



## HUMBOLDT BAY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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November 12, 2020

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors  
815 5th Street  
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### RE: Parcel Number 315-011-009

**Applicant: Maple Creek Investments, LLC**

**Record Number: PLN-2018-15197**

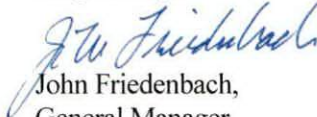
**Appeal Record Number: PLN-2020-16608**

Dear Supervisors,

Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (District) submits this letter as a follow up to Special Permit Application PLN 2018-15197 and Appeal PLN-2020-16608 by Maple Creek Investments, LLC (Applicant). After consideration at our Board meeting today (November 12, 2020), our Board withdraws our previous opposition to this project based on the applicant's projected water usage at the site.

Our Board continues to have general concerns regarding the cumulative effects of development within the Mad River watershed and looks forward to discussions regarding our October 3, 2019 request to designate the Mad River as a Critical Watershed under the Humboldt County General Plan.

Respectfully,

  
John Friedenbach,  
General Manager

Cc: Gordon Leppig, CDFW

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Wilson, Mike  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 12:10 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Re: Maple creek Investments project

Thank you for this perspective.

With respect,

Mike Wilson P.E.  
Humboldt County Supervisor, District 3  
707.476.2393

Sent from my iPad

> On Oct 19, 2020, at 7:39 AM, Hayes, Kathy <KHayes@co.humboldt.ca.us> wrote:

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> FYI

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> Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

> County of Humboldt

> (707) 476-2396

> khayes@co.humboldt.ca.us

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: rama zarcufsky <shockti@hotmail.com>

> Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2020 8:02 PM

> To: COB <COB@co.humboldt.ca.us>

> Subject: Maple creek Investments project

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> 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.

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> I support them and urge you to approve their permit.

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> Sincerely,

> Rama Zarcufsky

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> Sent from my iPhone

Foersterling, Elizabeth and Thomas  
8748 Butler valley Road  
Korbel, Ca 95550  
7070 668 4369  
[liz.forsterling@gmail.com](mailto:liz.forsterling@gmail.com)

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors  
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board  
Room 111 of the County Courthouse  
825 Fifth Street, Eureka 95501  
7070 476 2384  
[cob@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cob@co.humboldt.ca.us)

RE: Record Number PLN-2020-16608, Appeal by Maple Creek Investments, LLC of Planning Commission's August 12, 2020 written decision of Denial.

Dear Kathy,

Please put us, Thomas and Elizabeth Foersterling, on the Agenda for Public Comment for the upcoming Hearing. We submit for the Record the following Addendum and attachments, and all our previously submitted Documents of Opposition to Commercial Cannabis Cultivation, received and stamped by the Clerk of the Board on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2020.

If you have any questions regarding our request, please feel free to call.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Liz and Thomas

**ADDENDUM** to Opposition to Commercial Cannabis Cultivation (submitted to the Clerk of the Board, stamped and Received October 7, 2020).

To: Humboldt County Board Of Supervisors  
RE: Record Number PLN-2020-16608  
Hearing Date (Continuance): November 17, 2020

From every angle the proposed project fails. Opposition is overwhelming.<sup>1</sup> An exposed, high-impact roadside grow, an eyesore and nuisance, seen and smelled from both Butler Valley Road and Maple Creek Road, so close to Maple Creek Elementary School, reducing residential density in our neighborhood, negligently changing the character of the scenic region, and negatively impacting the environment of residents, visitors, and wildlife for decades to come, is not allowed by any stretch of the means. The General Plan protects the safety and welfare of the people and environment, and prevents wrongful development materially injurious to the greater community. No roadside grows.

There is not enough water for the project. Trucked-in water is not allowed, “rain catchment” in wetland and forested nature preserves is “water surface diversion” and is a violation. The idea of a huge amount (7,000 sq. ft.) of artificial surfaces placed in a natural environment to “catch” rain for Cannabis cultivation, prohibiting that very same essential water from reaching its necessary destination, must be rejected. Hereto, run-off of pesticides, fertilizers, and plant residue towards the river and adjacent water wells is dangerous to our health and well being, and must also be rejected.

We have a right to breathe fresh air, and drink clean water. The noxious smell of the previously unpermitted grow was so bad it was sickening, a relentless odor right at our doorstep. So many people complained back then, to even consider Applicant’s proposal is an assault to the heart of the neighborhood. As was pointed out by Francis and Carole Carrington,<sup>2</sup> to implement the destructive plans set forth in the proposal would bring down the value of our homes, and would reduce the monetary quality of the entire region. Property Taxes for FR Zoning are higher than any other. We pay thousands of dollars a year for FR Zoning. If our County approves this atrocity, the dollars assessed against our properties would no longer hold.

As marketed, Humboldt County is a vacation destination, Maple Creek is one of its

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<sup>1</sup> See signed Petition No. 15.

<sup>2</sup> See attached letter.

gems. To destroy the ambience of the entire region with one totally misplaced grow, and trash the beauty of our scenic road with unsightly water tanks and ugly attempts at hiding a smelly marijuana grow, would be a direct hit to our economy. To think the proposed non-residential commercial Cannabis project will boost our economy is a farce. To approve such an invasive idea would be egregious, and set a terrible precedent for allowing future roadside grows, ruining the very thing which makes the beauty of our region marketable.

We, who live here, know that the proposed project will deteriorate the entire region, and bring with it crime and violence. No amount of chain link fence and high security surveillance can prevent the type of robberies which Humboldt is now becoming known for, and plagued with. Law enforcement does not have the funding, or manpower, to constantly monitor and patrol such an exposed non-residential commercial operation. Ordinances are put into place to help law enforcement, not to hinder them, to prevent litigation, not to provoke. To lay open our neighborhood community to high risk theft, transient behavior, and negligent land ownership would be contrary to the duty of our elected officials.

Furthermore, Applicant's unsubstantiated slanderous allegations towards us cannot stand. Plain and simple, we are the victim of Applicant's continuous defamation, bullying, threats, negligence, and provocations. Enough is enough. The site plan map itself is an affront to our 32 years of living on our land, making all our own structural and land improvements; not to be trespassed upon or to have our land stolen. It is time to be discerning, and not ignore the residents of Butler Valley Maple Creek, nor the environment we live in. Please deny the project in its entirety, and exercise your judicial power to right the wrongs done to us by Applicant.

With grave concern,

Thomas and Elizabeth Foersterling

PETITION OF OPPOSITION No.15

I am opposed to the commercial cultivation of Cannabis on the intersection of Butler Valley Road and Maple Creek Road, parcel 315-011-009; PLN-2020-15197.

Print Name Anne Loring Date 11/01/20  
Address 3102 18th St Eureka Signature Anne Loring

Print Name Ted Loring Date 1 Nov. 2020  
Address 3102 18th St Eureka Signature

Print Name Rosemary Vance Date 11/1/20  
Address 4321 Percheion Arcata Signature Rosemary Vance

Print Name Vicky Crawford Date 11/1/2020  
Address 11385 E Rd Potter Valley Signature Vicky Crawford

Print Name Bill Crawford Date 11/1/2020  
Address 11385 East Rd Potter Valley Signature

Print Name Amy G. Hill Date 10/31/20  
Address 580 Van Arman Signature

Print Name Megan Kennedy Date 11/1/20  
Address 3671 Jacoby Creek Rd Signature Megan Kennedy

Print Name Dal Miller Date 11-1-20  
Address 3671 Jacoby Creek Rd Signature Dal

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Print Name Judy L Rice Date 10-30-2020

Address PO Box 429 EUREKA CA Signature Judy L Rice  
(16500 MAPLE CREEK RD - KORBEL 95502)

Print Name Roxie Christiansen Date 10-30-2020

Address 3846 Viale Ave, Eureka 95503 Signature Roxie Christiansen

Print Name Zach Christiansen Date 10-30-2020

Address 3866 Viale Ave Eureka Ca 95503 Signature Zach Christiansen

Print Name BRENT POWELL Date 10-30-2020

Address 3308 MITCHELL RD Signature Brent Powell

Print Name Reena Powell Date 10-30-20

Address 3308 Mitchell Rd. Signature Reena Powell

Print Name Sue Bosch Date 11-2-20

Address 3945 Tess Ct Eureka Signature Sue & Brent

Print Name Karin Bosch Date 11-2-2020

Address 216 Brightstone Cir, Folsom Signature Karin Bosch


Print Name Robert Bosch Date 11-2-2020

Address 3945 TESS Ct, Eureka Signature Robert Bosch


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Print Name DANIEL D. TUBBS, JR. Date 10-31-2020

Address P.O. Box 475, FERNDALE, CA 95536 Signature 

Print Name Martha J. Deal Date 10-31-2020

Address P.O. Box 475 <sup>Ferndale</sup> CA Signature 

Print Name Leroy Maire Date 10-31-20

Address 840 Euclid St Blue Side Camp Signature 

Print Name Doris Maire Date 10-31-2020

Address 2825 Hubbard Lane Eureka, ca Signature 

Print Name TARA ROTHER Date 10-31-2020

brazil\_coe@yahoo.com Address 16845 maplecreek Rd Korbek CA 95550 Signature 


Print Name DONTÉ McEAL Date 10-31-2020

MAPLE CREEK RD Address 16845 KORBEL. CA Signature 

Print Name Charles Pitts Date 10-30-20

Address Maple Creek Road Signature 

Print Name BRANDON REGENWITTER Date 11/3/20

KNEELAND CA Address 4903 KNEELAND RD 95549 Signature 



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Print Name HOBERT KLINE Date 10-30-20  
Address 2515 PINE ST EUREKA Signature Hobert Kline

Print Name Sue Rice Date 10-31-20  
Address 3333 old Arcata rd. Bayview Signature Sue

Print Name Debbie Santos Date 11-1-2020  
Address 1338 Longspur ct McKiwayville Signature [Signature]

Print Name LYNDA POWELL Date 11/1/20  
Address 5056 MEYERS AV EKA Signature Lynnda Powell

Print Name Susan Minton Date 11-1-20  
Address 2931 albee st EKA Signature Susan a. minton

Print Name Oscar martinez Date 11/1/20  
Address 1651 B st. APT B Eureka Signature [Signature]

Print Name Robert L Gogh Date 11-1-20  
Address 803 K St Eureka Signature Robert L Gogh

Print Name Nancy F. Coack Date 11-1-2020  
Address 803 K ST. EUREKA Signature Nancy F. Coack

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Print Name Carol De Ridder Date 10/30/2020

Address 4886 Walnut Dr, Eureka Signature [Signature]  
CA 95503

Print Name Melissa Adams Date 10/30/2020

Address 1521 S Street Signature [Signature]  
EUREKA CA 95501

Print Name Andrea Kusmith Date 10/30/2020

Address 2437 Russ St. Eureka Signature [Signature]  
CA 95501

Print Name Holly Theuerkauf Date 10/30/2020

Address 3305 Albee St Signature [Signature]  
Eureka CA 95503

Print Name Jocelyn Taylor Date 10/30/2020

Address 92 Painter Street Signature [Signature]  
Rio Dell, CA 95562

Print Name Sam Minton Date 10-30-20

Address PO Box 21227 Signature 10-30-20 [Signature]  
mckinleyville CA 95579

Print Name Felicity Barstow Date 10-30-20

Address 3225 Lowell St Eureka CA Signature [Signature]

Print Name Debbie Kable Date 10-30-20

Address 115 G St, Sp. 6, Arcata CA Signature Debbie Kable

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Print Name Elaine Shelley Date 10-30-20  
Address P.O Box 264 Eureka Signature Elaine Shelley

Print Name Melinda Molfitt Date 10-30-20  
Address 1034 Sixth St Eureka CA Signature Melinda Molfitt  
95501

Print Name DAVE L. McALISTER Date 10-31-2020  
Address 146 Monarch Dr. Fortuna Signature Dave McAlister

Print Name DIANA McALISTER Date 10-31-2020  
Address 146 Monarch Dr. Fortuna Signature Diana McAlister

Print Name Cristag Lewis Date 10-31-2020  
Address 441 16th St Fortuna Signature Cristag Lewis


Print Name Jon D. Lewis Date 10-31-2020  
Address 441 16th St Fortuna Signature Jon D. Lewis


Print Name Robert L Morris Date 10/31/20  
Address 2424 JERSEY AVE EUREKA Signature R L Morris

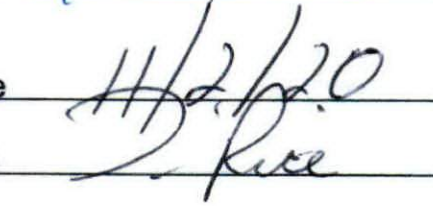
Print Name Karen Baddley Date 10-31-2020  
Address 2211 Myrtle Ave Eureka Signature Karen Baddley

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Print Name TRUE MARTIN Date 11.2.2020  
Address 1225 ELEVENTH ST, EUREKA CA 95501 Signature 

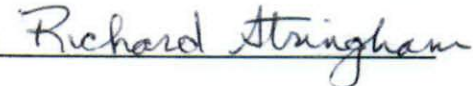
Print Name Tracy Rice Date 11/2/20  
Address 2726 Myrtle Ave Eureka 95501 Signature 


Print Name Tim Rice Date 11/2/20  
Address 2706 Myrtle Ave Eureka 95501 Signature 

Print Name Tom C Rice Date 11-2-20  
Address 839 Tim Mullen Dr Kneeland Signature 

Print Name Todd A Rice Date 11/2/20  
Address 1325 Ridgecroft Dr Eureka Signature 

Print Name ELAINE STRINGHAM Date NOV 2 20  
Address 3955 TESS Ct. Eureka Signature 

Print Name Richard Stringham Date 2 November 2020  
Address 3955 Tess Ct Eureka Signature 

Print Name Ted Schutte Miskin Date Nov 5-20  
Address 571 Glenwood LN Signature 

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Print Name John Baddeley Date 10/31/2020

Address 2211 Myrtle Ave Eureka Signature John Baddeley

Print Name Lucinda Lovett Date 11/3/2020

Address 2313 Home Dr Eureka Signature Lucinda Lovett

Print Name Daniel Lovett Date 11-3-2020

Address 2313 Home Dr Eureka Ca Signature Don Lovett

Print Name Kimberly Tays Date 11-3-2020

Address 3515 Hadley Pl Signature Kimberly Tays  
Arcata, CA

Print Name BETTE CAWTHON Date 11-3-20

Address P.O. Box 900b Signature Bette Cawthon  
EUREKA, CA 95502

Print Name Jeanne Keith Date 11-3-20

Address 400 Pleasant Ave Signature Jeanne Ann Keith  
Eureka 95503

Print Name machelle Coldington Date 11/3/2020

Address 1457 Underwood Ct Signature Machelle Coldington  
McKinleyville CA 95519

Print Name JACKIE L SANDORI Date 11-3-20

Address 2303 FRANK ST Eureka Signature Jackie L Sandori

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Print Name Elizabeth Foersterling Date 10.29.20

Address 8748 Butler Valley Rd. Korbels CA 95550 Signature Elizabeth Foersterling

Print Name Kim Coughlin-Lamphear Date 10/29/2020

Address 660 Villa Way, Arcata CA 95521 Signature Kim Coughlin-Lamphear

Print Name Rosa Cast Date 10/29/20

Address Done ct Signature

Print Name Victoria Foersterling Date 10/29/2020

Address 2120 campton rd. suite c. Signature

Print Name Alec Ziegler Date 10/29/20

Address 1430 Schorn ST, Eureka 95501 Signature

Print Name THOMAS FOERSTERLING Date 10-30-2020

Address 8748 BUTLER VALLEY RD. KORBEL CA. 95550 Signature Thomas Foersterling

Print Name MARILYN HUTTON Date 10-30-20

Address Maple Creek RD Signature Marilyn Hutton

Print Name Scott Ragan Date 11/4/20

Address 23333 Maple Creek Rd Signature

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Print Name Lacey Tindle Date 11/4/20

Address 7781 Butler Valley Rd. #4 Signature Lacey Tindle  
Korbet, CA 95550

Print Name RICHARD DOETCH Date 11/4/2020

Address 7781 BUTLER VALLEY RD. #1 Signature [Signature]

Print Name Katelyn Anderson Date 11/4/2020

Address 7781 Butler Valley Rd #1 Signature [Signature]

Print Name Carol J. Hammers Date 11/05/2020

Address 7781 Butler Valley Rd #5 Signature Carol J. Hammers

Print Name RICHARD DOETCH Date 11-5-2020

Address 7781 BUTLER VALLEY #2 Signature Richard Doetch

Print Name Vanessa McBurney Date 11-5-2020

Address 7781 Butler Valley Rd #3 Signature Vanessa McBurney

Print Name Derek Joseph Tindle Date 11-5-20

Address 7781 Butler Valley Rd #4 Signature [Signature]

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Print Name Maria Neely Date 10/30/20

Address 16480 Maple Crk Rd Signature Maria Neely  
Korbel, GA 95550

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name Robert Neely Date 10/30/20

Address 16480 Maple Crk Rd Signature Maria Neely for  
Korbel GA 95550 Robert E. Neely (power of attorney)  
(guard)

Print Name Fred Conroy Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address Rt 3 Bx 697 A RCATA Signature Fred Conroy

Print Name Ronald Carlson Date Oct 6, 2020

Address property owned Maple Creek Signature Ronald Carlson

Print Name Velma P. Carlson Date Oct 6, 2020

Address property owned Maple Creek Signature Velma P. Carlson

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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Print Name Jill Giordano Date 11/1/20

Address 8888 Butler Valley Rd Signature Jill

Print Name SKylar Giordano Date #01 NOV 2020

Address 8888 Butler Valley Rd Signature [Signature]

Print Name Tyler Mihells Date 11/08/2020

Address 2850 Clover way Signature Tyler

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Print Name Lonnie Parcellis Date 11-3-20  
Address 1235 Harris St Signature [Signature]  
Eureka CA 95501

Print Name Jessica Greenfield Date 11.3.20  
Address 1537 7th St. Signature [Signature]  
Eureka CA 95501

Print Name Risa Waddell Date 11-5-20  
Address 509 Spring St Fortuna CA Signature [Signature]  
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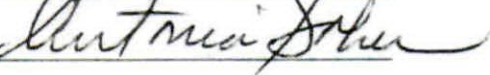
Print Name William McKenzie Date 10-30-20

Address 1388 Leslie Road, Eureka Signature 

Print Name Erica Cardell Date 10/30/20

Address 6128 Avalon Dr Eureka Signature 

Print Name ANTONIA DOBBERE Date 10/31/20

Address 1090 MURRAY PL Spc 133 Signature   
MCKINLEYVILLE

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Print Name GORDON SCHATZ Date 11/1/2020

Address 14345 MAPLE CREEK RD KORBEL 95550 Signature Gordon Schatz

Print Name KAREN L. SCHATZ Date 11/1/2020

Address 14345 MAPLE CREEK RD KORBEL 95550 Signature Karen Schatz

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Print Name Anthony Lowe Date 10-31-20

Address 15811 Maple Creek Signature Anthony Lowe

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Print Name ROB GRUNDMAN Date 11-5-20

Address 1532 N<sup>ST</sup>. EKA Signature Rob Grundman

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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To: Humboldt County Planning Commission  
From: Francis and Carole Carrington (Butler Valley Ranch)  
Re: Record # PLN-2018-15197 (filed 12/14/2018) APN 315-011-009  
Date: July 10, 2020

Humboldt County Planning Commission:

As a long time property owner on Butler Valley Road, I strongly object to the Mable 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

November 8, 2020

Reference: Parcel Number 315-011--009

Applicant: Maple Creek Investments, LLC

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Appeal Record Number: PLN-2020-16608

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the owner of an adjacent property to this proposed project in the Maple Creek area. I was only able to participate in the neighborhood meeting for about 20 minutes. John Ford send my email notification of the meeting to the wrong email address and by the time I found out about it, I already had another meeting scheduled for that evening. I received notification of the public hearing with regards to this matter. I strongly object to MCI's appeal for a Special Permit to operate a large-scale commercial cannabis farm and a year-round cannabis processing facility in this rural community.

This project does not qualify for the CEQA exemption for existing facilities. Although the EIR for the cannabis ordinance placed a cap on permits for the Mad River watershed, that does not take into account cumulative impacts on the watershed. The reality is that the fertilizers used to provide nutrients during the cannabis growing season create by-products, including cyanotoxins which are neither regulated nor tested. Public Health and Environmental officials cautioned residents to stay out of the water after cyanobacteria was confirmed at three locations on the Mad River (Lost Coast Journal, 9/15/20). It was subsequently confirmed that lab samples show the presence of anatoxin-a in the waters in the lower stretches of the Mad River, including popular swimming and fishing spots near Blue Lake. According to Jacob Pounds, environmental program coordinator with the Blue Lake Rancheria, **this bacteria has never been confirmed in the Mad before** (Lost Coast Outpost, 9/15/20). Anatoxin-a, also known as Very Fast Death Factor (VFDF), is a cyanotoxin with acute neurotoxicity. Due to its high toxicity and potential presence in drinking water, anatoxin-a poses a threat to animals, including humans.

Section 15355 of the State CEQA Guidelines defines a cumulative impact as "two or more individual effects which, when considered together, are considerable or which compound or increase other environmental impacts." Cumulative impacts can result from individually



minor, but collectively significant projects taking place over a period of time. There is NO comprehensive water quality monitoring of the Mad River watershed.

The discussion in this proposed project of “minimizing” these environmental impacts must be considered in light of the current information pointing to the increasingly fragile ecosystem of this watershed and in conjunction with the cumulative negative impacts of the existing legal and illegal cannabis farms in the Maple Creek area and in the entire Mad River watershed. **The information presented in MCI’s proposal omits any consideration of the cumulative environmental effects of commercial cannabis farms on this ecosystem.**

This project is on a Category 4 county-maintained road, which was designed for small homesteaders, not large-scale commercial marijuana cultivation and processing facilities. Butler Valley Road continues to deteriorate every winter and is not being repaired. The road has completely collapsed in places so that only one car can pass, and it has numerous blind corners and a high rate of accidents relative to the amount of usage. The increased traffic caused by this proposed project combined with traffic from existing cannabis farms and logging operations in the area would create an even more dangerous situation.

Ongoing drought conditions brought on by climate change make it unlikely that the proposed amount of water for irrigation will even be possible to collect. MCI’s proposal talks about trucking well water from Maple Creek Ranch to the proposed site if needed. Trucking water would further increase traffic, contribute to the degradation of the road, increase noise levels, and is illegal except under emergency conditions. Section 55.4.12.2.5 of the CCLUO states that **“Trucked water shall not be allowed, except for emergencies. For purposes of this provision, “emergency” is defined as: “a sudden, unexpected occurrence demanding immediate action.”** A cannabis farm that does not plan for adequate water does not constitute an emergency.

I am also concerned about my personal safety and the safety of my neighbors and those who recreate on the river. As we all know, with large-scale commercial cannabis cultivation come attack dogs, weapons, robberies, and an increase in crime. Please do not turn this quiet, rural community into an area where residents and visitors are frightened for their lives.

Sincerely,  
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