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**From:** Erik Weibel <tsientse@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2020 1:48 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** PLN-2018-15197 PLN-2020-16608  
**Attachments:** CannabisPermits\_MadRiverWshd.pdf

REFERENCE: Parcel Number 315-011-009  
Applicant: Maple Creek Investments, LLC  
Record Number: PLN-2018-15197  
Appeal Record Number: PLN-2020-16608

Hello Kathy:

Judy Wartella asked me to send this to you. Per your discussion with her this morning please forward this to the Board Members for tomorrow's agenda item scheduled for 1:30 pm.

Thank you very much,

Judy

# **Humboldt County Parcels with Cannabis Permit Activity – Mad River Watershed**

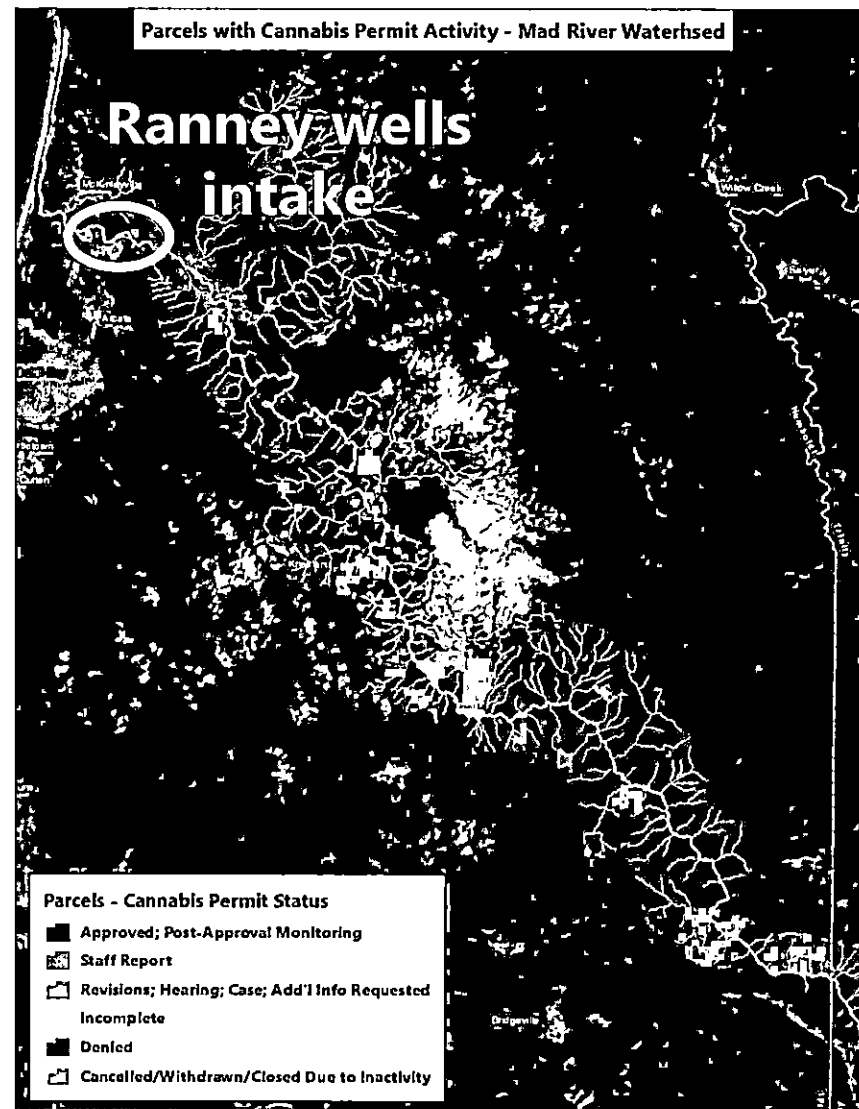
**There is significant cannabis permit activity on parcels within the Mad River Watershed in Humboldt County.**

**CONTAMINANTS: Runoff carrying contaminants, pesticides and nutrients including nitrogen, from every permitted and unpermitted grow has the potential to impact the Mad River (Class I fish-bearing streams) which serves as the Humboldt County water supply for thousands of downstream residents. With increased nutrient loading comes the potential for effects such as toxic blue-green algae blooms which are health hazards to people and dogs.**

**FLOW REDUCTION: Reduced water entering the stream system and water extraction can decrease summer low flows leading to increased stream temperatures and decreased available aquatic habitat, directly impacting federally listed salmon and steelhead.**

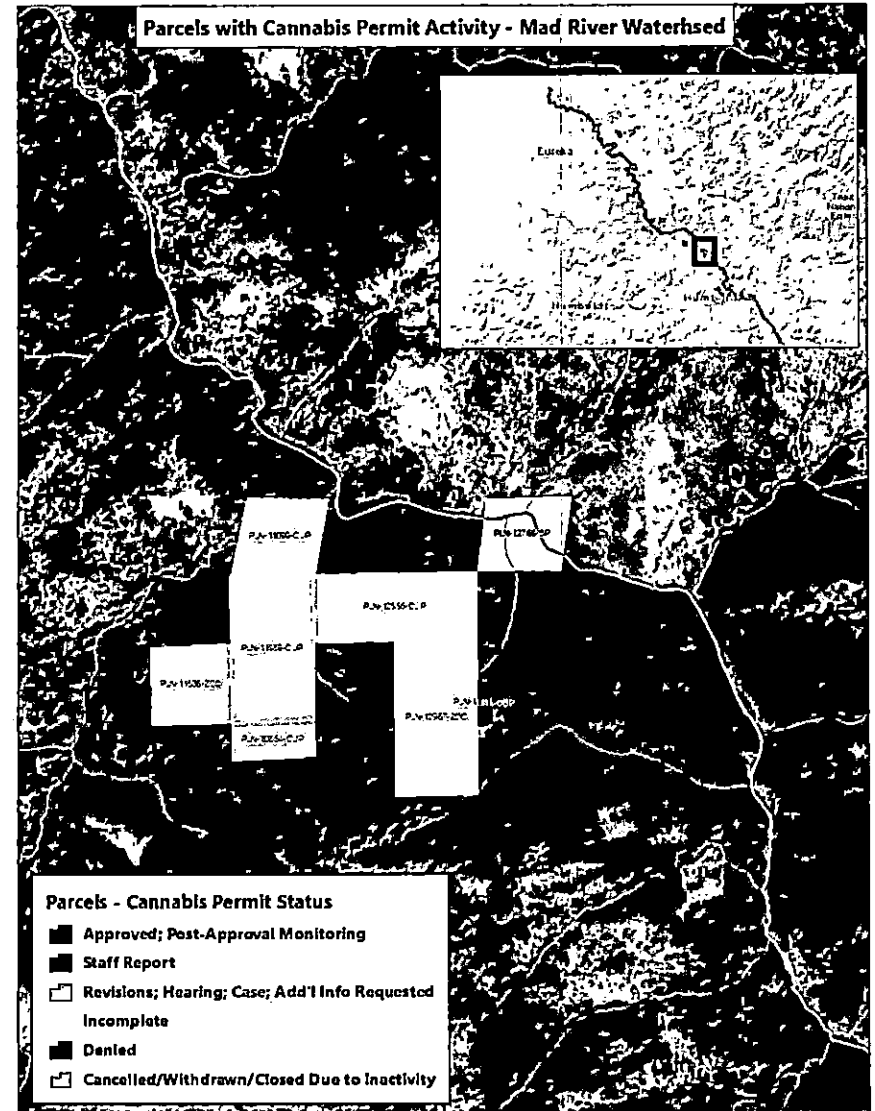
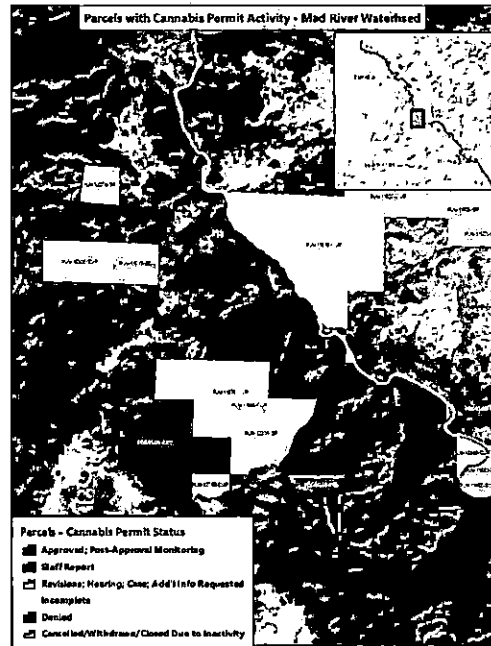
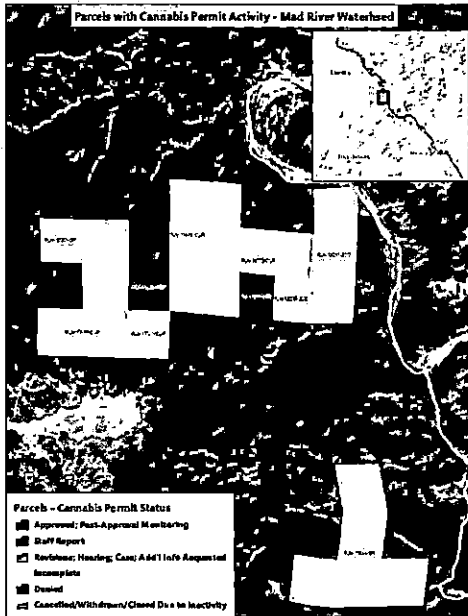
**CUMULATIVE IMPACTS: Cannabis permitting is essentially a new and developing regulatory system, much like the timber harvest reviews in the 1980's, and it is imperative that County planners and resource managers maintain a larger view and understanding of the issues than might be considered with approval of each individual permit. The larger watershed impacts, especially involving aquatic threatened and endangered species and/or the health and safety of thousands of downstream Humboldt County residents must be considered. Agencies need to look at the cumulative impacts critically and develop permitting and rules packages that protect natural resources. Scientifically-based monitoring for impacts needs to be instituted to guide informed decision-making.**

**Individual permitted cannabis grows viewed collectively from a larger watershed perspective illustrate the cumulative impacts to the Mad River and tributaries...as well as potential impacts to the downstream domestic water supply of Humboldt Bay residents.**



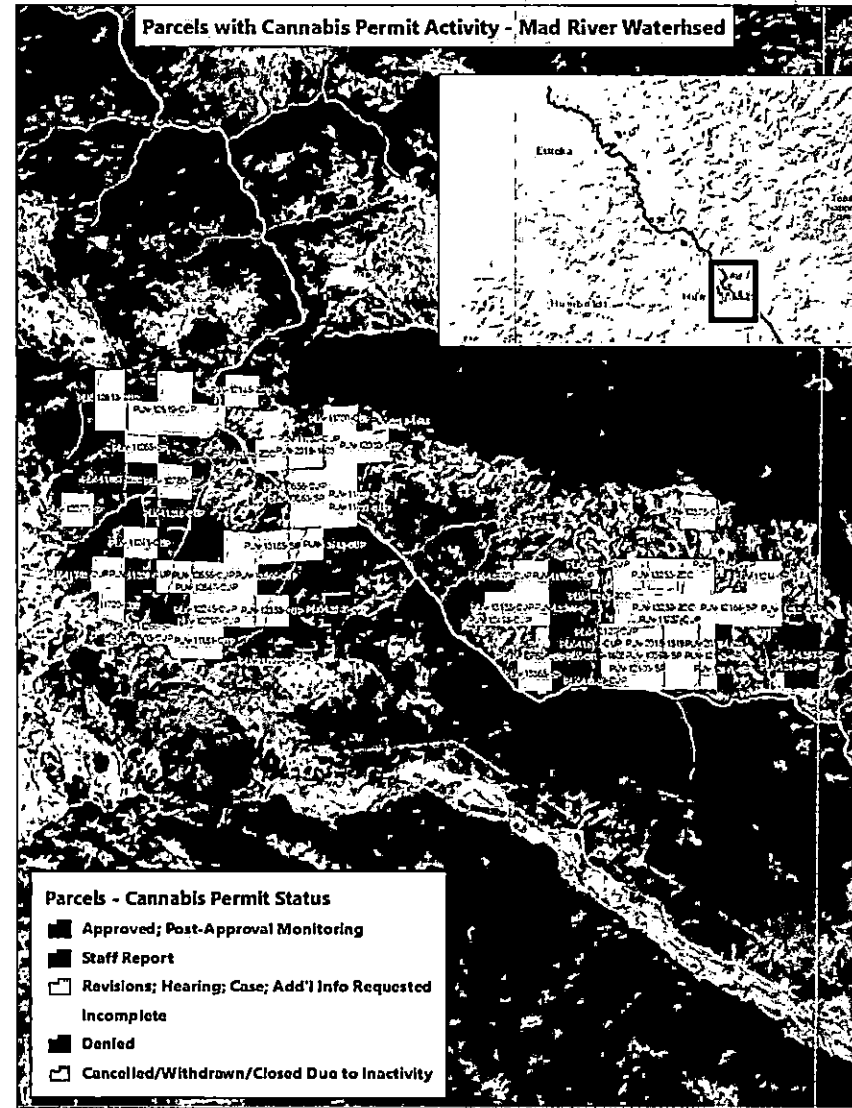
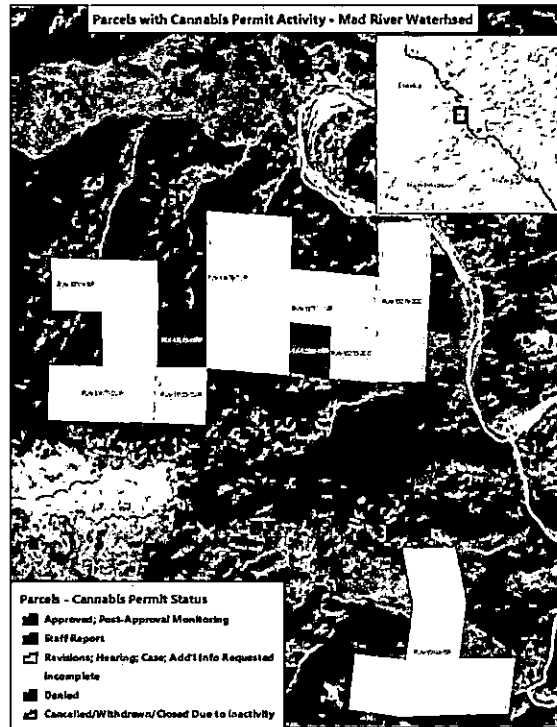
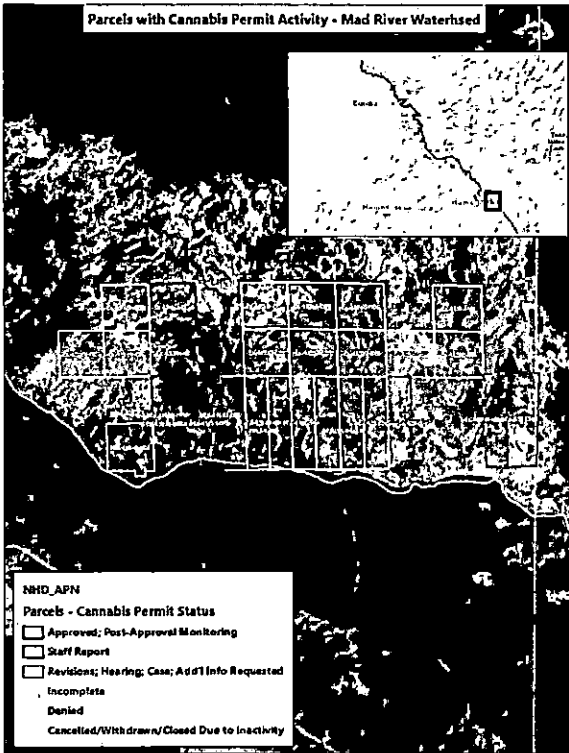
**Water in each tributary stream flows into the Mad River which flows directly into the intake supplying water to thousands of Humboldt County residents.**

**Individual permits can have a concentrated impact within the context of a larger area.**

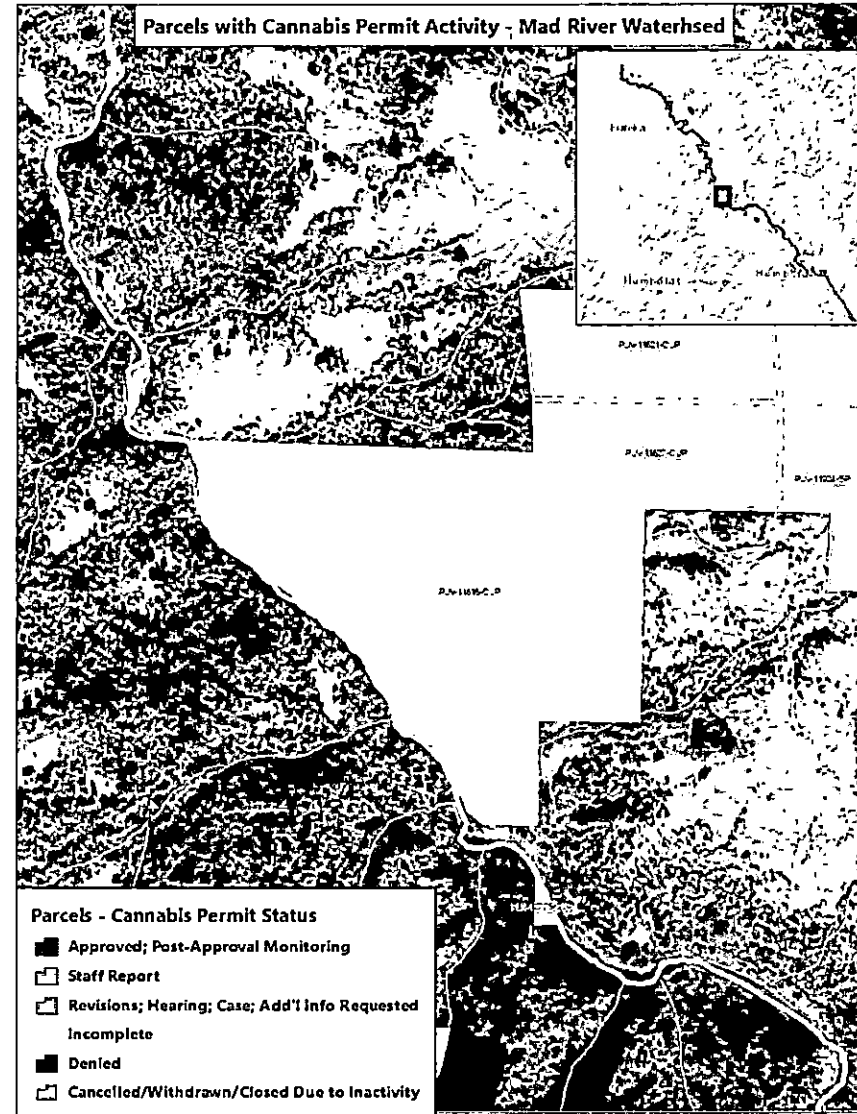
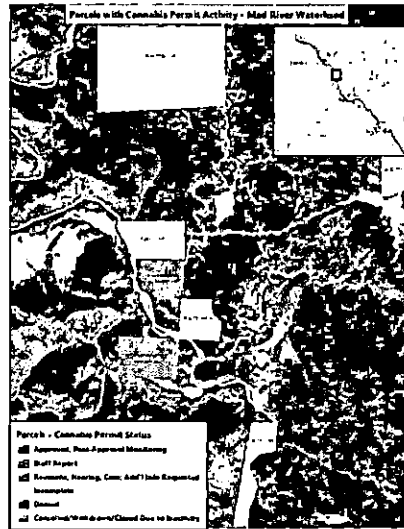
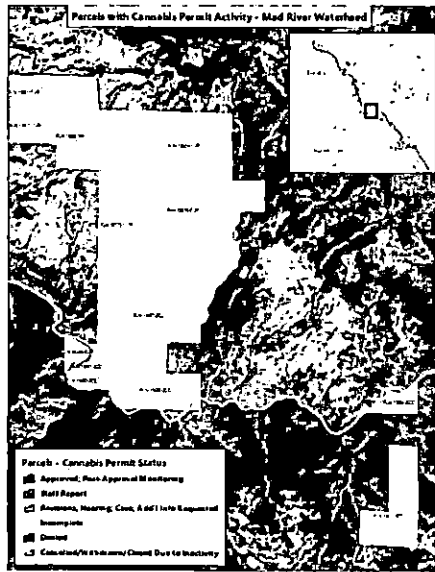


**Any nutrients, chemicals, rodenticides, fertilizers, pesticides used by these monoculture crops has the potential to enter the water system via runoff from both permitted and unpermitted grows.**

**The result is cascading effects to aquatic resources and water quality**



**It is time to step back and take a careful look at the impacts of each of these individual permitting decisions, and ask ourselves, "How are we protecting, monitoring and managing the precious resources of Humboldt County?" What are the cumulative impacts of these operations on our water supply and stream health?**



***Recommendations:***

- **Implement Watershed approach in evaluating individual permits.**
- **Address cumulative water quality and quantity impacts.**
- **Implement scientifically-based monitoring for impacts.**
- **Expand Permit Approval Notification System to include not just adjacent residents, but downstream residents potentially impacted by permitting decisions within the Mad River Watershed.**

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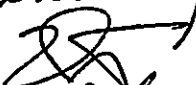
'Actions Speak Louder Than Words.'

Re: Maple Creek Investments LLC Appeal

1) First and foremost this permit was denied, bottom line, because it was an illegal grow site that was abated and penalized. The application pretended it was 'new'. The owner made zero attempts to operate legally. It should be noted that the families in the immediate area are strongly opposed to this facility on the road and in full view of the children on Maple Creek School's bus.

2) Maple Creek Investments LLC has more than sufficient land to place this facility out of view, and in a legal manner.

3) Please deny the appeal and do not reward bad actors. There are several lawyers, including Mr. Robert Duraway, who have spent a lifetime in the profession. Frankly, they know better. Actions speak louder than words. Please support your Commissioner's decision.

Sincerely  
  
Anthony P. Cozzitelli



**Sharp, Ryan**

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**From:** rama zarcufsky <shockti@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 18, 2020 8:02 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** Maple creek Investments project

I am the neighbor of the Dunaway family in Maple Creek and wanted to express my support for them and their Maple Creek Investments project. They sold me my place and have been nothing but kind and supportive of me and my family over the years. I have every reason to believe they will run their project with the utmost integrity and respect for their neighbors and the environment.

I support them and urge you to approve their permit.

Sincerely,  
Rama Zarcufsky

Sent from my iPhone

To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors/Planning Commission  
From: Francis and Carole Carrington (Butler Valley Ranch)  
Re: Appeal Record #: PLN-2020-16608  
Record # PLN-2018-15197 (filed 12/14/2018) APN 315-011-009  
Maple Creek Investments, LLC, Butler Valley Road, Maple Creek area

Date: October 12, 2020

To whom it may concern:

As a long time property owner on Butler Valley Road, I strongly object to the Maple Creek Investments, LLC's Special Permit application for the building of a 27,025 sf commercial cannabis cultivation and a 2000 sf processing facility on a neighboring property.

This type of use would be detrimental to the pristine lands in the Butler Valley and Maple Creek areas. There are many families, an elementary school, and a youth camp all in very close proximity to where the proposed large outdoor growing area and processing facility would be located.

If this use is permitted, it would significantly affect the value of many properties in the Butler Valley and Maple Creek area and would have a negative impact to our daily lives.

I respectfully request that this Special Permit application be denied.

Sincerely,

  
Francis & Carole Carrington

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION #1**

For Board of Supervisors Agenda of:  
October 20, 2020

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Continued Hearing Item	
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**Re: Maple Creek Investment, LLC Appeal and Special Permit**  
Record Numbers: PLN-2020-16608 and PLN-2018-15197  
Assessor Parcel Number: 315-011-009  
Maple Creek, CA

Attached for the Board of Supervisor's record and review are the following supplementary information items:

1. Additional conditions of approval staff recommends be imposed on the project.

1. The applicant shall submit a Stormwater Management Plan. The plan shall describe current drainage conditions and prescribe measures to ensure that the project will retain pre-project drainage conditions, and in particular that there will be no net increase in the volume of stormwater runoff from the property and that run-off from the cultivation area not impact the intermittent wetland or wetland buffer. These measures shall be incorporated into the project design, subject to County review and approval prior to project initiation. The plan shall specify maintenance intervals for all drainage improvements, which shall be observed for the lifetime of the permit.
2. The wetland buffer delineated on the site plan shall be flagged or fenced with brightly visible construction flagging and/or fencing under the direction of the qualified biologist to require that ground-disturbing activities, and any vegetation removal will not occur within these areas. Foot traffic by construction personnel shall also be avoided in these areas to prevent the introduction of invasive or weedy species. Periodic inspections during construction shall be conducted by the monitoring biologist to maintain the integrity of exclusion fencing/flagging throughout the period of construction involving ground disturbance.
3. The irrigation line from the catchment tanks to the cultivation area shall be routed around the intermittent wetland and wetland buffer. In, addition, all mixing of amendments shall take place on the cultivation side of the intermittent wetland and wetland buffer.
4. This permit does not authorize the use of water from any well or any surface water diversion for irrigation. Water for irrigation will be sourced solely from rainwater catchment for the life of the project.