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Derek,

Apologies but the letter I attached yesterday didn't include names of all the neighbors. I've added those names and reattached the letter for the Planning Commission hearing tonight.

Dan Thomas
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Regarding:

Public Notice
Humboldt County Planning Commission
Notice of Public Hearing

Special Permit for Pharming Humboldt Dreams Microbusiness, PLN-2024-19044
(APN) 223-241-006.

Derek,

Thanks for your feedback on this Special Permit Hearing.

Can you explain what a non-volatile processing involves?

A few of our issues with current Pharming Humboldt Special Permit are **Access, Water, and Multiple Residences on the Property.**

Access:

This special permit will increase traffic to Pharming Humboldt Dreams (PHD). The issue with traffic is the access to PHD. The plans for development show a paved apron off AP Rd.

In the meantime, an unpaved road has been built from the junction of AP Rd, Upper Sawmill Rd, and Main Dr. This unpaved road is ostensibly for PGE access to maintain power lines. This unpaved road has been used since its completion as access to PHD. It is used almost daily to access PHD from Upper Sawmill Rd and from AP Rd.

PHD moved operations outside the setback for the school bus stop in the original plans but now there is a straight line link from the bus stop directly into PHD and the gate is rarely closed.

As stated this PGE road is used almost daily to access PHD and on at least one occasion unprocessed marijuana has fallen out of vehicles coming along Upper Sawmill from David Morris' residence to make the turn onto this PGE Access Rd. This lost unprocessed marijuana was dropped in front of the school bus stop.

Other commercial activity occurs on Upper Sawmill Rd between David Morris' residence and the PGE access Rd. This traffic includes PHD workers parking cars at the end of David Morris' driveway and in other wide spots on Upper Sawmill Rd.

Recently truck and trailers of soil have parked on Upper Sawmill Rd to unload bagged soil for PHD. Upper Sawmill Rd is not a county road and is maintained by the people who live on the road. Upper Sawmill Rd is not a commercial accessway for unloading or accessing PHD. We don't want increased traffic on Upper Sawmill Rd...including commercial traffic that should access PHD from AP Rd.

Upper Sawmill Rd is an unpaved road and this additional traffic causes dust in the dry season and adds wear and tear in the wet season. Often the PHD traffic coming and going from David

Morris' residence drives at excessive speeds causing more dust and wear & tear as well as being unsafe.

The dust in the dry season floats in the air currents and deposits on clothes lines and laundry, cars, etc. Having lived here for 40+ years, we are accustomed to some dust but object to the additional dust caused by PHD traffic both on Upper Sawmill Rd and on the unpaved PGE access Rd.

A solution to the access via the PGE access road that we would like to see is the PGE access road gate closed and a PGE lock installed.

Picture of AP Rd, Upper Sawmill Rd, Main Dr, PGE access rd, and School Bus Stop



Water:

The backup well described in the initial permit application must be used more than is reported because despite the past couple of wet years, an adjacent neighbor's well went dry last year for the first time in their two generation memory.

Spring water is pumped to David Morris for domestic use from a shared spring source. This occurs whenever his tank at the spring is full and a float valve turns on his pump. The amount of spring water being pumped to David Morris hasn't been calculated but for comparative purposes, a 65,000 gallon tank was recently filled by a neighbor who also has access to the same spring and is using the same tank/float valve/pump set-up. This set up is just like David Morris' and it pumped 65,000 gallons in 7 days. This amount of domestic water storage is much greater than David Morris has on his residence. So where does anyone think that water goes? Pumping continues year-round.

Multiple Residences on the property:

There appear to be multiple residences on the property. There is a trailer and a motor home at the Pharming Humboldt business site. Lights are on at night in the trailer and motor home. Is it acceptable/legal for people to be living in these mobile homes. The onsite septic system for the Pharming Humboldt business was designed for 3 employees producing 150 gallons per day...not for mobile homes.

We understand that this Planning Commission Meeting for a Special Permit isn't meant to deal with all our issues, however, **Access** should be considered because the additional manufacturing and distribution that this Special Permit will allow will increase traffic.

Thank you from the neighbors,

Dan & Vonne Thomas

Kelly & Gina Paine

Isaac & Caitlin Danforth

Michael & LuAnn Evans