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Hello Cliff and thanks for the quick response.

I did not understand that taxes are due regardless of cultivation or not occurring during a given season.

You department sent a letter June 26, 2018 clearly stating to take our grow cultivation down or be in violation and subject to losing our license.

We complied with the building and planning request. What you see in that photo is our replacement cover crop of clover, alfalfa and arugula and a few others. These are plants that are a perfect cover crop to enhance the soil. Our cultivation site uses zero nutrients or pesticides unless they are plants.

County of Humboldt Strategic Framework 2019-2024

here is a copy of the core goals

Core Roles: Priorities for New Initiatives: • **Enforce laws and regulations to protect residents** • Provide for and maintain infrastructure • Create opportunities for improved safety and health • **Encourage new local enterprise** • **Support business, workforce development and creation of private-sector jobs** • **Protect vulnerable populations** • Strengthen climate change resiliency Provide our core services in ways that: Match service availability with residents' needs • Provide community-appropriate levels of service • Support self-reliance of citizens • **Streamline county permit processes** • **Retain existing and facilitate new living-wage private sector jobs** and housing Safeguard the public trust • Manage our resources to ensure sustainability of services • Invest in County employees • Invite civic engagement and awareness of available services Make proactive decisions to: Partner to promote quality services • Foster transparent, accessible, welcoming and user friendly services • Facilitate the establishment of local revenue sources to address local needs

Here is a brief timeline of the cultivation processing so far:

1) Nov 2016 I submit a completed application to the building and planning department. It was denied and not accepted by the county employee at the desk. Reason zoning was not AE

I mentioned i was still allowed to apply with my zoning and she said no I am sorry

2) Dec 2016 I hired Green Road consultants and pay a very substantial fee to retain their services to apply for me. No Problem

3) Jan 2017 I filed a NOI notice of intent with the North Coast Regional Water Board.

4) June 2017 I called the NCRWB to ask about my water rights and i volunteered to have someone come look at the cultivation site.

5) June 2017 NCRWB enrolled me into the waste discharge and said I need to obtain water rights for cannabis cultivation

5a) I needed to move all the current grow locations to meet the water boards set backs of 200ft class 3 stream 100ft class 2 and 50ft class 3

I pulled the entire grow for 2017 and relocated it to cultivation 2 giving ample space to meet the water boards stream set back rules

6) Jan 2017- Dec 31 2017 I continue to come into building and panning and check on the status of my application, Nothing had been done for 2017

7) 2017 applied for the SIUR and was granted a small irrigation use registration certificate #H100077

8) Jan - April 2018 I keep checking accelera weekly and coming into the Building and planning to see what advancements have taken place. Still not assigned a planner

9) May we plant hoping that building and planning will assign us a planner and come for an inspection

10) June 26 2018 letter from John Ford explaining they are coming with enforcement if you don't have both state and county permits in hand.

11) We have nothing from the county as of this date, our application is still without an assigned planner

12) I pull the harvest and plant the cover crops to enhance to soil and not have a complete loss of a season

13) Aug 22, 2018 the county issues a temp permit with a 30 day notice to turn it back or lose out

14) Aug 29, 2018 the letter was returned and a temp issued by county - still no county inspection or planner assigned

15) Sep 2018 I apply for the state temp license prior to that window closing on Dec 31st.

16) Oct 2018 applied for the LSA agreement with the CDFW

16) 2017- Nov 2018 I had completed all the requirements needed to meet the states criteria for a cultivation license and was granted a CA State Provisional License

- 17) Jan 2019 Had a CDFW inspector come and complete the inspection of our cultivation area
- 18) Jan 2019 still no official planner assigned to our application at Humboldt County Building and planner
- 19) April 16, 2019 I get a letter from Building and Planning thanking me for my application and that it is been accepted for processing as of the date of the letter.
I called the next day and set up an inspection which took place May 15, 2019
- 20) May 2019 the entire process has been shifted into high gear and we have been meeting all requests on a timely manner
- 21) Dec 14, 2019 Denial letter of interim permit based on unpaid taxes + oddly dated because today is Dec 12, 2019

I would like to know who in Humboldt County does address these issues about taxes?
The goal is to get Humboldt County its taxes and keep us small farms working legal within the system that has been created.
I have been 100% compliant in sticking with all the new rules and regulations regarding permitting cultivation.

My annual state permit has only been held up by the county process.

If there is no way to appeal a tax liability then the tax will be paid regardless of fairness.
I would only request all penalties and late fees be waived.

Brian Roberts

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