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**Sent:** Thursday, November 04, 2021 9:32 AM  
**To:** Planning Clerk  
**Subject:** Comment for planning commission meeting on record number p l n - 11 248-cup assessors parcel number 221 - 021-008

I am sharing my profound concern the the expansion of the permit for this property should be terminated. There is a legacy connected to this mega industrial cannabis grow which dates back to win the property was under the ownership of Thomas Harwood. I live to the South of this parcel and have personally witnessed through the years environmental degradation from both owners. I also several years ago called 911 because I saw a rising column of smoke from what I presumed was an poorly maintained diesel generator. This initiated a response from our local volunteer fire department and Cal fire. But the message I left on a neighbor's answering machine proved to be the most valuable contribution to the effort to prevent a wildfire that day. My neighbor, del McCain, responded by driving over to the property where he encountered paid workers who had not even been trained in how to shut off the diesel generator. He took matters into his own hands and did the job which eliminated the fire threat that day.

I have also occasionally seen during what I understand is a forbearance. For all permitted cannabis grows, water deliveries being made by large diesel trucks. It doesn't seem that the county is making any attempt to police and enforce the requirements of their permits. Multiple times neighbors that I have spoken with have told me that they complained to county officials with the planning department, but this is continued throughout the years to be a problem that has not been addressed. Many of my neighbors are permitted cannabis growers and have much smaller areas that they are allowed to cultivate. But this industrial mega grow currently owned by an absentee who lives in Las Vegas Nevada, is an example of one of the most egregious industrial cannabis mega grows anywhere in the county that I am aware of. Not one of my neighbors who I've spoken with has ever met the owner on title Charles Adam Perry. This operation has damaged our local community and the environment in so many ways. Besides the fire threat it has posed and the environmental destruction due to improper grading the damage to our road has been very consequential. The heavy delivery trucks bringing in water in the middle of a drought, frequent deliveries of diesel fuel and deliveries of soil products have for some years now amounted to an unbelievable amount of damage to our local gravel roads. I've been in direct communication with a woman who for many years now has collected road dues from many of the neighbors and this property has seldom paid the dues that were required. The county has not responded to our complaints to force the managers of this property to pay anything like their fair share for maintenance on this section of road.

Finally, I'll conclude with my personal communication with a former friend Hardy Church. Hardy suffered most by living closest to this egregious example of an industrial mega grow. The years of stress living in close proximity took a toll on his State of mind and health. due to the declining health and the stress of feeling he could do nothing to free himself of the constant insanity being perpetrated on the land to his West, Hardy Church took his own life.

In conclusion, I am adding my voice to the demands many of my neighbors are also making, shut this operation down once and for all because we have suffered as a community for many years now. The county cannot claim that this operation having been busted on multiple occasions should be allowed to evade accountability. The expansion of their permit to allow these absentee carpetbagger owner to continue to rape the land cannot be tolerated.