



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS **Agenda Number:**  
AGENDA LETTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Planning and Development  
**Department No.:** 053  
**For Agenda Of:** February 25, 2020  
**Placement:** Set hearing on February 25, 2020, for March 17, 2020  
**Estimated Tme:** 3 hrs. on March 17, 2020  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Lisa Plowman, Director, Planning and Development  
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**SUBJECT:** Set Hearing to Consider the Appeals of the Planning Commission Approval of the Busy Bee's Organics, Inc. Cannabis Cultivation Project, Case Nos. 19APL-00000-00030 and 19APL-00000-00031, Third Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

On February 25, 2020, set a hearing for March 17, 2020, to consider two appeals filed by Busy Bee's Organics, Inc. (Case No. 19APL-00000-00030) and the SB County Coalition for Responsible Cannabis (Case No. 19APL-00000-00031) of the Planning Commission's November 7, 2019 approval of the Busy Bee's Organics Cannabis Cultivation Project (Case No. 18LUP-00000-00496).

On March 17, 2020 staff recommends that your Board take the following actions to approve the Project as approved by the Planning Commission:

- a) Deny the appeals, Case Nos. 19APL-00000-00030 and 19APL-00000-00031;
- b) Make the required findings for approval of the Proposed Project including California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings;
- c) Determine that the previously certified Program EIR (17EIR-00000-00003) constitutes adequate environmental review and no subsequent Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration is required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15168 (c)(2); and

- d) Grant *de novo* approval of the Project, Case No. 18LUP-00000-00496 subject to the conditions of approval.

Alternatively, if your Board wishes to uphold the Busy Bee Organics, Inc. appeal (Case No. 19APL-00000-00030) and deny the SB County Coalition for Responsible Cannabis (Case No. 19APL-00000-00031), staff recommends that your Board take the following actions to approve the project as proposed by the Applicant:

- a) Uphold the appeal by Busy Bee Organics, Inc. (Case No. 19APL-00000-00030);
- b) Deny the appeal by SB County Coalition for Responsible Cannabis (Case No. 19APL-00000-00031);
- c) Make the required findings for approval of the Proposed Project including California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings.
- d) Determine that the previously certified Program EIR (17EIR-00000-00003) constitutes adequate environmental review and no subsequent Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration is required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15168 (c)(2).
- e) Grant *de novo* approval of the Project, Case No. 18LUP-00000-00496 subject to the conditions of approval.

**Summary Text:**

The analysis related to this agenda item will be docketed with a separate Board Agenda Letter for the March 17, 2020 hearing.

**Special Instructions:**

The Clerk of the Board shall publish a legal notice in the *Santa Ynez Valley New* at least 10 days prior to the hearing on March 17, 2020. The Clerk of the Board shall also fulfill mailed noticing requirements (mailing labels included herein as Attachment 1). The Clerk of the Board shall forward the minute order of the hearing as well as a copy of the notice and proof of publication to the Planning and Development Department, Hearing Support, Attention: Stephen Peterson.

**Attachments:**

- 1. Mailing Labels

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