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November 12, 2020

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors 815 5th Street Eureka, CA 95501

> RE: Parcel Number 315-011-009 Applicant: Maple Creek Investments, LLC Record Number: PLN-2018-15197 Appeal Record Number: PLN-2020-16608

Dear Supervisors,

Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (District) submits this letter as a follow up to Special Permit Application PLN 2018-15197 and Appeal PLN-2020-16608 by Maple Creek Investments, LLC (Applicant). After consideration at our Board meeting today (November 12, 2020), our Board withdraws our previous opposition to this project based on the applicant's projected water usage at the site.

Our Board continues to have general concerns regarding the cumulative effects of development within the Mad River watershed and looks forward to discussions regarding our October 3, 2019 request to designate the Mad River as a Critical Watershed under the Humboldt County General Plan.

Respectfully,

Tu Fridulach

John Friedenbach, General Manager

Cc: Gordon Leppig, CDFW

Hayes, Kathy

From:	Wilson, Mike
Sent:	Monday, November 9, 2020 12:10 PM
То:	Hayes, Kathy
Subject:	Re: Maple creek Investments project

Thank you for this perspective.

With respect,

Mike Wilson P.E. Humboldt County Supervisor, District 3 707.476.2393

Sent from my iPad

> On Oct 19, 2020, at 7:39 AM, Hayes, Kathy <KHayes@co.humboldt.ca.us> wrote:

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- > Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board
- > County of Humboldt
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- > Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2020 8:02 PM
- > To: COB <COB@co.humboldt.ca.us>
- > Subject: Maple creek Investments project
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> I am the neighbor of the Dunaway family in Maple Creek and wanted to express my support for them and their Maple Creek Investments project. They sold me my place and have been nothing but kind and supportive of me and my family over the years. I have every reason to believe they will run their project with the utmost integrity and respect for their neighbors and the environment.

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> I support them and urge you to approve their permit.

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- > Sincerely,
- > Rama Zarcufsky
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Foersterling, Elizabeth and Thomas 8748 Butler valley Road Korbel, Ca 95550 7070 668 4369 <u>liz.forsterling@gmail.com</u>

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board Room 111 of the County Courthouse 825 Fifth Street, Eureka 95501 7070 476 2384 cob@co.humboldt.ca.us

RE: Record Number PLN-2020-16608, Appeal by Maple Creek Investments, LLC of Planning Commission's August 12, 2020 written decision of Denial.

Dear Kathy,

Please put us, Thomas and Elizabeth Foersterling, on the Agenda for Public Comment for the upcoming Hearing. We submit for the Record the following Addendum and attachments, and all our previously submitted Documents of Opposition to Commercial Cannabis Cultivation, received and stamped by the Clerk of the Board on October 7th 2020.

If you have any questions regarding our request, please feel free to call.

Thank you, Sincerely,

Liz and Thomas

ADDENDUM to Opposition to Commercial Cannabis Cultivation (submitted to the Clerk of the Board, stamped and Received October **7**, 2020).

To: Humboldt County Board Of Supervisors RE: Record Number PLN-2020-16608 Hearing Date (Continuance): November 17, 2020

From every angle the proposed project fails. Opposition is overwhelming.¹ An exposed, high-impact roadside grow, an eyesore and nuisance, seen and smelled from both Butler Valley Road and Maple Creek Road, so close to Maple Creek Elementary School, reducing residential density in our neighborhood, negligently changing the character of the scenic region, and negatively impacting the environment of residents, visitors, and wildlife for decades to come, is not allowed by any stretch of the means. The General Plan protects the safety and welfare of the people and environment, and prevents wrongful development materially injurious to the greater community. No roadside grows.

There is not enough water for the project. Trucked-in water is not allowed, "rain catchment" in wetland and forested nature preserves is "water surface diversion" and is a violation. The idea of a huge amount (7,000 sq. ft.) of artificial surfaces placed in a natural environment to "catch" rain for Cannabis cultivation, prohibiting that very same essential water from reaching its necessary destination, must be rejected. Hereto, run-off of pesticides, fertilizers, and plant residue towards the river and adjacent water wells is dangerous to our health and well being, and must also be rejected.

We have a right to breathe fresh air, and drink clean water. The noxious smell of the previously unpermitted grow was so bad it was sickening, a relentless odor right at our doorstep. So many people complained back then, to even consider Applicant's proposal is an assault to the heart of the neighborhood. As was pointed out by Francis and Carole Carrington,² to implement the destructive plans setforth in the proposal would bring down the value of our homes, and would reduce the monetary quality of the entire region. Property Taxes for FR Zoning are higher than any other. We pay thousands of dollars a year for FR Zoning. If our County approves this atrocity, the dollars assessed against our properties would no longer hold.

As marketed, Humboldt County is a vacation destination, Maple Creek is one of its

¹ See signed Petition No. 15.

² See attached letter.

gems. To detroy the ambience of the entire region with one totally misplaced grow, and trash the beauty of our scenic road with unsightly water tanks and ugly attempts at hiding a smelly marijuana grow, would be a direct hit to our economy. To think the proposed non-residential commercial Cannabis project will boost our economy is a farce. To approve such an invasive idea would be egregious, and set a terrible precedent for allowing future roadside grows, ruining the very thing which makes the beauty of our region marketable.

We, who live here, know that the proposed project will deteriorate the entire region, and bring with it crime and violence. No amount of chain link fence and high security surveilence can prevent the type of robberies which Humboldt is now becoming known for, and plagued with. Law enforcement does not have the funding, or manpower, to constantly monitor and patrol such an exposed non-residential commercial operation. Ordinances are put into place to help law enforcement, not to hinder them, to prevent litigation, not to provoke. To lay open our neighborhood community to high risk theft, transient behavior, and negligent land ownership would be contrary to the duty of our elected officials.

Furthermore, Applicant's unsubstantiated slanderous allegations towards us cannot stand. Plain and simple, we are the victim of Applicant's continuous defamation, bullying, threats, negligence, and provocations. Enough is enough. The site plan map itself is an affront to our 32 years of living on our land, making all our own structural and land improvements; not to be trespassed upon or to have our land stolen. It is time to be discerning, and not ignore the residents of Butler Valley Maple Creek, nor the environment we live in. Please deny the project in its entirety, and exercise your judicial power to right the wrongs done to us by Applicant.

With grave concern,

Thomas and Elizabeth Foersterling

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To: Humboldt County Planning Commission

From: Francis and Carole Carrington (Butler Valley Ranch)

Re: Record # PLN-2018-15197 (filed 12/14/2018) APN 315-011-009

Date: July 10, 2020

Humboldt County Planning Commission:

As a long time property owner on Butler Valley Road, I strongly object to the Mable Creek Investments, LLC's Special Permit application for the building of a 27,025 sf commercial cannabis cultivation and a 2000 sf processing facility on a neighboring property.

This type of use would be detrimental to the pristine lands in the Butler Valley and Maple Creek areas. There are many families, an elementary school, and a youth camp all in very close proximity to where the proposed large outdoor growing area and processing facility would be located.

If this use is permitted, it would significantly affect the value of many properties in the Butler Valley and Maple Creek area and would have a negative impact to our daily lives.

I respectfully request that this Special Permit application be denied.

Sincerely,

e Carrington

November 8, 2020

Reference: Parcel Number 315-011--009 Applicant: Maple Creek Investments, LLC Record Number: PLN-2018-15197 Appeal Record Number: PLN-2020-16608

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the owner of an adjacent property to this proposed project in the Maple Creek area. I was only able to participate in the neighborhood meeting for about 20 minutes. John Ford send my email notification of the meeting to the wrong email address and by the time I found out about it, I already had another meeting scheduled for that evening. I received notification of the public hearing with regards to this matter. I strongly object to MCI's appeal for a Special Permit to operate a large-scale commercial cannabis farm and a year-round cannabis processing facility in this rural community.

This project does not qualify for the CEQA exemption for existing facilities. Although the EIR for the cannabis ordinance placed a cap on permits for the Mad River watershed, that does not take into account cumulative impacts on the watershed. The reality is that the fertilizers used to provide nutrients during the cannabis growing season create by-products, including cyanotoxins which are neither regulated nor tested. Public Health and Environmental officials cautioned residents to stay out of the water after cyanobacteria was confirmed at three locations on the Mad River (Lost Coast Journal, 9/15/20). It was subsequently confirmed that lab samples show the presence of anatoxin-a in the waters in the lower stretches of the Mad River, including popular swimming and fishing spots near Blue Lake. According to Jacob Pounds, environmental program coordinator with the Blue Lake Rancheria, **this bacteria has never been confirmed in the Mad before** (Lost Coast Outpost, 9/15/20). Anatoxin-a, also known as Very Fast Death Factor (VFDF), is a cyanotoxin with acute neurotoxicity. Due to its high toxicity and potential presence in drinking water, anatoxin-a poses a threat to animals, including humans.

Section 15355 of the State CEQA Guidelines defines a cumulative impact as "two or more individual effects which, when considered together, are considerable or which compound or increase other environmental impacts." Cumulative impacts can result from individually

minor, but collectively significant projects taking place over a period of time. There is NO comprehensive water quality monitoring of the Mad River watershed.

The discussion in this proposed project of "minimizing" these environmental impacts must be considered in light of the current information pointing to the increasingly fragile ecosystem of this watershed and in conjunction with the cumulative negative impacts of the existing legal and illegal cannabis farms in the Maple Creek area and in the entire Mad River watershed. The information presented in MCI's proposal omits any consideration of the cumulative environmental effects of commercial cannabis farms on this ecosystem.

This project is on a Category 4 county-maintained road, which was designed for small homesteaders, not large-scale commercial marijuana cultivation and processing facilities. Butler Valley Road continues to deteriorate every winter and is not being repaired. The road has completely collapsed in places so that only one car can pass, and it has numerous blind corners and a high rate of accidents relative to the amount of usage. The increased traffic caused by this proposed project combined with traffic from existing cannabis farms and logging operations in the area would create an even more dangerous situation.

Ongoing drought conditions brought on by climate change make it unlikely that the proposed amount of water for irrigation will even be possible to collect. MCI's proposal talks about trucking well water from Maple Creek Ranch to the proposed site if needed. Trucking water would further increase traffic, contribute to the degradation of the road, increase noise levels, and is illegal except under emergency conditions. Section 55.4.12.2.5 of the CCLUO states that "**Trucked water shall not be allowed, except for emergencies. For purposes of this provision, "emergency" is defined as: "a sudden, unexpected occurrence demanding immediate action."** A cannabis farm that does not plan for adequate water does not constitute an emergency.

I am also concerned about my personal safety and the safety of my neighbors and those who recreate on the river. As we all know, with large-scale commercial cannabis cultivation come attack dogs, weapons, robberies, and an increase in crime. Please do not turn this quiet, rural community into an area where residents and visitors are frightened for their lives.

Sincerely, Beverly Filip

To the Board of Supervisors:

RE: PLN-2020-15197; PLN-2020-16608; MCI's Response to Public Comment.

It is not the long considered opinion of the Sheriff's Department that I am a potentially dangerous person, to the contrary. The Dunaways long history of negligent land ownership and irresponsible behavior associated with the Bridge parcel gave reason for my continued longstanding rapport with the Sheriff's Department and District Attorney's Office to protect my family, my property, and my neighborhood. Former DA Investigator Frank Jaeger, and other prominent figures in the County, are fully aware of the issues the neighborhood faces each Spring, Summer, and Fall. The Dunaways' disrespectful behavior, aggressive and assertive tactics to physically and materially injure me and my family, for over 32 years, is unacceptable. To now try to establish a pot grow next to us on the otherside, on an intersection between two County roads, is unconscionable. We are already surrounded by pot grows on all three sides of our property. The location is surreal.

- No water.
- Chemical run-off goes across our land to the river.
- Environmentally unsustainable.
- Double and triple the amount of traffic (terrible road condition).
- Crime magnet.
- Critical watershed, wetland.
- High fire hazard, forested area (PG & E).
- Odor, smell, commotion, noise.
- Against the will of the Residential Community.

The Dunaways stated clearly they would never sell the '09 parcel to us. Regardless, our daughter, Victoria made three different offers to buy it, and each time was told they wanted more than what she offered, and more than the market value of the land (officially, not a river frontage piece of property).

- GIS Web "survey" commissioned by MCR in 2008.
- Threatened to demolish our home in 2009.
- Filed lawsuit to Quiet Title in 2010.
- MCR aquired Title to '09 parcel in 2011 (land description not conveyed.)
- Dunaways lied under Oath (Case NO. DR10009) 2011-2012.

The Dunaways behavior in the neighborhood, specifically towards us, has been anything but neighborly. Their proposed project is another provocation.

With deep concern,

Thomas Foersterling

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I am opposed to the commercial cultivation of Cannabis on the intersection of Butler Valley Road and Maple Creek Road, parcel 315-011-009; PLN-2020-15197.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, June 4, 2015

Humboldt County Marijuana Farmer Sentenced to Life in Prison Plus 35 Years for Murdering Immigrant Worker and Related Crimes

Mikal X. Wilde, 33, of Kneeland, California, was sentenced today to life in prison plus 35 years for murder and related drug trafficking charges, announced U.S. Attorney Melinda Haag for the Northern District of California and Special Agent in Charge David J. Johnson for the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). The charges stemmed from the defendant's murder of Mario Roberto Juarez-Madrid and the shooting of Pedro Fernando Lopez-Paz on August 25, 2010, on the defendant's marijuana farm in Humboldt County, California.

Wilde was found guilty on March 2, 2015, of six felonies including marijuana conspiracy, manufacturing and possessing marijuana with the intent to distribute, murder during a narcotics offense, use and possession of a firearm in connection with a narcotics offense and crime of violence and use of a firearm resulting in first degree premeditated murder. Evidence at trial showed that Wilde began a large marijuana grow with more than 1500 plants on over 800 acres of mountain property in Kneeland, California, close to Eureka, during the summer of 2010. In the course of his marijuana cultivation operation, Wilde hired three workers to water and care for the plants, including Juarez-Madrid and Lopez-Paz, both from Guatemala. During August of 2010, Wilde provided the workers with firearms to protect against robbery of the marijuana grow. In late August, the workers became unhappy and wanted to leave with payment for the work they had already performed after Wilde altered their work conditions. Rather than paying the workers, Wilde took firearms away from them and on August 25, 2010, returned to the property armed and shot them. Wilde shot Lopez-Paz in the face, but he survived, hiding in the woods all night until he found help the following morning. Wilde shot Juarez-Madrid three times and hunted him down. The final shot was a contact wound to the back of Juarez-Madrid's head. The third worker, Christopher Bigelow, also fled into the woods and hid until he was found by a jogger the following morning.

Wilde was indicted for using a firearm to commit first degree murder, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(j); murder in the course of a narcotics offense, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 848(e)(1)(A); conspiracy to commit marijuana offenses, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846 and 841; marijuana offenses, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841; and two counts of using a firearm during a crime of violence or narcotics trafficking offense, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c). The jury found the defendant guilty of a premeditated first degree murder, in addition to the other charges listed above.

According to the government's filings, Wilde hired immigrants "to work on his marijuana grow in the belief that they were expendable, not in a position to complain and that they might not be missed if they disappeared forever into the woods of Humboldt County. When he could not pay them, he murdered one and tried to murder the other. The defendant preyed on their status and viewed them as free labor that could not stand up to him." In contending the only appropriate sentence for defendant's crimes included life in prison, the government argued, . . . the defendant undoubtedly committed the premeditated, heinous and cruel murder of Juarez Madrid by pursuing him and shooting him repeatedly from behind. Then the defendant finished Juarez Madrid off execution style by pushing the gun against the back of the victim's head and firing into his head. This conduct is sufficient to earn him a life sentence alone. But in this case, the murder is further aggravated by the fact that the defendant also tried to murder Lopez Paz by shooting him in the face. Only good fortune kept this from being a double murder – what Wilde clearly intended to commit.

Wilde has been in federal custody since March 12, 2012, and will begin serving his sentence immediately.

The sentence was handed down by the Honorable U.S. District Judge Edward M. Chen. Judge Chen also sentenced Wilde to pay \$50,000 in restitution to his victims and to pay a \$600 special assessment.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Kimberly Hopkins and William Frentzen, paralegal specialist Kevin Costello and legal techs Lance Libatique, Ponly Tu, Daniel Charlier-Smith and Marina Ponomarchuk. The case was investigated by the San Francisco Division and Sacramento Division of the FBI, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, Humboldt County District Attorney's Office, U.S. Marshals Service, California Highway Patrol, CalFire and Redding Police Department.

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Attention: Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board Humboldt County Board of Supervisors 825 5th Street, Room 111 Eureka, CA 95501 707 476 2390 <u>cob@co.humboldt.ca.us</u>

Hearing Date: Tuesday, November 17th, 2020; Time: 1:30 p.m. Zoom Meeting ID and Access: <u>https://humboldt.legistar.com</u> video Phone: 1-699-900-9128, Meeting ID 965 2090 2806

To the Board of Supervisors,

November 17th, 2020

RE: PLN-2020-16608

The General Plan and the Cannabis Ordinance 2.0 protect the residents and the environment within the communities of Humboldt County. Guiding principals used to create the General Plan and the Ordinance must not be ignored. Deep public concern must not go unheard. Petition No.15 has more signatures than the public response heard back in 2017 for Notice of Preparation for CEQA guidelines. The same concerns are echoed here again. People are "interested in preserving the County's unique character and quality of life," as well as "safeguarding residential communities," and preventing rural areas from becoming crime magnets. As Director John Ford said, it is a "non-starter" to propose a non-residential commercial roadside grow on the intersection of Butler Valley Road and Maple Creek Road, with an industrial compound surrounding the proposed Cannabis cultivation activity. Everyone in the neighborhood and residential community opposes the plan. No roadside grows.

The applicant has already shown the neighborhood what a 9,350 sq. ft. grow would do to the area, when it illegally grew marijuana in containers in the same location for two years. It smelled horrible, it looked terrible, and it became such a nuisance that the Planning Department and other agencies fielded complaints from the greater community. To say it "would not be visible from Maple Creek Road," is false. The pot plants could be counted, water tanks were seen, a trailer was visible (still is), and so were the growers. Water was trucked-in during those two years. To say the project has been modified and will not include well water or trucked-in water is a falsehood. There is not enough water at the location site for irrigation and cultivation of Cannabis. The flat area, created by the unpermitted grow, once held young fir and seedlings, as well as the fruit trees referred to in the Blair report. Although the size of the flat area is now bigger than it was previously when wetland and forested area properly merged with

one another, the total width of the lot size (430 ft.) between the County Roads is less than the required 750 ft. minimum. This fact alone should have been a Red Flag for the Planning Department. For acreage to be interrupted by a County Road is a separate concern altogether, and in the instant case, the proposed cultivation area is bordered by *two* County Roads. Here, the loss of Natural Habitat and Open Space is contrary to the Intent and Purpose of both the General Plan and the Ordinance.

For the Planning Department to neglect the significant negative impact, the concern for safety and welfare, the detriment to *everything* and *everyone*, the nuisance and annoyance, the harm and injury, and the reduction of water and its quality, which will be caused by this particular project, reveals a lack of integrity on the part of Senior Planners and those responsible for decision making. The project does not meet the Performance Standards setforth in the Ordinance (§55.4.12.1.8(c)1), and is contrary to the Five Counties Salmonid Conservation and Restoration Program of which Director John Ford is one of Humboldt County's representatives.

As Senior Planner Rodney Yandell is *the authority* of Ordinance 2.0, it should be clear to him that the proposed project is not in compliance and does not conform to the regulations. To manipulate the meaning of the Ordinance, and try to push a project down the throat of a community who adamantly opposes it, is a dereliction of duty. No amount of fast talk can change the "relationship to other elements." Applicant has hundreds of other acreage to grow on, more remote and secluded. Why not grow next to the Maple Creek Ranch house? A flat area exists there.

We reject the proposed plan and/or any other alternate design. We already are surrounded by three large Cannabis cultivation operations, on each side of our property, which together significantly impact the critical Mad River Watershed. Anymore cannot be tolerated. "Significant harmful environmental effects, and a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified negative effects will be caused." Significant cumulative impacts of all these grows surrounding our home, and the surrounding ecosystem, have not been properly addressed, nor assessed. With so many Cannabis operations already in the area, a CEQA exemption is not allowed. To neglect this fact, disregard the health and safety of the residents and neighboring property owners, and ignore Environmental Standards ensured by the regulations is a failure.

Findings made by Staff for the Board of Supervisors to sign are invalid, and are not supported by evidence. The welfare of the community is at stake.

Findings:

- **O** 1. Not enough water for proposed project.
- O 2. Project is against CEQA Guidelines.
 - a. Resultant cumulative impacts, unhealthy, unsafe, and not for the welfare of the residential community.
- O 3. Project does not conform to the General Plan or Open Space Plan.
 - a. Commercial cultivation of Cannabis is **not** allowed as a principal permitted use and is **not** a primary permitted agricultural crop.

O 4. Project is not supported by FR Zoning.

a. Timber production and recreation are the desirable predominant uses, in which the protection of the timber and recreational lands is *essential* to the general welfare.

b. Does not meet minimum width of 750 ft. for lot size of cultivation area. (Width for cultivation area is 430 ft.)

- O 5. Development contradicts Zoning requirements for Cannabis.
 - a. For homesteads.
 - b. Not enough water. Water will be diverted.
 - c. Road evaluation performed by Agent/grower is a conflict of interest, and not valid. Roads are in a deterioration category.d. Slope of land exceeds 15% for wetland, sediment, pesticides and fertilizer run-off, and cannot be mitigated.
 - e. Young fir and seedlings were removed.
 - f. Setbacks are ignored.
- O 6. Non-residential Cannabis cultivation on the proposed site will be "materially injurious to all properties and future improvements in the vicinity," and would be a clear violation.
 - a. There would be a **significant** increase in traffic.
 - b. There **is** an established neighborhood.
 - c. It would change the character of the area.

d. The Cannabis cultivation location is too close to the County Road, too close to other grows, too close to children playing, too close for comfort, too close to adjacent properties and residents.e. Irrigation of Cannabis cultivation will negatively effect water quantity in the aquifer.

f. Applicant's proposal is to ruin the neighbor's water quality and quantity, and to deplete the groundwater resources.

g. Applicant's plans reflect a true ignorance of natural habitat. Proposal of a chainlink fence to surround the high-impact, high security non-residential grow is in stark contrast to the natural rural surroundings in the vicinity. Visual impact will be catastrophic, seen as a prison type compound. Odor will be sickening.

- O 7. Such an overly encompassing eyesore and smelly operation will intrude upon and reduce residential density and desire. A non-residential pot grow on the proposed location will ruin the residential appeal in the neighborhood, and on the parcel, and bring down property values. Shame on Staff to try and project it any other way.
- **O** 8. Applicant has no ground to Appeal.

a. Planning Commission properly exercised their judicial power according to Code. The Hearing Officer's decision was expressed in writing, *The Project described above was denied by the Planning Commission on August 6th, 2020, that was the finding.*

O 9. The Planning Department should have properly vetted the Application and the proposed plan before it reached a Zoning Hearing, Planning Commission Hearing, or Board of Supervisors' Hearing. **O** 10. Bias has been against the neighborhood and residential community.

a. Planning Department has shown extraordinary favoritism toward Applicant, and Cannabis cultivation as a whole.

b. Planning Commission clearly heard the concerns from the Public, were familiar with the District being impacted, were educated on the complaints about the proposed project, were committed to Planning Commissions' Goals and the Intent and Purpose of the Ordinance to "not create conflict within neighborhoods."

c. Public Notices were minimally distributed to only a few members of the Community. Within one week (obtained during Covid-19), grass roots style Petition No. 15 garnered the necessary evidence to reject Applicant's claims.

d. Applicant, Agent, and Staff have had considerable more time for preparing and presenting.

e. Attempt at a "virtual neighborhood meeting," without the attendance of the majority of the neighborhood was counterproductive, and showed bias toward Agent, Applicant, and Planning Department. It was clearly just another presentation of the project, same place, same negative impact, same invasive neighborhood nuisance.

Please deny the project in its entirety.

Thank you, Sincerely,

Thomas and Elizabeth Foersterling

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ADDITIONAL Public Comment to Opposition to Commercial Cannabis Cultivation (submitted to the Clerk of the Board, stamped Received October 7, 2020).

To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors RE: PLN-2020-16608; PLN-2020-15197; Planning Commission Hearing #20-1001 Hearing (Continuance) Date: December 8, 2020

Stress is the number one killer. To place a non-residential inner-city high-security operation smack dab in the middle of our rural neighborhood, exposed alongside our country roads, will increase unnecessary anxiety, will endanger everyone and everything, and will be unhealthy and harmful, as was already experienced for two years unpermitted. Law enforcement has a difficult time enough to keep up with crime and violence related to marijuana grows. To degrade the Maple Creek area with one bad grow operation permitted in the wrong place, opposed by the total majority, will jeopardize all things good, and set a bad precident for the entire County. To go against the will of the people is detrimental. To defile the beauty and meaning of clean country living with caged-in Cannabis, chain-link fences, fenced-in water tanks, fertilizer and pesticide storage, portable toilets, and transient workers visible on a small swath of land bordered by the two country roads in and out of Maple Creek will ruin everything. To exploit the region for odoriferous roadside Cannabis cultivation is against all reason, and will corrupt the entire area. Those involved with such an egregious act are liable. Those with the premeditated *intention* to cause us daily stress, and infringe upon our welfare "every day," need to be held accountable for the injury.

There is not enough allowable water for the cultivation of Cannabis in that location. There are already more than enough working Cannabis farms in the immediate area. Capacity limit has been reached. Drawdown from adjacent wells is not allowed, and further impact to the ecosystem from Cannabis related operations is prohibited. Run-off and seepage of harmful hazardous chemicals during two years of unpermitted cultivation already caused damage. Please help us be safe and secure in our rural region of Humboldt County and deny cultivation of Cannabis in the proposed location. Please protect our welfare, and reinforce the Planning Commission's decision of denial.

Thank you sincerely,

Liz and Thomas

¹ See attached email...ficticious rantings and unfounded statements from Applicant with threats of a plan to "remind your parents every day."

Re: Dunaway v. Foersterling/Dunaway Parcel

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Subject:	Re: Dunaway v. Foersterling/Dunaway Parcel
Date:	Oct 13, 2015 2:29 PM

Victoria,

It is sad. But dealing with your parents has also been extremely frustrating, expensive and time consuming. In our view, your parents caused the entire problem by not getting a survey when they bought the property and then locating the house without getting a survey or consulting an architect or the county on site location. They also failed to file a building permit. As you well know, those are basic requirements among others when purchasing a rural property and building a house. And then when our survey showed what they had done, they rejected a simple, inexpensive and favorable to them settlement offer, forcing us to file the quiet title action. We understand that your view of your parents and our view of your parents will never be reconciled.

Regarding your past offer to buy our parcel, it is moot for at least two reasons - one, now, we would never sell to you, your parents or someone connected with you unless the market value was acceptable and the purchase price additionally included every penny we spent fighting your parents (those additional dollars would put the purchase price over \$400,000); and two, currently we aren't planning on selling the parcel as we have other plans for it. Thus, we are moving forward with the court ordered boundary line survey and future installation of a necessary fence to mark the boundary that will also remind your parents every day of how they handled the matter.

Nonetheless, we appreciate your past efforts re making an offer. One early option for your parents, as suggested to you and them, was to buy our parcel, do a lot line adjustment to make their parcel 40 acres and our parcel 28 acres (reverse of the existing situation and acceptable to the county) and then sell off the 28 acres to offset the purchase price. However, your market valuation was too low and was not taking into account the money your parents were forcing us to spend. I believe that you offered \$250,000 for our 40 acres or \$6,250 an acre. What's good for the goose is good for the gander, as they say. If you are willing to buy at that price, you should be willing to sell at that price. We will buy your parent's place for \$6,250 an acre which totals \$175,000 for the land. Send a contract over for \$175,000 and your parents can avoid a difficult situation and move to a new place with more open acreage.

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Best,
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On Tue, Oct 13, 2015 at 11:56 AM, Victoria Foersterling <victoriacbcutten@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hello.

I am on vacation, and happened to pick up this email, it is a sad email. I have corresponded through Larry kluck multiple times with an offer to purchase the property in question for a fair market value (which we may not agree on) but have asked all the same. I never have had a formal response and would like one now. Thank you, Victoria Foersterling Coldwell Banker Cutten Realty 2120 Campton Rd. Suite C

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