

ATTACHMENT 3

CEU INSPECTION NOTES

**County of Humboldt Code Enforcement Unit
Inspection Notes**

Inspector: Branden Howton	Date: September 25, 2020
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PROPERTY DETAILS	
Type of Inspection: Open Field	Main Agency: Humboldt County CEU
Property Name(s): John Quinn (Ecoyard) 2721 Shattuck Ave Ste 253 Berkley, CA 94705	APN(s): 217-381-008-000
Situs Address/Area: Sunset Road Blocksburg, CA 95514	Zoning: Rural - Improved
Ownership History; Purchased: June 05, 2009	Grant Deed: 2009-12275

Planning & Building Records	
Permits: 12452-CUP	Applicant: Ecoyard
Special Notes:	CEU Case:

INSPECTION DETAILS	
Meet up: At entry gate to property	Time: 15:00
Other Agencies: None	
Directions: St Hwy 101 to St Hwy 36 to Alderpoint Road to Sunset Ridge Road	

SUMMARY: 217-381-008-000 John Quinn (Ecoyard)

In support of Law Enforcement Operations on September 25, 2020, at approximately 15:00, I followed a water truck to parcel number 217-381-008-000, located at Sunset Road in Blocksburg, CA. There were no other agencies on site.

I made contact with the driver of the vehicle once he entered parcel 217-381-008-000 and closed the gate. I approached him and identified myself by name and as a Code Compliance Officer for the County of Humboldt. Through dialog with the driver of the water truck, he was hired on Monday September 21, 2020, and admitted that he had been making 3 – 4 water deliveries a day for the last 4½ days. I explained to him that water delivery for cannabis cultivation was no allowed. He stated the water was being discharged into water tanks found on the property used for cannabis cultivation and not into the catchment pond. He said he was unaware that he was not allowed which explains why Jack Hurst Trucking is subcontracting the work out. I gave my information, by business card, and let him know that he may contact me about any questions.

Driver made contact at 08:21 on Monday September 28, 2020 via telephone. At that time, he stated Jack Hurst Trucking had hired him to do the deliveries and confronted Jack who stated, “we do a lot of deliveries to illegal grows”. Driver says that he applied for the job which stated it as a legal driving opportunity.

He also mentioned a person who goes by the name “Chili”, who runs the operation at parcel of interest. Our records do not have contact information with this individual. Furthermore, the address given on the application does not exist, and if it did, would be on a completely different area of Sunset Ridge Road.

Further investigation of the project found the water supply listed for the permit, in the approved operations plan, is an onsite well. This further shows the water deliveries should not be occurring.

Locations of Interest: 217-381-008-000 John Quinn (Ecoyard)

Lat.	Long.	Description	Violation
40.27109	-123.65677	Gate allowing access to property.	

NOTES: 217-381-008-000 John Quinn (Ecoyard)

Other Notes:

This is an ongoing issue and in accordance with the e-mail received by attorney for the project. I did give person I contacted options for resolving the issue but no option I gave was followed.

I have been told the contact for this project is different almost every time contact is made.

Prior to visiting the property, there have been many complaints, as well as, a site visit from the assigned planner who stated, "there is virtually no water on the property". I have had contact with the attorney connected to the cultivation operation. Through e-mail traffic we have discussed the situation. The e-mail sent to me from their attorney, below covers this issue.

Hello All,

This email is to confirm the details as discussed between Mr. Howton of Humboldt County Code Enforcement and myself on the phone just moments ago (thank you again Branden for the call and your creative thinking in finding a solution to this situation).

As we discussed, the resolution proposed to address the emergency water for fire protection delivery is as follows.

- 1. Ecoyard will not use any water delivered in response to this fire threat for cultivation irrigation.*
- 2. That will be ensured by the use of the pond as the **exclusive receptacle** for any water deliveries made subsequent to this email and intended as fire suppression water reserves.*
- 3. **NO WATER INFRASTRUCTURE (LINES ETC.) WILL BE CONNECTED BETWEEN THE POND AND THE CULTIVATION WATER INFRASTRUCTURE (TANKS OR CANNOPY) to ensure the water is used for its intended purpose (fire reserve water) and not for irrigation.***
- 4. If there are ANY water deliveries after the fire threat has subsided or any water deliveries used for irrigation water, then the department will push for an **immediate** final decision on the project with a **recommendation for project denial.***

This represents the full and complete resolution of the water delivery issue and no further actions are needed at this time beyond the adherence to the above listed conditions.

Branden, please let me know if any of the above is not in accord with your understanding of our conversation.

Best,

Nate Madsen

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