

**From:** [Honsal, William](#)  
**To:** [Ryan, Meghan](#)  
**Cc:** [Ford, John](#); [Russell, Robert](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose permit for Honeydew Ranch LLC  
**Date:** Thursday, July 18, 2019 4:10:06 PM

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Good Afternoon Meghan,

It is come to my attention that Honeydew Ranch LLC is requesting a Conditional Use Permit for APN 107-272-005.

I oppose a licensed permit for this site due to serious public safety concerns for this organization. I believe it is in the best interest for the county to deny this permit.

**William F. Honsal, Sheriff**

County of Humboldt  
826 4th Street  
Eureka, CA 95501  
Main: 707.445.7251  
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**From:** [Roxy Kennedy](#)  
**To:** [Ryan, Meghan](#)  
**Subject:** Re: 665 Hindley Ranch Road RRR expansion Project  
**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2019 7:29:33 PM

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Thank you so much for being sure that we know of this hearing. We did get a notice also. We will try to be there, but I don't get off till 4:30. If I can that day, I will try to get out a few minutes earlier. I don't really want to stand up and speak in front of a bunch of people. But I would like to hear what is said and done. It is hard to really understand what these notices are telling us. It is almost a separate language that I don't have time or energy to learn. For example, what is a Mitigated Negative Declaration?

Recently there has been an increase of noise, sounds like constant leaf blower type noise. Perhaps generator and/or fan being used because of high humidity getting mold on the crops, I don't know. I asked and they did not bother to answer me. (texted).

I just wanted to know if it was temporary, or long term.

Recently there is road work. I wondered if they were just going to scrape the road, or if they would add rock. If no rock, we will be swimming in mud soon, and swimming in dust next summer.

We think these things are unfair.

Why can't the county give permits to smaller farmers, and spread the wealth. Why does it have to be these bigger groups that are trying to take over our whole neighborhood. Why do they have to be so big? We are willing to put up with some growth. We do not expect everything to always be forever the same.

But really, why isn't 8 mondo greenhouses enough? Why does it have to be 30. It's just crazy. It is destroying our rural community. One of our neighbors is so distraught she is selling and leaving. This makes me so sad. It seems so unnecessary.

Thank you very much for considering our view. It is greatly appreciated.

Roxy Kennedy  
Jim Bowdoin

On Thu, Sep 26, 2019 at 9:33 AM Ryan, Meghan <[mryan2@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:mryan2@co.humboldt.ca.us)> wrote:

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Website: <https://humboldt.gov/194/Planning-Commission>

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Best,

Meghan

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**From:** Ryan, Meghan  
**Sent:** Friday, June 21, 2019 1:26 PM  
**To:** Roxy Kennedy <[hnydew@gmail.com](mailto:hnydew@gmail.com)>  
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**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 9:03 AM  
**To:** Ryan, Meghan <[mryan2@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:mryan2@co.humboldt.ca.us)>  
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Subject: RE: 665 Hindley Ranch Road RRR expansion Project  
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2019 9:03:01 AM

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**From:** [Ryan, Meghan](#)  
**To:** [Erika Morlan](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Cannabis development on Old Hindley Ranch Road  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 11:57:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [12256 Honeydew Ranch, LLC Notice of Intent to Adopt MND.pdf](#)

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Hello Erika -

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Honeydew Ranch, LLC project (APPS #12256). The notice that was sent out is attached. The purpose of the notice is to notify property owners within 300 feet of the project location that the Planning Commission will hear the project and review the associated environmental document at a future public hearing. The Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration is posted at the State Clearinghouse (SCH Number 2019069066) and any comments regarding the IS/MND can be directed to me.

To access the IS/MND, here is the link: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2019069066/2>

A review of our records shows the attached notice was sent to:

Erika & Joshua I Morlan  
PO Box 156  
Honeydew, CA 95545

Another notice will be sent out when the project is scheduled to be heard in front of the Planning Commission. A hearing date has not been decided as of today.

Please contact me with any additional questions or concerns regarding this project.

Best,  
Meghan

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

From: Erika Morlan <squeaky.hvfc@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 9:40 AM  
To: Ryan, Meghan <mryan2@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
Subject: Cannabis development on Old Hindley Ranch Road

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Erika Morlan  
446 Old Hindley Ranch Road  
Honeydew, CA 95545

From: [Erika Morlan](#)  
To: [Ryan, Meghan](#)  
Subject: Re: Cannabis development on Old Hindley Ranch Road  
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019 9:55:41 AM

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Thank you for notifying me. And, no I am not well. I will not be protesting this project. The recent approval of the expansion of the industrial commercial cannabis factory right next door to me has convinced me that there is no place for me in this neighborhood anymore. I am putting my homestead on the market and leaving my home of 15 years. I can no longer live with the 24-hour/day noise pollution, the constant traffic, the bullying and ugliness that has taken over my once quiet and peaceful neighborhood.

My heart is broken.

Have a nice day.

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