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RE:PL – 2021–17162. Parcel number 107–1 06–006 of Humboldt county.

Dear Commissioners,

I have read the staff report and assorted documents on the Agenda for this item. People who I know well have wished you to deny this permit. I respect the facts they have cited, their experience with this parcel, and their opinion on what the PC should do. They are pillars of our community and should be afforded your attention.

Too often matters before you get squeezed into neat bureaucratic boxes where everyone involved tries to think like lawyers and the outcomes are justifiable only by taking a strict interpretation of the whether the rules were followed. Common sense has no place in this process.

We all know that these cannabis operations are going to be short lived. The state and county are making the permit process terribly expensive (burdensomely so), both with expertise that needs to be hired and compliance procedures. On the ground, lots of corners will be cut so that profits (if there are any) can be made. But, again, these operations are not meant for long-term farming. The infrastructure is temporary. The plastic covers will crack, fail, shred and be blown all over the neighborhood, negatively impacting wildlife, soils, the environment, becoming an eyesore to many who have already commented,

Nowhere in the documents do I see a recognition of what happens when the site is no longer profitable and becomes abandoned. Nowhere do you have a clean-up plan. What I see are erection of temporary plastic-sheathed greenhouses with no disposal plan.

How can you permit something with a short useful life like the plastic greenhouse covers without a plan to legally remove and dispose of this toxic waste?

How can you allow this project to go forward without a sufficient bond to be posted with the County of Humboldt that will cover the clean-up of this site which is perched above one of the Mattole's spawning streams? Or, at least, a recording of a Lien on the property sufficient to clean it up.

I don't know what those costs will be and will not estimate what size a bond should be required. You should determine that cost and impose the bond before the infrastructure is purchased and installed, or record a lien on the property for that eventuality. Otherwise we taxpayers will have to pay for the clean up to maintain our environment and restore it to the health that now exists.

An alternative would be to require that the infrastructure be made of durable materials, for example, with glass covering, so the greenhouses can have a reasonable 25 year and more productive life.

Thank you,  
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