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Assessor's Parcel Number: 223-231-012

My name is Richard Thompson. My wife, Susan, and I live on Old Briceland Rd. at the intersection with Sprowel Cr. Rd. We have lived here since 1979. We appear to be roughly 1500 ft from the proposed green houses. We are opposed to this cannabis cultivation project for three reasons--water, smell and noise .

Our only water source is a well. In any year our well production is apt to diminish beginning in July. It has never gone dry but we have had years when we were required to essentially cease outdoor watering. We are extremely concerned about this project removing 178,600 gallons of water per year from the aquifer. I'm not confident that their aquifer is not the same as our aquifer. Who is going to monitor the water use and it's effect on adjacent wells? I don't recall seeing those requirements in the staff report. I did not see any of the requirements of testing well drawdowns, or references to it, in the staff report, though I could have missed it. What evidence is there that pumping 23,800 cubic feet of water per year from the aquifer will not affect my well production or cause permanent damage to the aquifer itself. It would affect their closer neighbor's wells before ours. Was there any consideration of having them connect to the Garberville Sanitary District water that is available in that area? Was there any consideration of rain catchment to offset some well water use?

Smell is our next objection. The odor from cannabis cultivation sites permeates the air, and it's not something we'd like to be inhaling 24 hrs a day for the next many years. We drive by what smells like a grow site on our way to town and back and it's not something we want to live with at our house. I can surmise that our neighbors and their neighbors will not appreciate the odor either.

Last, we are concerned about the noise. Although noise levels from equipment is limited to 50 db at 100', who is going to monitor/enforce that requirement? Although PG&E is required as the main power source there are allowances for generators with a 60 db at the property line (except near NSO and MM habitat which doesn't seem to be in play here). Even 60 db at the property line could be an uncomfortable sound going on all day.

We urge you to not approve this cannabis cultivation application.

Richard and Susan Thompson