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Subject: File No. 21-908
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Hello,

Please do not approve any new cannabis cultivation applications (APN 223-061-011) because the County:

1. Has yet to review and approve/deny *all* existing cannabis grow applications. Continue to see new grow applications mixed in with existing grow applications in Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission agendas.
2. Has yet to abate existing illegal grows. Times-Standard June 29, 2021 article " Sgt. Conan Moore told the Times-Standard there are more than 4,000 illicit cultivation sites in Humboldt County, all of which do not comply with the required state and local permits to engage in this commercial activity. " (<https://www.times-standard.com/2021/06/29/illicit-cannabis-grows-remain-in-the-thousands-humboldt-county-sheriffs-office-says/>)
3. Has yet to document the total water usage, project footprint square feet, and cultivation square feet of approved and interim applications. Perhaps the County already has more cannabis than the entire State of California has demand for. Refer to response to the Humboldt County Public Record Request #21-383.
4. Is under a severe drought. State of California drought information (<https://www.drought.gov/states/california/county/humboldt>) and North Coast Journal's May 27, 2021 article related to the May 25, 2021 Humboldt Board of Supervisors Meeting (<https://www.northcoastjournal.com/humboldt/humboldts-new-normal/Content?oid=20592577>).
5. This project would take water away from existing agricultural (food) customers.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,
Marisa Darpino
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