and were not acknowledged. Why?

Here's my comment:

I have been a property owner in the Overland Subdivision since 1986, 35 years! I'm very concerned that this well has the potential to drain the ground water to our springs. We were given appropriate water rights (on our deeds) by the CA Dept. of Water Resources that originates on Bonnie Blackberry's property. Our spring water is for domestic use only. If we run out of water for basic necessities, we can no longer live here and our properties become worthless.

On the front flap of my photography book, Humboldt Wild, published in 2008, I stated "The abundance of water in its continual cycle is what makes Humboldt so distinct." Unfortunately, this is no longer true. Climate change and the legalization of cannabis are putting a major burden on our natural resources here. The big challenge is how to regulate our ground water, our creeks and our rivers with less annual rainfall. This is the reality now and it is urgent.

Listening to the Board's agenda items, I hear how busy you are with other important matters of governance but I want to direct your attention to the importance of our appeal. I hope that ALL of our supervisors have read the attachments of our appeal. This is of great significance to all of Humboldt County! The reason the water rights holders of the Overland Subdivision has not commented earlier is that we were not informed of this until the last minute. We will not give up until we are assured our springs will not be impacted by their for-profit cannabis grow.

Our proposal only makes common sense that 'this well not be used for cannabis irrigation until it is demonstrated the well is not hydrologically connected to appellants water supply. County will choose the hydrogeologist who will perform the analysis of the well which ensures that the analysis is completed by an impartial expert.'

It appears to me that you, our Supervisors, are Judge and Jury and it is up to you to seek the truth and to protect the water rights of property owners in Humboldt County.

Respectfully,

Arleen Olson