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Ramirez, Angelica

Public Comment - Group 1

From: Deborah McNamara <mmc26@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 4:22 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Central coast agricultural appeal



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Hello, I'm writing concerning your meeting on February 15. I just have a very simple appeal. How far are you guys going to let this go. Why does this area have to be the main area for growing this substance. Long-term it is going to destroy this area. Long term it is going to damage everyone's way of life here. When I travel led to the East Coast recently, I was at a function and someone said where are you from and I told them and their first response was oh is that where they grow all the marijuana. This is what we are becoming known for. You have it within your power to put a stop to that. The people growing this stuff can go way out into other areas that aren't so heavily populated. They don't need to be right next to the coast of California where people want to live. Stop approving the requests. Stop ruining our lives.

Debbie

Ramirez, Angelica

From: TURNER's <mt0923@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2022 1:58 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Central Coast Agriculture appeal 2/15/22

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

This outfit is one of the worst flagrant offenders to date concerning cannabis. Any one of the reasons below are sufficient to warrant shutting this operation down.

Water:

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Respectively submitted,

**Lynn Turner
Santa Barbara County Resident**

Ramirez, Angelica

From: sjashbrook@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2022 12:14 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Oppose Central Coast AG
Attachments: Oppose Central Coast AG.docx

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From: Lillian Clary <mzlil2988@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2022 8:38 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Lil Clary
Subject: Coalition Appeal, February 15, 2015

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Please share this email with Board members and post in public comment for this agenda item.

Thank you.

Lil

Once again I am struck with the unwillingness of the Planning Department to enforce the county's LUDC regulations.

Over and over again I see references to cannabis applications in which the applicant signed under penalty of perjury that the site was operational prior to the January 2016 deadline.

Over and over I see so-called legal/nonconforming projects expanded well beyond initial acreage in clear violation of the LUDC.

Planning's response to the perjury issue is that it is NOT its role to enforce, rather it is the CEO's office, using the Business License Ordinance because the land use has nothing to do with the applicant's veracity. I find it interesting that the applicant's perjury is via signature on the Planning Department's own permit application.

Regarding the expansion of legal/nonconforming, Planning indicates that the situation is 'cured' once the permit is granted. Why then do sections 35.101.020 and 35.101.020.B.3 exist in the first place? Surely there was some intent initially to limit cannabis to the original acreage.

As Supervisor Williams once noted, cannabis is not the same as a garage conversion. Growers are making millions of dollars via perjury and illegal expansion.

Lil Clary
Tepusquet Canyon

Ramirez, Angelica

From: jstassinosa@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2022 11:49 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cannabis Project item #2

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To The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Please vote against the appeal of the Cannabis Project adjacent to the County's Santa Rosa Park for the following reasons:

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Thank you,

Jill Stassinis

Santa Barbara County Resident

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Matt Niblett <mattniblett@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 7:21 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: RE: Cadwell Cannabis Cultivation Project

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To The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing you with regard to concerns I have as a resident of Buellton regarding concerns I have with this project and the approval this was recently approved by the board. They are:

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Matt Niblett
Sent From my Cell Phone
209-480-0465

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Renee ONeill <chasingstar2701@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 9:51 AM
To: sbcob; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve; Williams, Das
Cc: Villalobos, David
Subject: Public Comment re CCA Appeal
Attachments: BOS re CCA Appeal, 02-15-22.docx

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Good Morning,

Attached and embedded is my one page letter to be submitted for Public Comment re SBCRC Appeal of Central Coast Ag:

Honorable Chair Hartmann and Supervisors,

I am writing to add my voice in support of the SBCRC's Appeal of Central Coast Ag. In reviewing the agenda documents and concerns raised by SBCRC and others, I respectfully request that you deny this project and uphold the appeal for the following reasons:

Re Legal nonconforming use:

Has P&D validated alleged legal nonconforming use, prior to 2016, with aerial images? If not, why not?

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Respectfully Submitted,

Renée O’Neill

Best Regards,

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February 15, 2022

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From: jack motter <jackmotter@ellwoodcanyonfarms.com>
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 11:42 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Support Letter for Cadwell Cannabis Project
Attachments: ECF Support for Cadwell Cannabis Project 2:14:22.pdf

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Hello,

Please see attached.

Thanks.

Jack Motter
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February 14, 2022

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

Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors:

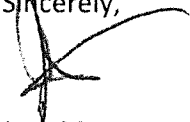
I am writing in support of Cadwell Cannabis Cultivation Project. I have known the Cadwell family for over a decade as colleagues in the Santa Barbara County organic agricultural community. Their farming practices as well as their brand Tutti Frutti organics have always been something I have looked up to and admired.

I have also gotten to know John De Friel over the last several years and am continually impressed with his organization Central Coast Agriculture. John and his team have been ahead of the curve when it comes to sustainable cannabis farming, being one of the first groups to utilize field row cropping techniques for cannabis cultivation. Their operation is not just cutting edge in the cannabis space but cutting edge for Agriculture in general and definitely an organization that I look up to as a model for a successful farm.

I have much appreciation for the leadership that John and CCA have displayed within this new industry in our county. I am a member of the North County Farmers Guild, founded by John, which has been very helpful at improving the way in which we all can be better farming stewards for our county.

I believe this appeal by the Coalition is frivolous and a waste of taxpayers' money and time. As a resident of Santa Barbara County, a fellow farmer and business owner I stand in support of the Cadwell Cannabis Cultivation Project and respectfully ask for you to deny this appeal.

Sincerely,



Jack Motter

Ellwood Canyon Farms