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Re: High Meadow Farm PLN-13038-SP
Subject Parcel: 223-191-002

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My name is Michaela Scown, and I live at 751 Wallan Rd. I want to preface this email with a bit of information. Elvin and Norma Dodson live at 666 Wallan Rd, and Carol Melody lives at 625 Wallan Rd. Elvin, Norma, and Carol do not own, have access to, or know how to use computers. I have spoken with all three of them, and they have given me permission to speak for them, as they have told me their thoughts. They, along with my husband and I, will be signers to this email. Carol and I share property lines with High Meadow Farm, and Elvin and Norma's home is directly across the street from the proposed grow.

WE STAND IN OPPOSITION to High Meadow Farm moving their three existing outdoor cultivation areas to two separate sites on the same parcel. One relocation area is on the southwest corner of the property, and the second is on the northwest corner. Both of the proposed grows would directly border Wallan Rd. These areas also have seasonal creeks running right beside them.

The Dodson's home site is very close to Wallan Rd and directly across the street from the proposed southwest area. Some of their concerns are the smell and growing and drying of cannabis in such volume so close to their home. They dearly love the deer and other wildlife that roam our neighborhood and fear for their safety. In their words, the parcel across the street is already "an eyesore." I know for a fact that Norma weed whacks the frontage of their property next to Wallan Rd (she is 83 years old, mind you) so that she can feel more fire safe. I have seen the current occupants do nothing for years until this hearing date was coming up. I agree with Norma; the place is a mess. Old cars have been left in various states of disrepair for years, and neglected falling-down fencing surrounds the west side of the property. The unkept southern driveway has caused significant erosion to Wallan Rd. causing the water to cross the street and cause flooding in the Dodson's yard during the rainy season. Neither of their driveways has the required pavement where they enter into the county road. These observations cause us to pause and wonder what these two new grows may end up looking like given current conditions. Ours is a nice neighborhood, not a place out in the hills.

Susan and Wesley Stoff own the parcel that High Meadow Farm is on, on Wallan Rd. They live on their land in Harris. The property on Wallan Rd is rented out to friends/family or others. We understand cannabis is legal to grow, and people with proper permits and agricultural water meters are allowed to cultivate in appropriate locations. Where ethically allowed to grow and who it impacts are another

concern. The potential harm to streams and wildlife, increased traffic and noise, garbage alongside the road, strangers drawn into our neighborhood, and the pungent odor of such a large-scale grow are obvious points of concern for a negative impact on our neighborhood. A potential invitation for crime, cannabis grown in a residential area, right next to the road, screams "come rip me off." Of particular concern to me is that the drying of product carries a significant problem for fire safety. Many fires in facilities related to this activity have occurred in recent years, as my husband, Chief of the Garberville Fire Protection District, can attest. Were this issue to happen, our home is directly up the hill from their proposed location. High winds are often an occurrence in our area. Many homes would be placed in harm's way were this to be an issue.

When I moved here 30 plus years ago, our neighborhood was quiet, peaceful, respectful, and everyone was kind and helpful. It was strictly a residential neighborhood and was never intended to become a commercial/agricultural subdivision. We stand in strong opposition to this land-use request.

We do not want to close without proposing a resolution. Allow High Meadow Farm to continue its endeavor where it is now located on the current sites on the parcel. While their historical use does carry several of our concerns listed above, it is still safer and less intrusive.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your consideration of our valid concerns.

Please acknowledge receipt of this communication.

Regards,

Michaela Scown

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Carol Melody
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