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Public Comment - Group 3

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**From:** A.L. Bardach <albardach@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2026 2:09 PM  
**To:** Lee Roy  
**Cc:** Wade Cowper; sbcob; Bob Nelson; Joan Hartmann  
**Subject:** Fwd: SB Supes Say 'No' to Carp Pot Growers Seeking Extensions to Install Odor Controls

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ay! question: how/why on earth did Lisa Plowman give an ok to Autumn Brands entirely ineffective odor system?

and one day prior to 3/10 meeting. Seems rather sneaky and underhand

can this be overruled by Board now?

more baffling, why does Plowman still have this job... after years of complaints about her?

As anna writes, this would be a terrible precedent.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Anna Carrillo <annacarp@cox.net>  
**Subject:** Re: SB Supes Say 'No' to Carp Pot Growers Seeking Extensions to Install Odor Controls  
**Date:** March 13, 2026 at 1:57:14 PM PDT  
**To:** "A.L. Bardach" <albardach@gmail.com>  
**Cc:** Stassinis Jill <jstassinis@aol.com>, Wondolowski Mike <mikewondo@berkeley.edu>, Dragna Jim <dragna.james@hotmail.com>, Neff Lionel <zuma13@msn.com>, Peebles Merrily <merpeebles@gmail.com>

Unfortunately, Autumn Brands elected to put in the Genesis Air system and the OAP was only finalized the day before the 3/10 meeting. From a test done in July effectiveness at the vents was 41%, while Envinity tests done a few years ago showed 84% effective rate at the vents. I only found out the day of the meeting of the Board meeting that Autumn Brands had submitted their revisions to the OAP on Dec. 18 and then received their approval on March 9. I did ask to see the OAP before the 3/10 meeting but as it hadn't been approved yet, P&D (Petra and Errin Briggs wouldn't send it to me). This product is quite a bit cheaper. A representative from APCD spoke virtually at the meeting and said APCD as of 2019 didn't recommend using PCO systems for cannabis because of ozone creating problems, but Hans Brand and the owner of Genesis Air said there were no health issues related to this use of this particular system. Also a state agency didn't recommend this system for cannabis. As far as I understood this system has never been used in cannabis greenhouses. The system is widely used in airports, not sure of all the other

uses. Laura definitely brought up her misgivings, but then Lavagnino said meeting today wasn't about the use of different systems.

As Laura wrote me yesterday when the ordinance was written last year, the expectation was that growers would be using Envinity.

When I get a chance I will ask for Autumn Brands' new OAP to see how the hired engineer could classify Genesis Air as MTCF (Multi technology carbon filter) or an equivalent.

Jill and I spoke to Hans Brand - he said he would have his 51 units in by today, 3/13. 2 of his greenhouses aren't cultivating at the moment and he has dropped his application for converting part of one of his processing rooms to manufacturing. Hopefully when the county does their testing at the property line beginning March 19, we will hear the results for all the greenhouses. When complaints are going to be made we're going to be back to the same problem - immediate neighbor G&K with nothing but vapor phase and Sun Coast Bloom (3508 Via Real) across the creek from Autumn Brands) with Envinity, the county without actual multiple testing at property lines (which part of the property line we won't be able to identify the culprit).

Unfortunately with Lisa Plowman and Gesyntec's approval of Genesis Air, there now is a precedence set for the use by others of Genesis Air. Both CP1 (4505 Foothill) and Emmawood (5888 Via Real) have already received their shipments of Genesis Air equipment and they're just waiting for their revised OAP approval so I wouldn't be surprised if they meet the deadline of March 18, or for sure by March 31 (when business licenses get revoked), but then there is a 60 day appeal period. The other grow that is planning to use Genesis Air is Valley Crest, 5980 Casitas Pass, next door to Rose Story Farm. When the manager spoke he said Valley Crest had already received and installed the 45 units, but Dani Hahn from Rose Story Farm said he either was lying or they were not effective. Valley Crest was the one project originally denied and is the subject of the lawsuit by the Coalition.

On Mar 12, 2026, at 11:32 PM, A.L. Bardach <albardach@gmail.com> wrote:

i'm unclear...so Autumn Brand put in a system that's not working?  
Anna can you clarify where this stands

[https://open.substack.com/pub/sbnewsmakers/p/sb-supes-say-no-to-carp-pot-growers?utm\\_campaign=post&utm\\_medium=email](https://open.substack.com/pub/sbnewsmakers/p/sb-supes-say-no-to-carp-pot-growers?utm_campaign=post&utm_medium=email)

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**From:** Danielle - Rose Story Farm <Danielle@rosestoryfarm.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2026 9:32 AM  
**To:** Razo, Danelyn; Laura Capps; Roy Lee; William Hahn; Chonnie; Tim Bliss; Leyva, Petra; sbcob; Steve Lavagnino; Bob Nelson; VIRGINIA BLISS; Joan Hartmann; sbcob  
**Subject:** Stink over the weekend

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I'm working on figuring out the new complaint form and will hopefully be able to share it with others out here on the farm. It has not been easy to find online nor to utilize. Sadly, this seems to be true for many throughout the valley. It's a challenge at best. And, I might add, the more challenging it is to use, the fewer reports you all will receive. That does not seem right. We need to do better.

Just to let you all know. The stench was absolutely horrendous over the weekend, beginning around 3 pm on Friday. I'm not sure whether Valley Crest simply works with impunity when there is no monitoring OR if there is some other reason why weekends are so hideous out here.

Weekends (particularly Sundays) have always meant downtime here at the farm .. our employees are home with their families and we try to enjoy the downtime. However it is impossible to sit outside on the weekends due to the cannabis stench. We now look forward to just being somewhere other than our residence from Friday to Monday.

I understand that Valley Crest has their new system of odor abatement installed and running (?). If so, I can tell you it simply does not work. This is really so depressing. Why when the Envivity product reduces odor in the 80-90th percentile, are they being allowed to use another system that has much poorer results?

All we are asking for is to be able to enjoy our property, not to mention run our business without the constant stench of marijuana.

Please let us know next steps.

Thank you.  
Dani & Bill Hahn

Sent from my iPhone