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RE: Eel River Produce, LLC PLN-2020-16417 APN 209-331-002

At the risk of repeating myself, I believe continued permitting of this large cannabis grow during the worst drought in California history should be cause for those in power to question and require further study of the water use on prime AG land in Holmes Flat.

The Planning Dept acknowledged there are 17 permitted grows covering 7.57 acres in Holmes Flat/ Tierney Road. This is a one-mile road. The Dept indicated there are 14 more applicants in this area covering an additional 4.20 acres. How much is too much? This should also be cause to require a complete Environmental study for water use or the lack thereof. As well as setting a limit on how many large cannabis grows should be permitted in such a small area. This small farm community has turned into a commercial industrial wasteland, covered in chain-link and barbed wire fencing. So much for keeping the integrity and quality of AG land life.

The CDFW response dated June 25, 2021, recommends further analysis of water use needs for this project. I don't see where the County has made an effort to do any comparison of actual water use at these other cultivation sites on this street. They also questioned other water use on this property, as they have two horses and 14 employees. The CDFW believes the water use for 3 acres of cultivation for only 6 months is understated compared to a similar grow in Blocksburg. The County response is unacceptable given our current drought situation and claims that only rainwater storage will be used. I request an Environmental study to be performed during this current drought as previous studies would not be suitable. Dry land farming depends on a high-water table which can no longer be assumed.

There is further talk of the "market" being flooded with the likelihood of many of these farms being put out of business, therefore the 3rd recommendation by CDFW is very important to ensure there is a decommission plan and restoration in a flood plain. Also continuing to increase the square footage of this farm, will put other farms in jeopardy. Again, how much is too much? Originally, the green houses were to be removed every October, now they are requesting year-round activity. Just say No.

I also have stated previously that there should be no additional stacking of a fourth RRR property or waiver to the 600-foot set back to the Redwoods State Park. Continuing to increase the square footage of this farm will not improve the community and potentially will cause detriment to a fragile, flood plain eco system. Just say No.

My well is my lifeline. It represents my health and safety, and the County should not put that in danger. Further permitting on this short street could cause my well to go dry. And as I previously stated in my communication with the County, I believe the owners of this property have a history of making poor decisions and putting other people in danger, therefore I am concerned with the possibility of criminal activity at this farm.

Thank you for this third opportunity to present my objections to this proposed MND and any further expansion of this farm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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