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Subject: PLN-12020-SP, APN: 208-341-011
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Good Afternoon,

Please see the comments below regarding the above referenced project.

Project Number: PLN-12020-SP

Project Name: Lizard Ranch Farms, LLC

APN(s): 208-341-011

CEQA No: CEQA-2017-0301-0000-R1

Project Description

Lizard Ranch Farms, LLC - Existing 9,000 Outdoor

TRELLIS 2.1 RECIPIENT: The Applicant is seeking a Special Permit for an existing 9,000-square-foot outdoor medical cannabis cultivation operation. Water is sourced from an existing on-site well and is stored in four water tanks totaling 13,500 gallons of capacity. The four tanks have the following capacities: 2,500 gallons, 3,000 gallons, 3,500 gallons, and 5,000 gallons. Processing activities such as drying, trimming, and curing all occur on-site in an existing indoor cabin. Two full time employees are needed for all operations. Electricity is provided by three gasoline generators.

CDFW COMMENTS:

Thank you for referring this application to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for review and comment.

On May 2, 2024, CDFW staff conducted a site inspection at the subject property on Assessor' Parcel Number (APN) 208-341-011. During the site visit, staff walked the property to observe current and historic cultivation activities. The following comments are intended to assist the Lead Agency in making informed decisions in the planning process. The following comments shall supersede prior comments submitted by CDFW regarding PLN-12020-SP. CDFW requests that all comments are incorporated in the final Humboldt County Staff Report.

1. On September 24, 2020, CDFW issued the applicant a Final Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA, 1600-2019-0085-0000-R1) to decommission a failing and undersized stream crossing. As of May 21, 2024, the permittee/applicant is not compliant with all conditions in the LSAA. Additionally, while onsite, CDFW observed water pollution from the placement of irrigation lines into waters of the state (at coordinates: 40.485435, -123.575908), which is a violation of Fish and Game Code (FGC) 5652. CDFW requests, as a condition of approval, that the applicant/permittee completes the following items listed below by the requested dates or within two weeks of project approval and achieves and maintains compliance with the LSAA.
 - a. Submit a minor amendment to revise the Work Completion Date on the LSAA by

August 31, 2024.

- b. Remove all waterline located in the stream channel by October 15, 2024.
2. While onsite, CDFW observed water tanks located within the Streamside Management Area (SMA) of a stream channel on the parcel (at coordinates: 40.485505, -123.575826). CDFW requests, as a condition of approval, that all water tanks and associated infrastructure is removed from the SMA.
3. The proposed project states that water will be sourced from an existing groundwater well. In drought years, CDFW have observed wells going dry in the area and failing to yield water for the entire cultivation season. The Project Description states that water will be stored in four water tanks totaling 13,500 gallons of capacity. While onsite, CDFW observed that the applicant has 70,000 gallons of water storage onsite. CDFW requests, as a condition of approval, that the applicant maintain at least 70,000 gallons of water on site to be used if the well does not produce for a full cultivation season.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

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