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**Subject:** Item #6 Central Coast Agriculture Appeal, Support for May 4, 2021 Appeal of Central Coast Ag  
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Board of Supervisors,

**We commend Ms. Reilly**, a long term resident and retired Buellton teacher, for so eloquently voicing the **well founded concerns** for so many of the residents, workers, students and visitors of the small city of Buellton - **Our County's Gateway** to our beautiful Santa Ynez Valley (think SYV Community Plan! ) and the Sta. Rita Hills AVA wine tourism region!

These beautiful vistas were at one time *blessed with clean, fresh air* - now tarnished by the *intense malodorous skunk stench produced by the extensive and rampant commercial pot grows littering our beautiful countryside. Shame on our local government for allowing such unproliferated growth to so negatively impact the health, wellness and businesses of its community members living and working here for so many years - versus those just popping in to take their profits without concern for the land and its community*

**Ms. Reilly brings forward this timely message.. "there is a valuable opportunity here to study the relationship between cannabis harvest and processing cycles and weather factors influencing drift in and around the Santa Ynez River watershed in general, and Buellton in particular, which would help to inform needed outdoor cannabis cultivation policies throughout the Santa Rosa Road and Highway 246 corridors.**

We urge you to support this appeal and ***utilize cannabis income resources to better study and monitor problems with cannabis odors, terpene drift, use of water resources, and to revise policies on outdoor cannabis cultivation.*** (Her letter is attached as reference.)

**Thank you for doing the RIGHT thing for our community, its residents, children and businesses.**

Dianne Pence  
Resident and Business owner - Buellton, Sta. Rita Hills and Santa Barbara County

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Theresa Reilly <[tree101@hotmail.com](mailto:tree101@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Support for May 4, 2021 Appeal of Central Coast Ag by the SB Coalition for Responsible Cannabis  
**Date:** May 3, 2021 at 2:05:47 PM PDT  
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May 3, 2021

To: SB County Board of Supervisors  
From: Theresa Reilly, Resident of Buellton  
Re: Item #6 Central Coast Agriculture Appeal

As a resident of Buellton who has been profoundly affected by the skunky odors and airborne terpenes produced by cannabis harvest operations of Central Coast Agriculture, I wholly support the appeal of this project by the SB Coalition for Responsible Cannabis. I live in a senior housing community just across the Santa Ynez River from this farm and can attest to the negative impact on my health and the quality of life in Buellton and its environs including our homes, schools, parks, outdoor recreation activities, dining, and cultural events during peak harvest periods such as the last two weeks in October 2020.

Requirements such as limiting production to **low odor cannabis strains and a much more robust monitoring program in conjunction with the Odor Abatement Plan would serve to inform the County of odor episodes and their correlation to harvest activities.** Residents are stymied in their attempts to register odor complaints by the requirement to have a specific address and APN #, and lack of County oversight and follow-through on these complaints. While Central Coast Ag has indicated that they self-monitor for their own interests, the County – in coordination with the City of Buellton – must actively monitor odor and terpene drift beyond their borders and coordinate efforts to verify and mitigate those impacts on our community. Requiring Best Available Control Technology Analysis and an effective Vapor Phase System, along with clear communication channels to the County, Buellton City Council, and affected neighbors in the area, is essential. Much progress is being made in the use of innovative monitoring technology. **Central Coast Ag can be a resource in applying this technology for the greater good of the County and the cannabis industry.**

*There is a valuable opportunity here to study the relationship between cannabis harvest and processing cycles and weather factors influencing drift in and around the Santa Ynez River watershed in general and Buellton in particular, which would help to inform needed outdoor cannabis cultivation policies throughout the Santa Rosa Road and Highway 246 corridors.* Given the County's usual support for clean air, social justice issues, expanded trail networks, agricultural tourism and farm stays, and concern for our natural environment, *I find it counterproductive that the negative impacts of cannabis odors and compounds on our citizens are disregarded.*

I urge you to support this appeal and **utilize cannabis income resources to better study and monitor problems with cannabis odors, terpene drift, use of water resources, and to revise policies on outdoor cannabis cultivation.**

Theresa Reilly, Resident of Buellton