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Mr. Bongio,

I read the Staff Report attached to the agenda and find it professionally done and appears to be based on data. Yet this report has absolutely no relationship to what goes on in my neighborhood. You have regulations on paper but they are not followed. Stop issuing permits until you are able to get this industry under control. Why the hurry to allow out of area investors to take over our ag lands and deplete our natural resources? Your process certainly is not supporting our local farmers or local ecology.

We need a total moratorium on permits having anything to do with Cannabis until all enforcement and inspections (scheduled and otherwise) are brought up to date and protocols and trained staff in place to maintain these activities. Lights are on at night, despite what your documents say. There are still illegal grows, especially indoor, that I know about so you should too. Get caught up instead of making the problem grow every two weeks. How much more will you add tonight?

We need to have a complete and total moratorium on all things cannabis until the County COMPLETES both a water connectivity study and forms a long term drought plan.

We need a complete and total moratorium until County Planning is ready and able to calculate and consider carrying capacity and cumulative effect for both the natural and social resources when approving the large expansions like those under consideration tonight.

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