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Good evening, Chair Nelson and Board,

This is a quick note to thank P&D staff for their careful and thorough consideration of the eight time extension requests submitted by Carpinteria cannabis growers to allow them additional time to amend their respective OAPs and install required MTCF technologies beyond the upcoming March 18, 2026 deadline. In general, I am in agreement with and support the staff recommendations for reduced time extensions that more accurately reflect the time needed for growers to complete their respective OAP revisions and install their required scrubber technologies. I also support the staff recommendation to deny the time extension request made by Valley Crest Farms for the reasons explained by staff in the board letter.

I do, however, have two limited exceptions to the staff recommendations: I am not convinced from what I read in the board letter that either Bosim 1628 Management Company LLC (1628 Cravens Ln) or G&K Produce / K&G Flowers (3480 Via Real) warrant a full 12 mo. time extension.

Your P&D Staff recommends granting a 12 mo. extension to Bosim 1628 Management Company LLC (1628 Cravens Ln) and G&K Produce / K&G Flowers (3480 Via Real), citing in part the need for both operators to complete on- and off-site electrical infrastructure upgrades to accommodate the required MTCF equipment. While I can appreciate that electrical infrastructure upgrades require additional time and effort to coordinate and complete, it is not clear to me why neither applicant can move forward with ordering/purchasing the needed MTCF technology until after the electrical upgrades have been completed. This delay in placing the order for the equipment until after the electrical upgrades have been completed inevitably puts off bringing these businesses into compliance with OAP requirements for an additional 10- 16 weeks (or more) while waiting for the scrubbers to be manufactured and shipped after the delays already incurred waiting for the electrical upgrades to be completed. It is not clearly explained why these two operators cannot place their orders now and have their respective MTCF technology delivered and onsite ready for installation once the electrical upgrades are completed. If they were to place their respective orders now, it would seem a shorter time extension (8-9 mos.) would still give both operators sufficient time to complete necessary upgrades, install the required MTCF equipment and come into compliance with current OAP requirements.

The Carpinteria community has been more than patient in waiting for cannabis odor problems to be resolved. The revised odor standards are intended to go a long way towards delivering that solution, but can only do so if they are fully implemented by all growers. Understanding the intention is to bring cannabis operators into compliance with the current OAP standards as close to the upcoming March 18, 2026 deadline as possible, I ask that the Board of Supervisors limit any granted time extensions to the absolute minimum necessary to let legitimate time extension requests complete their outstanding OAP revisions and implementations.

Respectfully,

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