

#4

Ramirez, Angelica

Public Comment - Group 3

From: Frank Isaac <frank@isaacelectric.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 5, 2021 7:40 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Frank Isaac
Subject: Agenda Item D4-Cresco
Attachments: D4-Cresco.pdf; ATT00001.htm; logo.email.png; ATT00002.htm



Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello,

Thank you for reading the attached letter to the Board of supervisors.



December 5, 2021

Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors
Agenda item D4-Cresco

To whom it may concern,

CrescoLabs has been a client of Isaac Electric, Inc. since their beginnings here in Carpinteria and I have had a very intimate perspective on how Cresco has developed since then. They have been very eager and overly willing to do the right thing for the community, for their employees, for their vendors and even for their neighbors.

I helped implement their odor control machines. They seemed like they would bend over backwards to help try to keep the peace in the neighborhood. Any complaint they would receive they would take the issue to heart and try to find the best way to rectify the situation. My outsider perspective took note of how this company was willing to do anything to help appease their neighbors.

CrescoLabs has also been there to assist with the greater community of Carpinteria. I have often seen them helping raise funds for Girl's Inc. and Carpinteria Education Foundation.

These are the qualities of a company that we need in this day and age. We need a company that helps people. That helps their neighbors. We need a company that helps the community and will cooperate with the community at the same time.

Sincerely,

Frank Isaac, President, Isaac Electric

(805) 896-5759
5410 Cameo Road, Carpinteria CA 93013

frank@isaacelectric.com

INDUSTRIAL · COMMERCIAL · RESIDENTIAL
Lic: 851673

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Carrie Miles <CarrieM@fastmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 5, 2021 7:53 PM
To: sbcob; bobnelson@countyofsb.org; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: Concerned Carpinterians
Subject: Protest of Cresco development in Carpinteria

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear madam and sirs,

I write to strongly protest approval of the proposed Cresco cannabis operations in Carpinteria. This development would endanger an already fragile eco-system; add to the significant public nuisance of marijuana odor; worsen the traffic situation; and contribute to existing labor, water, and electricity shortages. Carpinteria will suffer if this goes through. I urge you to do all you can to keep Carpinteria the beautiful little city it is.

Sincerely,

Carrie Miles, PhD
Meadow Circle
Carpinteria

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Sally Eagle <sally.eagle@cox.net>
Sent: Sunday, December 5, 2021 10:34 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cresco

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

As Cresco is hoping to establish their large new cannabis operation in my neighborhood, I would like to weigh in on their plans. This will have quite an impact on our rural life, and short of banning it altogether I think there are a number of items that need some attention.

All traffic should access the facilities from Via Real with emergency vehicles excepted. This would go a long way to help preserve the safety and rural quiet nature of our neighborhood. The long hours of operation will be a new adjustment for neighbors.

I'd like to see a solar requirement as part all buildings. To address the odor issues of cannabis grows we continue to experience here, let's insist on sealed greenhouses on any buildings where intrusive odors might escape into the air. Hopefully if approved Cresco can first and foremost respect our beautiful corner of Carpinteria Valley and be good, no, superior neighbors.

Sally Eagle
La Mirada
Carpinteria

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Mo Foley <maureenkathrynfoley@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 7:50 AM
Cc: savearroyoparedoncreek@gmail.com; Elise Cossart-Daly; sbcob; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: 12/7/21 Board of Supervisors Meeting: Cresco Labs: Case No. 21APL-000000-00048

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of Save the Arroyo Paredon Watershed environmental group, our farming family, Foley Farm, many of our neighbors and all 90 signers of the petition through our group to urge you to support my appeal of Cresco Labs and deny their permits.

Five years ago after legalized weed, our farm and the surrounding Arroyo Paredon Watershed in Carpinteria, became overrun by a single dominant stench: cannabis. Everyday, a foul kaleidoscope of skunk, teenage body odor, burning rubber, and indescribable funk drifts across our farm at all hours, sometimes lingering and sometimes passing by on a breeze thanks to Cresco Labs nextdoor and other nearby Big Cannabis operations.

But the smell is no longer my primary concern. Five years into living in the Cannabis Zone in Carpinteria, I am laser focused on environmental degradation being caused by the pot operations. That's why I've started Save the Arroyo Paredon Watershed, a creek protection and advocacy group. I am worried about what is happening to the federally-endangered steelhead and tidewater gobi in Arroyo Paredon Creek when exposed to cannabis fumes, and aerosol chemicals (odor deodorizers, pesticides, fungicides and more) 24/7. How does having so much of this new industry so near the creek and ocean change the habitat for the ecologically sensitive plants and animals found there? And what about the ocean animals, subjected to the air and water running off into the Pacific? To try to understand these problems, I read "[A Review of the Effects of Cannabis Cultivation on Fish and Wildlife Resources](#)" by Ange Baker, Senior Resource Scientist for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

According to Baker's report, pot operations degrade the habitat for plants and animals through overactive water resource use, the use of rodenticides, water diversions, site development and direct ingestion of the plant itself, among many other issues. Baker states that cannabis "...cultivation in sensitive ecosystems means that marijuana cultivation can have environmental impacts that are disproportionately large given the area under production."

Cresco Labs is a perfect example of this "disproportionately large impact." Here in our neighborhood, the Michigan-based corporate weed titan plans to erect a new, two-story office building and cannabis processing warehouse (which we know is stinkier than cultivation alone), right on the banks of Arroyo Paredon Creek. They want to have 75 employees parking and working right next to the creek everyday, with operations extending 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This new corporate headquarters requires the installation of two new septic tanks, just outside Environmentally Sensitive Habitat, plus two large, new flood control ditches, with massive cut and fill of earth and more.

How could we fix Cresco and Big Cannabis' slow-motion environmental and public health crisis for Arroyo Paredon Watershed? First off, you must vote to reject Cresco Labs' project, due to its clear threat to the steelhead trout and tidewater gobi living nearby.

As well, to protect the environment from Big Cannabis county-wide, I urge you to adopt the following changes:

1. Ensure that Cresco (and all pot grows in the Coastal Zone) employ sealed greenhouses with carbon filtration to prevent air pollution.
2. Rescind the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and instead require that all weed projects conduct a unique study of how the environment will be impacted by each project and show mitigation measures.
3. Conduct independent scientific research into the environmental degradation caused by Big Cannabis, funded by the industry itself, as a flat fee levied with each project application.
4. Create and fund a robust cannabis odor enforcement program.
5. Hire an independent biologist solely to supervise the development of Big Cannabis projects on the environment.

I urge you to choose the environment over cannabis cash. Please let me know if you'd like to plan a tour of Arroyo Paredon Creek or learn more about this important ecological area.

Thank you for your time,

Maureen Claffey

Director

Save the Arroyo Paredon Watershed

Ramirez, Angelica

From: William Bishop <william@arcadiastudio.com>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 9:32 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: to Case No 21APL-000000-00048

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a local landscape design professional, I worked with Cresco on a planting design for part of their facility. In working with them, they made it clear that they wanted an environmentally sensitive design using natives and low water use plants. Not all clients make this a priority, so I was impressed with their commitment to be responsible stewards of the local habitat.

I want to address some of the public comment letters that allege negative impacts on the riparian creek habitat.

After reviewing the proposed design, it is clear that Cresco's thoughtful design leaves the riparian zone undisturbed- no plants will be removed, and the buffer zone will be enhanced with additional native riparian planting increasing the habitat value of the section of Arroyo Peridon Creek Riparian corridor.

Being familiar with strict cannabis regulations and the recirculating irrigation system employed by Cresco, it is preposterous to state that any chemicals or agricultural runoff will ever be allowed to drain into the landscape. All excess water is reclaimed to be used again. This not only creates a closed loop, it saves money.

Lastly, to those opposed to 'expansion', there is actually an overall reduction of the existing footprint by roughly 50,000 square feet. It is clear that Cresco is making every effort to address community concerns.

As a resident of Carpinteria, I wish more businesses would show this type of concern and deference for the environment and community compatibility.

William Bishop
ARCADIA STUDIO landscape architecture - [805 962 9055](tel:8059629055) ex 30

Ramirez, Angelica

From: P.J. Kundar <patriciajk@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 10:46 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Arroyo Paredon Creek

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Sheryl and Barry K. Schwartz
3339 Padaro Lane
Carpinteria, CA 93013

December 6, 2021

Attention County Board of Supervisors: Das Williams, Gregg Hart, Bob Nelson, Joan Hartman and Steve Lavagnino

Dear Supervisors,

As residents of Carpinteria and a couple who care very deeply about our environment, we greatly hope that you will consider the problems and dangers of the proposed Cresco Labs' Corporate Headquarters on the banks of Arroyo Paredon Creek. We are expressing our concerns and worries over this approval. We hope that you will please vote NO to Cesco.

This plant for cannabis growing and production along the Arroyo Paredon Creek, will only become a public nuisance and endanger the plants, wildlife and sea creatures. It will damage the watershed, cause poor air quality, possible deforestation, increase truck traffic and diminish the quality of life in the area forever.

If approved the County Board would need to effectively and strictly regulate this industry. However we hope it does not get the board's approval.

We need to keep this area safe ecologically for all. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sheryl and Barry K. Schwartz

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Anna Carrillo <annacarp@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 11:52 AM
To: sbcob; Nelson, Bob; Williams, Das; Lavagnino, Steve; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan
Subject: Cresco Appeal: 21APL-00000-00048, 20RVP-00000-00058, 21CUP-00000-00006, 21CDP-00000-00118
Attachments: Appeal to Board 12621.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

December 6, 2021
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Anna Carrillo

I urge you to uphold this appeal of Cresco California Cannabis Cultivation and Processing Project filed by Elise Cossart-Daly, attorney, on behalf of Maureen Claffey and deny this project.

1. Currently this project and all other cannabis projects has a condition in their project description that states: "**Upon installation of the odor control system and quarterly thereafter for one year, Permit Compliance staff shall conduct an inspection of the odor control system to assist its compliance with the requirements of this condition and the approved Odor Abatement Plan.**"

But unfortunately this is not yet occurring for the 1 of the 2 fully permitted projects (permitted in 2019) here in Carpinteria as P&D is unable to verify the source of the offending odor in the residential areas as required. **Until there is technology to "fingerprint" each cannabis operation in Carpinteria this project should not be approved.** Also I've been told that once cannabis projects in the area receive their CDPs, staff will be able to know the offending party, but even with issued permits that is currently not possible. It also is not happening through the business license renewal process where Odor Complaints were supposed to be considered during the annual business license renewal.

2. The protection of Arroyo Paredon Creek and the Watershed is of paramount importance. Besides Cresco, there are or will be 4 other cannabis operations bordering the creek.

3. With the number of cannabis projects already approved (20) and still to be approved (12) in our small area here in Carpinteria, there needs to be a dedicated person in the county in charge of managing the effects of environmental damage including air quality occurring in Carpinteria. Our old greenhouses using Byers Vapor Phase technology is venting tons of Ecosorb into our air 24/7.

4. It is promising to see that Cresco is willing to use carbon filters with the hope of phasing out the vapor phase pipes.

5. There actually should be a dedicated trail along this creek from Foothill Rd. to the beach. There is a proposed trail on the mountain side of Foothill Rd.

6. All traffic except for emergencies should not be permitted to use Foothill Rd. and be required to use Via Real. Foothill Rd. is a very narrow road with lot of bikers, children, school buses accessing this roadway. I have followed even small vans not able to stay in their lane. Employee traffic will be using access on Via Real.

7. The landscaping on Foothill Rd. needs to be improved to screen what is currently being viewed from Foothill Rd.

8. The new proposed processing building (24,751 sq. ft.) should not be any taller than the current greenhouses and solar must be required.

9. The traffic on Via Real will be increased from 25 employees to 75 and there is a proposed new building, Cresco should be paying into the County Road Fund for this increased usage. This is a requirement in the Carpinteria Agricultural Overlay.

10. Please create and fund a robust cannabis odor enforcement program. For the past 4 years, Carpinteria has suffered from this lack of enforcement whether it's for permitted or unpermitted operations. Relying on neighborhood complaints DOES NOT WORK, especially since no one can identify the source. Sat. I drove by at least 4 operations that smelled on Casitas Pass and this morning I drove by at least 3 operations on Via Real. When I know of 1 address I do report it and receive a note that it has been received, but when there are multiple addresses involved it's very difficult.

Thank you for your consideration,
Anna Carrillo

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Anna Carrillo <annacarp@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 11:57 AM
To: Plowman, Lisa; Nelson, Bob; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve; Hart, Gregg; sbcob
Subject: Here's the chemistry behind marijuana's skunky scent | Science News

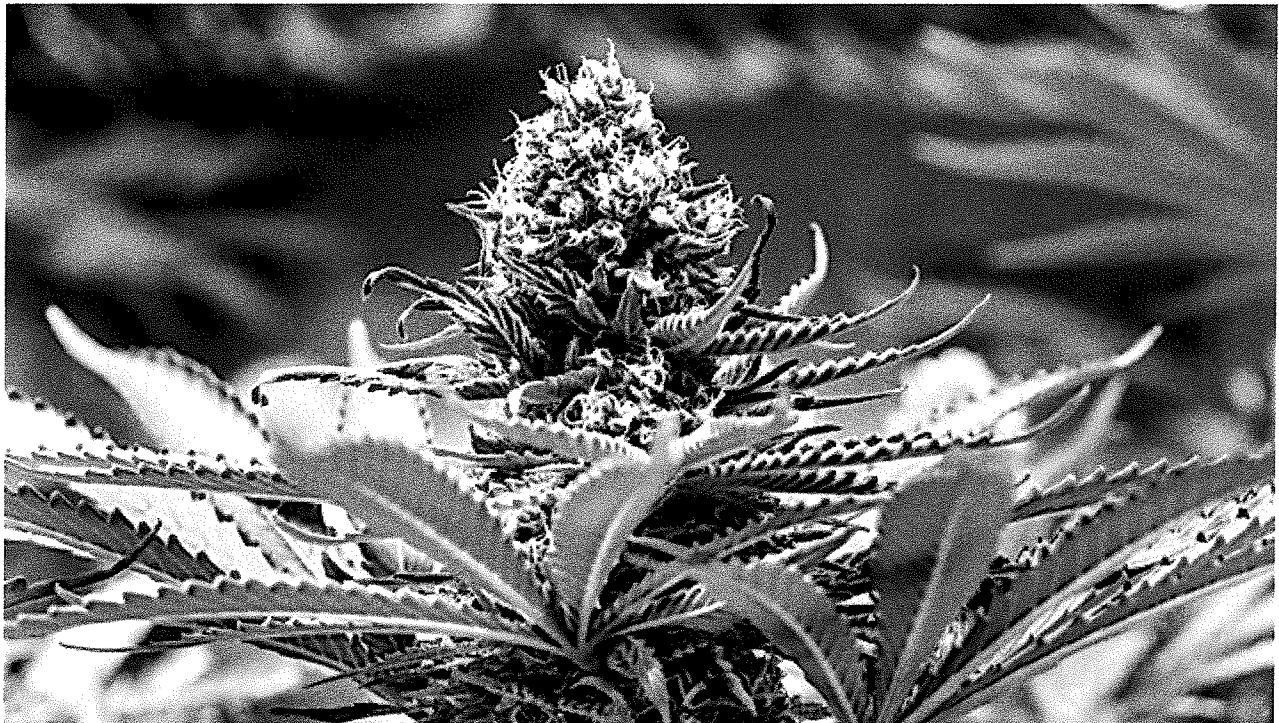
Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/marijuana-skunk-smell-cannabis-pot-plant-chemistry>

Here's the chemistry behind marijuana's skunky scent

Newly identified sulfur compounds in cannabis flowers give the plant its telltale funky odor

Ariana Remmel November 30, 2021 at 8:00 am



A new study reveals the sulfur compounds that give cannabis flowers that unmistakable skunky aroma.

Martin Deja/Moment/Getty Images

Scientists have finally sniffed out the molecules behind marijuana's skunky aroma.

The heady bouquet that wafts off of fresh weed is actually a cocktail of hundreds of fragrant compounds. The most prominent floral, citrusy and piney overtones come from a common class of molecules called terpenes, says analytical chemist Iain Oswald of Abstrax Tech, a private company in Tustin, Calif., that develops terpenes for cannabis products (*SN*: 4/30/18). But the source of that funky ganja note has been hard to pin down.

Now, an analysis is the first to identify a group of sulfur compounds in cannabis that account for the skunklike scent, researchers report November 12 in *ACS Omega*.

Oswald and colleagues had a hunch that the culprit may contain sulfur, a stinky element found in hops and skunk spray. So the team started by rating the skunk factor of flowers harvested from more than a dozen varieties of *Cannabis sativa* on a scale from zero to 10, with 10 being the most pungent. Next, the team created a "chemical fingerprint" of the airborne components that contributed to each cultivar's unique scent using gas chromatography, mass spectroscopy and a sulfur chemiluminescence detector.



Sign Up For the Latest from *Science News*

Headlines and summaries of the latest *Science News* articles, delivered to your inbox

As suspected, the researchers found small amounts of several fragrant sulfur compounds lurking in the olfactory profiles of the smelliest cultivars. The most dominant was a molecule called prenylthiol, or 3-methyl-2-butene-1-thiol, that gives "skunked beer" its notorious flavor (*SN*: 11/27/05).

The sulfur compounds have been found in nature, but never before in cannabis, says Amber Wise, an analytical chemist with Medicine Creek Analytics in Fife, Wash., who was not involved in the study.

Oswald was surprised to find that prenylthiol and many of the other sulfurous suspects in cannabis share structural similarities with molecules found in garlic. And like these alliaceous analogs, a little goes a long way.

These compounds “can be in very low concentrations on the flower, but still make a huge impact on the smell,” Oswald says. The sulfur molecules are most abundant in cannabis flowers when they reach maturity and during the curing process.

Smell psychologist Avery Gilbert of Headspace Sensory, a startup company in Fort Collins, Colo., that specializes in quantifying the many scents of cannabis, is excited to see the molecules added to marijuana’s chemical repertoire. “The spectrum of cannabis odor is just amazing,” he says. “I think it beats the pants off of wine.”

The discovery of prenylthiol in marijuana, Gilbert says, is the first step to masking its nuisance odor — or maximizing its perversely pleasant stink.

Prenylthiol has a “polarizing scent,” Oswald says. While many people think it reeks, some cannabis users will pay top dollar for skunky grass, which some consider an indicator of quality.

Ramirez, Angelica

From: robyn geddes <robyn_geddes@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 12:00 PM
To: sbcob; bobnelson@countyofsb.org; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve; Villalobos, David; Villalobos, David
Subject: Cresco

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Carpinteria Odor

From the start, the County has rubber stamped the huge grows slated for Carpinteria. Opponents have requested closed greenhouses from the start as well. But open houses with the Byer's Odor Control System and additional carbon scrubber systems have been settled upon. Cresco and Vista Verde have set up their own odor response teams. Will the County take an active roll as well with odor complaints? Sad if the Carpinteria Valley becomes one large industrial odor pool.

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Michael Norling <mnorling1459@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 1:15 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Case No 21APL-000000-00048

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Firstly, I wanted to thank you for taking the time to hear about our proposed project.

My name is Michael Norling. I decided to dedicate my life and career to Medical Cannabis Farming as I had a loved one very ill with an unrelenting and devastating disease; multiple sclerosis (to which there is no cure and is a cause very important to me)...One of the only medicines that really made a difference with their condition was medical cannabis...I got to see this person happy and content in between terrible relapses of the disease...It breaks my heart just thinking back to it. Since that time, I knew I had my calling of helping those also in need. I was finally able to start this journey with the help of Cresco Labs in Illinois 3 in a half years ago, where I grew up...Being from a state that's 99% corn and 1% deep dish pizza, I always knew I wanted to get into agriculture and farming (and also open a true deep dish pizzeria for California). Since I was young kid, I would simulate farming and harvesting any way I could. Mainly through games and playing outside, helping my mother in the garden. The joy of bringing down a fruitful harvest was always a rush and still is. What I loved most was- the harvest wasn't just for me...No, it was for the community, my friends, my family. I got to do something that would benefit more than just myself. No matter the crop, I'd watch farmers go by on tractors all day long and I saw the conditions they had to deal with...farming was certainly a rough and hardworking yet rewarding life. It beckoned to me none the less. Fast forward 15 years and I'm in my dream job as a farmer here in beautiful Carpinteria, California. I couldn't be more grateful. What Cresco Labs has done for those who have farming and agriculture as a passion – is unmatched to what I've seen elsewhere. The benefits and working conditions Cresco Labs provided me are better than I could have ever imagined in the agriculture industry. I have a 401k to save for a retirement, I've got fantastic health insurance, great wages, covid hazard pay, free lunches during the pandemic, a flexible schedule, events/gathering (pre-pandemic), upward mobility in the company, volunteering opportunities and a wonderful work culture I couldn't be prouder to be a part of. Our proposed upgrade means that I can continue to pursue my dream of farming and giving back to community every way possible, with the help of Cresco. It means we can help others who need the support.. Please help make this a reality. So many hard-working farmers, care givers, and patients rely on it...

Thank you,

Kindest Regards,
-Michael Norling

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Jason Rodriguez <jason@thefoodliaison.com>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 1:38 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Case No is 21APL-000000-00048
Attachments: Cresco letter of support.pdf

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Please forward the attached to the Board of Supervisors and read into record during the meeting tomorrow. Thank you.

Jason Rodriguez | CFO | The Food Liaison | jason@thefoodliaison.com | (661) 917-2028 cell



December 06, 2021

Re: Cresco Cannabis Operation

To whom it may concern:

I have lived in Carpinteria for approximately 10+ years. My wife, daughter, and I not only live in Carpinteria, but our daughter attends school in the Valley and we own and operate a restaurant and catering company here as well. Cannabis farms are located less than a few minute drive from our home, business, and school campus.

I wanted to show our support for Cresco's Carpinteria operation. Cresco are the kind of operators we want in our community as they are local farmers who are dedicated to being great neighbors.

With this industry comes responsibility and Cresco is the type of business that has worked tirelessly with the community and the county to operate to the highest standards and remain an exemplary example.

We, as with many of our neighbors, have experienced an increase in quality of life and property values since this industry has arrived. Their operation has allowed for improvements to community, infrastructure, noise mitigation, odor control, sustainability, economics, and health.

We support Cresco. As with all our farmer neighbors, Cresco have been open and communicative with all who reach-out and we believe they'll continue to be a great part of our Carpinteria Valley.

Sincerely,

JASON RODRIGUEZ

CO-OWNER/CFO

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Autumn Shelton <Autumn@AutumnBrands.com>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 1:40 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Das Williams; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: D-4 Deny the appeal and Approve the Cresco Project -Public Comment

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Honorable Chair Nelson and Supervisors,

Please Deny the Appeal and Approve the Cresco Project. Cresco has been an exemplary member of our community. They always go above and beyond being compliant, focusing on sustainability, and transparency. Cresco employees are always participating in coastal clean-ups, blood drives and supporting other non-profit events for our community.

Cannabis is a very important plant that changes lives every day. I am proud to be in this industry alongside Cresco as we continue to provide sustainable products throughout California.

Cresco is dedicated to protecting our creeks and environmentally sensitive habitats by always using best 'cannabis' farming practices that go above any other agricultural requirements. They are also dedicated to controlling odor and implementing BACT as new and verified technologies present themselves.



Autumn Shelton

Owner/CFO

P: [\(805\) 566-4226](tel:(805)566-4226) M: [\(805\) 689-0257](tel:(805)689-0257)

E: autumn@autumnbrands.com W: autumnbrands.com

