

To Meghan Ryan

Date: January 14, 2021

From: Bonnie Blackberry

For: January 21, 2021 Humboldt County Planning Commission

RE: Rolling Meadows Ranch Cannabis Permit

I am opposed to the Planning Commission approving this permit for the following reasons:

1. Location. This is absolutely the wrong place to have this industrial grow. The county roads in the area are not in a condition that would facilitate safe traffic for the proposed 22 to 30 daily employees, plus delivery trucks etc. Unfortunately the rural county roads here in Southern Humboldt are in great need of attention, repair and maintenance.

The proposal to use Alderpoint Road in case the other route isn't available for the 22-30 daily workers would add to safety issues already existing on Alderpoint Road.

2. Too much for the location, too many impacts from the footprint and square footage, with four cycles of mixed light. This is an industrial grow that should not be permitted this far out in the hills above the Main Fork of the Eel River.

3. Where would all these employees live, as southern Humboldt has housing problems? How many miles would these workers need to travel every day? Would the workers really be local Humboldt County residents?

4.. Using well water for this industrial mega grow is VERY PROBLIMATIC.

Drawing water from multiple wells, on the hillside above the Main Fork of the Eel River, will effect the river, the creeks and springs in that area. We are experiencing a draught which is already impacting our rivers, streams and springs throughout the area and the state.

The amount of rain for rainwater catchment is lower than in past couple of years. Our springs and creek water has decreased over the years. I am greatly concerned about the number of large commercial cannabis operations that are connected to well water. I don't know if anyone knows how many commercial cannabis grows, permitted or in the progress, that rely on well water. Is there a map which depicts the locations in our watersheds and how much water is allocated to draw from the aquifer? We are in a draught and commercial operations that use well water are not required to participate in the forbearance program, enabling drawing water from the aquifer during the summer and fall when the water table is the lowest.

I could add a lot more but I'll end with this much for now and hope the Planning Commission will deny this permit.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Blackberry, long time Humboldt County resident and property owner