



# City of Buellton

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
105 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Appeal of Conditional Use Permit and Development Plan for Central Coast Agriculture, LLC

Chair Nelson and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The City of Buellton has been clear in its position on the permitting of cannabis cultivation operations. This position has been to consistently strive to protect both the quality of life of Buellton residents and the continued vitality of our tourism-based economy, while respecting the ability of the growers to farm.

The County has put considerable effort into the development of regulations to mitigate impacts of these cultivation operations. However, the odor impacts of existing cannabis cultivation continue, and the precise identification of the actual source of odors that would be necessary for enforcement of nuisance abatement provisions is nearly impossible given the current regulations governing these cultivations. Strong cannabis odors are experienced in parts of Buellton for months on end twice a year, with only two cultivation operations currently in the vicinity of the City. The continued approval of new cannabis cultivation in the vicinity of Buellton will result in more egregious odor concentrations as these new farms commence their operations unless affirmative steps are taken by the County to ensure that effective odor control is implemented, and that sufficient monitoring of the effectiveness of that odor control is required to allow for the identification of odor sources and the mitigation of odor nuisances.

Buellton appreciates the odor control measures that are proposed for the current application, because this will be the only cultivation operation of the many that have been approved in our area that will be conditioned for such measures, despite our repeated requests. This should be a requirement of all cannabis cultivation operations in the vicinity of Buellton and other residential areas. The City also requests that a testing program be required during the peak odor producing periods of each crop for all cultivation, including the current application. Odor testing at each farm will enable the County to ensure that control measures are effectively implemented, as well as to identify the sources of nuisance odor so that enforcement can occur. Without such testing required of all cultivation, identification of the source of nuisance odors and subsequent abatement action will be impossible.

The City of Buellton values its cooperative relationship with the County, and hopes that this relationship will continue through mutual respect and understanding of each other's concerns. Thank you for your consideration of the City's position.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Manager