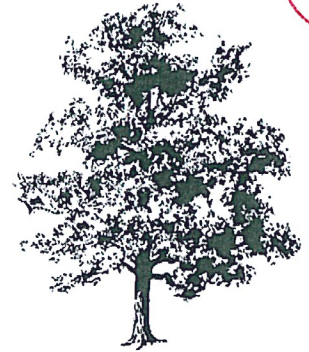


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July 11, 2020

TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
FROM: WE Watch, Nancy Emerson, President
RE: Amendments to Cannabis Land Use Ordinance (20-00560)

Thank you for continuing to strengthen the Inland Cannabis Land Use Ordinance. WE Watch remains committed to working for regulations needed to protect existing residents, agriculture, and the wine and tourist industries of the Santa Ynez Valley.

We ask for two revisions to proposed amendments to provide more assurance that cannabis cultivation will follow “Good Neighbor” practices in our Valley.

Amendment 1. To protect EDRNs from commercial/industrial traffic going to and from grows outside them, please add to: Prohibit commercial cannabis activities within Existing Developed Rural Neighborhoods (EDRNs). **“This ban applies to parcels within EDRNs and also to any parcel that requires the use of a roadway located within an EDRN as the sole means of access.”**

Amendment 2. 50 or more acres of cannabis with no oversight is a lot! Please revise the amendment below to protect Buellton and rural neighbors from being overwhelmed by the cumulative odor impacts of larger grows. Cannabis growers must realize that, otherwise, outdoor cultivation in the Valley will be prohibited.

~~“On lots zoned Agricultural II (AG-II), require a CUP for projects that include a proposed cultivation area that exceeds 51% of the subject lot area.~~ **“require a CUP for projects that include a proposed cultivation area of over 20 acres.”**

In addition, to keep denser urban neighborhoods and tourism as free as possible from odor and security issues, **we continue to ask for a one-mile buffer around the boundaries of cities and townships in the Valley.** We support your other proposed amendments and when the amendments will apply.