

From: [Mayor, Jordan](#)
To: [Irene Van Natter](#); [Planning Clerk](#)
Subject: RE: Concerns about Request for Special Permit for CCMLUO Cannabis Cultivation at AP#314-121-040
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Thank you for your comments on PLN-11673-SP below Irene. I am cc'ing the Planning Clerk so that these comments may be available to the Zoning Administrator in Thursday's 10 AM hearing where it may be discussed.

Please note the section title Water Resources in the [staff report](#) that describes the site as having enough water storage (tanks and pond) to avoid summertime diversions. Water Rights are in hand and the applicant must both monitor water usage and conform to the most stringent forbearance requirements among the regulatory agencies.

I'll look into the adjacent parcels and the site plan further.

Thank you,
Jordan

PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO THE MEETING: Submit public comments via email to Planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us and provide the Project title, Record or Case number and date of the hearing. If you do not have access to email, contact the planning clerk at 707-268-3702. After the Agenda is posted on Friday, June 11, 2021, comments can be found at the "Attachments" section of the "Meeting Details" link next to the posted Agenda at: <https://humboldt.legistar.com>, and will be included with the administrative record after the fact.



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Mr. Mayor:

Since so little time was allowed between the Public Hearing Notice and the deadline for public comments to the Zoning Administrator, I am addressing the following concerns to you for further consideration.

The requested water diversion from a springwater course is directly across the Kneeland Road from a portion of property I owned until recently and am now renting. As a concerned resident, I am worried that the spring feeding the watercourse in question may be originating from the same aquifer that feeds the well on the property I am now renting (AP#314-121-46 and an adjacent rental AP#314-121-47). It's seems quite possible, since these parcels are on higher ground and the well is deep. That possibility, in

view of the current drought situation and the tremendous quantity of water to be taken by the permittee, is concerning both to me and the current owner.

Also, the CMMLUO Site Plan from Pacific Watershed Associates may be very misleading to you as the assigned planner. Reason: it does not include some of the information required and does appear to have a false statements on it in the "Notes", which state that there are no school bus stops or places of worship within 600 feet of the cultivation site.

Humb. Co. Code Title III, Chap. 3, Div. 1, Sect. 313-55.4(c) pertaining to CMMLUO (medical cannabis cultivation), states:

"If the area for cultivation is within ¼ mile (1,320 ft.) of a school, **school bus stop**, church or other **place of religious worship**, public park, or Tribal Cultural Resource, the site plan shall include dimensions showing that the distance from the location of such features to the nearest point of the cultivation area is at least 600 feet."

The site plan does not show any adjacent parcels with their "off-site" residence locations, but does show one dot labelled "off-site residence within 300' of the cultivation site" which most likely points to another cannabis cultivation site on AP#314-121-43.

If the plan were to include the other parcels across the road from the cultivation site on the Site Plan, it would show that several of them do have residences within 600': most notably, AP#314-121-11 with a **Buddhist temple of worship** and three other habitable units. All of these properties may also be using water from the same aquifer that is being drained by cannabis cultivations. Is there no limit to the amount of water these operations can take from the community?

Also, all of the parcels along Kneeland Road have driveway entrances that may be "school bus stops", if any children living on those parcels attend Kneeland School.

Thank you for your consideration.

Irene Van Natter