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We are reiterating our prior comments and applying them to August 18, 2021 and into the future. The below comment applies to all commercial cannabis cultivation projects on the planning commission agenda and the zoning administrator agenda. The county is now in uncharted territory with regard to CEQA analysis. The county is piecemealing analysis of multiple cannabis projects on the same properties. The county proceeds at its own peril.

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**Subject:** **Comment on all agenda items for August 12 Planning Commission involving commercial cannabis cultivation**

Dear Planning Clerk, Commissioners, Director and Supervisors, this comment applies to all commercial cannabis cultivation projects on the planning commission agenda for August 12, 2021, and those that will be on the agenda for the Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission into the future.

We are absolutely in disbelief that Humboldt County insists on approving dozens upon dozens of new permits for commercial cannabis in our drought parched hills and valleys to the detriment of people, wildlife and the very water that sustains all life.

We ask that you enter into the record the complete reports from the Humboldt County drought task force, including the entire record from the August 10 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

The ongoing drought conditions are significant changed circumstances from the

conditions in place when either of the ordinances approving commercial cannabis were approved (CMMLUO & CCLUO). The MND and EIR for those ordinances did not analyze the impacts of continual cannabis project approvals in the midst of a drought of historic extent. Therefore, under CEQA, the County must immediately stop the approvals of even more cannabis cultivation projects, pending a supplemental CEQA analysis that fully mitigates for these ongoing drought impacts.

An emergency has already been declared for the drought locally and at the Governor's office. **Now is the time to act on that emergency and immediately stop issuing permits for commercial cannabis cultivation in Humboldt County.** To continue to ignore this drought and allow the planning director to defer any meaningful action into the future based on limited staff with no experience in hydrology is absolute madness.

-Friends of the Mad River