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November 12, 2019

Sharyne Merritt
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PLANNING COMMISSION
HEARING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2019

RE: *Busy Bee's Organics, Inc. Cannabis Cultivation Appeal; 19APL-00000-00012*

Hearing on the request of Sharyne Merritt to consider Case No. 19APL-00000-00012, to appeal the Planning and Development Director's approval of Case No. 18LUP-00000-00496, in compliance with Chapter 35.102 of the Land Use and Development Code. The proposed project is an activity within the scope of the Board of Supervisors-approved Cannabis Land Use Ordinance and Licensing Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) (17EIR-00000-00003). The PEIR adequately describes the activity for the purposes of CEQA. The application involves property zoned AG-II-40 on Assessor Parcel Number 099-240-072, located at 1180 West Highway 246 in the Buellton Area, Third Supervisorial District. (Continued from 10/30/19)

Dear Ms. Merritt:

At the Planning Commission hearing of November 7, 2019, Commissioner Parke moved, seconded by Commissioner Blough and carried by a vote of 5 to 0 to:

1. Deny the appeal, Case No. 19APL-00000-00012.
2. Make the required findings for approval of the Proposed Project specified in Attachment A of the staff report prepared for the Planning Commission hearing, dated October 10, 2019, including California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings.
3. Determine that the previously certified Programmatic EIR (17EIR-00000-00003) is adequate and no subsequent environmental review is required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15168 (c)(2) (Attachment C and Attachment P to the staff report prepared for the Planning Commission hearing, dated October 10, 2019).
4. Grant *de novo* approval of the revised Proposed Project, Case No. 18LUP-00000-00496, subject to the conditions included as Attachment Q of the Planning Commission Memorandum dated November 5, 2019, as revised at the Planning Commission hearing on November 7, 2019.

REVISIONS TO THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

At the November 7, 2019, Planning Commission hearing, the Planning Commission revised Condition No. 1 as follows:

1. **Proj Des-01 Project Description.** This Land Use Permit is based upon and limited to compliance with the project description, the hearing exhibits marked A-Q, dated October 10, 2019, and all conditions of approval set forth below, including mitigation measures and specified plans and agreements included by reference, as well as all applicable County rules and regulations. The project description is as follows:

Busy Bee's Organics, the Applicant, requests a Land Use Permit to allow for 22 acres of outdoor cannabis cultivation under ~~10~~ 12 ft. tall hoop structures, 11,200 sq. ft. of outdoor cultivation within five existing ~~10~~ 12 ft. tall hoop structures, and 2,700 sq. ft. of mixed-light and nursery cultivation within an existing greenhouse. Cultivation will be irrigated by a timed-drip system. The Project will also include two new 3,000 sq. ft. buildings located in the northeast portion of the parcel to be used for processing and one new 1,080 sq. ft. three-sided shade structure to be used as a protective cover for a new well pump and fertigation system to be located at the site of the existing on-site agricultural well in the northeast portion of the parcel.

There is an existing 2,960 sq. ft. main residence (not cannabis related), an existing 1,008 sq. ft. manager's residence (not cannabis related), an existing 1,344 sq. ft. garage (not cannabis related), an existing 768 sq. ft. garage (not cannabis related), and an existing 3,000 sq. ft. agricultural storage building (not cannabis related). The applicant also requests permitting of an existing 2,700 sq. ft. greenhouse, a 240 sq. ft. agricultural storage building (not cannabis related), two 320 sq. ft. connex storage buildings, and 11,200 sq. ft. of five existing hoop structures. Fifteen new parking spaces will be installed, of which three will be designated for ridesharing. The operation employs eight full-time workers, three of which live onsite year-round. There will be a maximum of 20-24 employees during peak harvest time. Harvests will occur ~~approximately twice~~ up to three times per year and will last up to approximately two weeks, depending on weather conditions. Hours of operation will be from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Saturday. Two existing on-site water wells, one of which is a domestic water well, will provide water for the cultivation and employees. An existing on-site septic system and portable toilets will provide wastewater treatment for the employees.

Any deviations from the project description, exhibits or conditions must be reviewed and approved by the County for conformity with this approval. Deviations may require approved changes to the permit and/or further environmental review. Deviations without the above described approval will constitute a violation of permit approval.

At the November 7, 2019, Planning Commission hearing, the Planning Commission revised Condition No. 3 as follows:

3. **Reduction in Hoop Structures.** The total amount of hoop structures shall be reduced to ~~XXX~~ five acres. Hoop structures shall cover the planted cannabis ~~cultivation~~ areas along the eastern and western edges of the cannabis cultivation. Additional hoop structures may be allowed within the interior planted cannabis ~~cultivation~~ areas so long as the total acreage of ~~XXX~~ five acres of hoop structures is not exceeded. The project plans shall be revised to be consistent with this condition prior to issuance of the Land Use Permit.

TIMING: Prior to issuance of this Land Use Permit, the Applicant shall submit a revised site plan that conforms to this condition.

MONITORING: Permit Compliance staff shall monitor the project site to ensure compliance with this revised site plan.

At the November 7, 2019, Planning Commission hearing, the Planning Commission revised Condition No. 4 as follows:

4. **Reduction in Cultivation Planted Cannabis Area.** The total area of planted cannabis cultivation shall be reduced to 18 acres. The project plans shall be revised to be consistent with this condition prior to issuance of the Land Use Permit.

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At the November 7, 2019, Planning Commission hearing, the Planning Commission revised Condition No. 5 as follows:

5. **Cultivation Planted Cannabis Buffer.** A 100 ft. buffer, within which no planted cannabis cultivation may occur be located, shall be provided along the eastern and western property boundaries to minimize the potential conflicts with adjacent agricultural operations. Additionally, a 60 ft. buffer, within which no planted cannabis may be located, shall be provided along the northern right-of-way boundary. The project plans shall be revised to be consistent with this condition prior to issuance of the Land Use Permit.

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At the November 7, 2019, Planning Commission hearing, the Planning Commission revised Condition No. 15 as follows:

15. **Odor Abatement Plan.** The Applicant shall implement the Odor Abatement Plan stamped "Zoning Approved" (Attachment K to the Staff Report dated October 10, 2019). The Applicant shall follow the methods for reducing odors outlined in the Odor Abatement Plan, as follows:
1. The Applicant shall not dry cannabis onsite.
 2. The Applicant shall harvest fresh plants and immediately flash freeze them in temporary freezers on wheels or to box and ship them as fresh cut flowers upon harvest.
 3. All plant material shall either be vacuum-sealed and flash frozen or shipped offsite within two hours of harvest.
 4. The Applicant shall not stagger harvest periods throughout the property.
 5. The Applicant shall grow genetics that feature citrus, pine and floral flavor profiles, reducing the potential for the 'skunk' odor anecdotally associated with cannabis cultivation.
 6. The only indoor cultivation onsite shall occur within the one existing greenhouse and is for plants in vegetative state only. These plants shall not be scheduled to mature to the flower stage and therefore shall not emit any odor.

If a substantially continuous public nuisance is verified as emanating from this property, Busy Bee's Organics will take the following tiered approach to curtail the nuisance:

1. Install wind screens that direct ground-level air upward thereby increasing dispersion through turbulence and elevating the most odorous air to heights above that of an individual's nose.
2. Install and/or operate fans normally used to protect orchards from frost to increase dispersion and direct ground-level air to heights above that of an individual's nose.
3. In the event that Tiers 1 and 2 above are insufficient to abate a continuous public nuisance, then the Applicant shall install and/or operate the best available vapor-phase odor control system along the length of property boundary or another more beneficial location between the cultivation activities and the individual receptor(s) that have lodged the complaint. All installation shall comply with County requirements.

PLAN REQUIREMENTS: The Odor Abatement Plan must comply with the requirements of the Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan Development Standard [DevStd LUG-SYV-8.11].

TIMING: The Applicant shall implement the Odor Abatement Plan prior to issuance of final building and/or grading inspection and/or throughout operation of the Project as applicable. The Applicant shall maintain the Project site in compliance with the Odor Abatement Plan, throughout the life of the Project.

MONITORING: P&D compliance staff inspects the Project site to confirm that all components of the Odor Abatement Plan are installed, operated, and maintained pursuant to the requirements of this condition. Upon implementation of the odor abatement plan and twice per year thereafter for one year, Permit Compliance staff will conduct an inspection of the odor abatement plan to assess its compliance with the Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan. As part of each inspection, the County will retain a certified industrial hygienist, at the Applicant's expense, to certify that the odor abatement plan meets the requirements of this condition and the Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan.

The attached findings and conditions reflect the Planning Commission's actions of November 7, 2019.

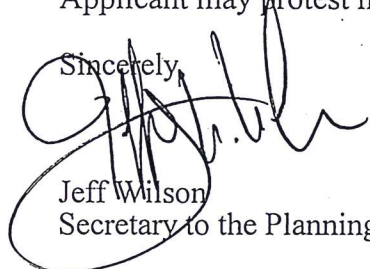
The action of the Planning Commission on this project may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors by the applicant or any aggrieved person adversely affected by such decision. To qualify as an aggrieved person the appellant, in person or through a representative, must have informed the Planning Commission by appropriate means prior to the decision on this project of the nature of their concerns, or, for good cause, was unable to do so.

Appeal applications may be obtained at the Clerk of the Board's office. The appeal form must be filed along with any attachments to the Clerk of the Board. In addition to the appeal form a concise summary of 50 words or less, stating the reasons for the appeal, must be submitted with the appeal. The summary statement will be used for public noticing of your appeal before the Board of Supervisors. The appeal, which shall be in writing together with the accompanying applicable fee must be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within the 10 calendar days following the date of the Planning Commission's decision. In the event that the last day for filing an appeal falls on a non-business day of the County, the appeal may be timely filed on the next business day. This letter or a copy should be taken to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in order to determine that the appeal is filed within the allowed appeal period. **The appeal period for this project ends on November 18, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.**

If this decision is appealed, the filing fee for both non-applicant and applicant is \$659.92 and must be delivered to the Clerk of the Board Office at 105 East Anapamu Street, Room 407, Santa Barbara, CA at the same time the appeal is filed.

A protest of mitigation fees imposed pursuant to Conditions No. 29 and No. 30 in the Action Letter dated November 12, 2019, may be filed pursuant to Government Code Section 66020(a). The protest shall be filed at the time of approval or conditional approval of the development or within 90 days after the date of the imposition of the fees, dedications, reservations, or other exactions to be imposed on a development project. The Applicant is hereby notified that the 90-day approval period in which the Applicant may protest has begun.

Sincerely,



Jeff Wilson
Secretary to the Planning Commission

cc: Case File: 19APL-00000-00012
Planning Commission File
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Community Services Department
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/ Jenna Richardson, Deputy County Counsel
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Attachments: **Attachment A – Findings**
 Attachment Q – Revised Conditions of Approval

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ATTACHMENT A: FINDINGS

1.0 CEQA FINDINGS

SUBSEQUENT ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

FINDINGS PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21081 AND THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15162 AND 15168:

1.1 CONSIDERATION OF SUBSEQUENT ACTIVITIES IN THE PROGRAM

The County Planning Commission considered the previously certified PEIR for the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance and Licensing Program, 17EIR-00000-00003 (Link to the PEIR provided in Attachment H to the staff report, dated October 10, 2019, and incorporated herein by reference), along with the Proposed Project which is an activity within the scope of the PEIR. Staff prepared a written checklist in compliance with CEQA Section 15168(c)(4) to document the evaluation of the site and the activity to determine that the environmental effects of the operation are covered in the PEIR (Attachment C to the staff report, dated October 10, 2019, and incorporated herein by reference). As shown in the written checklist and other information provided in the administrative record (e.g., Proposed Project plans and Land Use Permit application), the Proposed Project is within the scope of the PEIR and the effects of the Proposed Project were examined in the PEIR. Therefore, on the basis of the whole record, including the written checklist, the previously certified PEIR, and any public comments received, the Planning Commission finds that the Proposed Project will not create any new significant effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects on the environment, and will not present new information of substantial importance pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, thereby warranting the preparation of a new environmental document for the Proposed Project.

1.2 LOCATION OF DOCUMENTS

The documents and other materials which constitute the record of proceedings upon which this decision is based are in the custody of the Planning and Development Department located at 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

2.1 LAND USE PERMIT FINDINGS

2.1.1 *Finding required for all Land Use Permits. In compliance with Section 35.30.100.A of the County Land Use and Development Code, prior to the approval or conditional approval of an application for a Land Use Permit the review authority shall first find, based on information provided by environmental documents, staff analysis, and the applicant, that adequate public or private services and resources (e.g., water, sewer, roads) are available to serve the proposed development.*

As discussed in the staff report, dated October 10, 2019, and incorporated herein by reference, adequate public and private services are in place to serve the Proposed Project. Water will continue to be provided by one agricultural well and one domestic well located on the subject parcel. The domestic well will provide water to employees. The existing residence will continue to be served by an existing septic system. Sanitary facilities will be provided by four portable chemical toilets and hand-washing stations during harvest seasons for temporary and seasonal employees. The H-2A Agricultural Workers program will provide additional portable chemical toilets and hand-washing stations for H-2A employees, which will be temporary and seasonal. The Santa Barbara

County Fire Department would continue to provide emergency response to the subject parcel. The County Sheriff would continue to provide law enforcement to the subject parcel. Ingress and egress to the parcel would continue to be provided off of West Highway 246. Therefore, this finding can be made.

2.1.2 Findings required for all Land Use Permits. In compliance with Subsection 35.82.110.E.1 of the County Land Use and Development Code, prior to the approval or conditional approval of an application for a Land Use Permit the review authority shall first make all of the following findings:

- 1. The proposed development conforms:**
 - a. To the applicable provisions of the Comprehensive Plan, including any applicable community or area plan.**
 - b. With the applicable provisions of this Development Code or falls within the limited exception allowed in compliance with Chapter 35.101 (Nonconforming Uses, Structures, and Lots).**

As discussed in the staff report, dated October 10, 2019, and incorporated herein by reference, the development conforms to the applicable provisions of the Comprehensive Plan. In addition, the proposed development is consistent with the Land Use and Development Code requirements for the AG-II-40 zone district, as they relate to permitted uses, building heights, setbacks, and parking. Therefore, this finding can be made.

2. The proposed development is located on a legally created lot.

The subject property is a 62.45-acre parcel that is shown as Tract 16 of the Rancho San Carlos De Jonata in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, according to the map entitled "Map of survey made by F>F> Flournoy of a part of the Rancho San Carlos De Jonata for Santa Ynez Valley Development Company, Santa Barbara County California, February, 1910," recorded on April 8, 1919, in Book 5, Page 55 of Maps and Surveys, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County.

3. The subject property is in compliance with all laws, regulations, and rules pertaining to uses, subdivisions, setbacks and any other applicable provisions of this Development Code, and any applicable zoning violation enforcement fees and processing fees have been paid. This Subsection shall not be interpreted to impose new requirements on legal nonconforming uses and structures in compliance with Chapter 35.101 (Nonconforming Uses, Structures, and Lots).

The existing cultivation is legal nonconforming, and therefore it is not in violation with all laws, rules, and regulations. As conditioned, the subject property is, and the Proposed Project will be, in full compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to zoning uses, subdivisions, setbacks, and all other applicable provisions of the Land Use and Development Code, for the AG-II zone district. Additionally, all processing fees have been paid to date.

ATTACHMENT Q: REVISED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
BUSY BEES ORGANICS, INC. CANNABIS CULTIVATION
CASE NO. 18LUP-00000-00496
APN: 099-240-072

Project Description

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Any deviations from the project description, exhibits or conditions must be reviewed and approved by the County for conformity with this approval. Deviations may require approved changes to the permit and/or further environmental review. Deviations without the above described approval will constitute a violation of permit approval.

2. **Proj Des-02 Project Conformity.** The grading, development, use, and maintenance of the property, the size, shape, arrangement, and location of the structures, parking areas and landscape areas, and the protection and preservation of resources shall conform to the project description above and the hearing exhibits and conditions of approval below. The property and any portions thereof shall be sold, leased, or financed in compliance with this project description and the approved hearing exhibits and conditions of approval

thereto. All plans (e.g., Landscape and Tree Protection Plans) must be submitted for review and approval and shall be implemented as approved by the County.

Project Specific Conditions

3. **Reduction in Hoop Structures.** The total amount of hoop structures shall be reduced to 5 acres. Hoop structures shall cover the planted cannabis areas along the eastern and western edges of the cannabis cultivation. Additional hoop structures may be allowed within the interior planted cannabis areas so long as the total acreage of 5 hoop structures is not exceeded. The project plans shall be revised to be consistent with this condition prior to issuance of the Land Use Permit.

TIMING: Prior to issuance of this Land Use Permit, the Applicant shall submit a revised site plan that conforms to this condition.

MONITORING: Permit Compliance staff shall monitor the project site to ensure compliance with this revised site plan.

4. **Reduction in Planted Cannabis Area.** The total area of planted cannabis shall be reduced to 18 acres. The project plans shall be revised to be consistent with this condition prior to issuance of the Land Use Permit.

TIMING: Prior to issuance of this Land Use Permit, the Applicant shall submit a revised site plan that conforms to this condition.

MONITORING: Permit Compliance staff shall monitor the project site to ensure compliance with this revised site plan.

5. **Planted Cannabis Buffer.** A 100 ft. buffer, within which no planted cannabis may be located, shall be provided along the eastern and western property boundaries to minimize the potential conflicts with adjacent agricultural operations. Additionally, a 60 ft. buffer, within which no planted cannabis may be located, shall be provided along the northern right-of-way boundary. The project plans shall be revised to be consistent with this condition prior to issuance of the Land Use Permit.

TIMING: Prior to issuance of this Land Use Permit, the Applicant shall submit a revised site plan that conforms to this condition.

MONITORING: Permit Compliance staff shall monitor the project site to ensure compliance with this revised site plan.

6. **Licenses Required.** The Applicant shall obtain, and maintain in good status, (1) a valid County business license, as required by the County Code Chapter 50, and (2) a valid State cannabis license, as required by the California Business and Professions Code, for the cannabis activities that are the subject of this permit.

7. **Fencing and Security Plan.** The Applicant shall implement the Fencing and Security Plan stamped "Zoning Approved" (Attachment G to the Staff Report dated October 10, 2019).

PLAN REQUIREMENTS: The Fencing and Security Plan must comply with the requirements of the Land Use and Development Code (§ 35.42.075.C.2).

TIMING: The Applicant shall implement the Fencing and Security Plan prior to the issuance of final building and/or grading inspection and/or throughout operation of the Project, as applicable. The Applicant shall maintain the Project site in compliance with the Fencing and Security Plan, throughout the life of the Project.

MONITORING: P&D compliance staff inspects the Project site to confirm that all components of the Fencing and Security Plan are installed and maintained pursuant to the requirements of this condition.

8. **Landscape and Screening Plan.** The Applicant shall implement the Landscape and Screening Plan stamped “Zoning Approved” (Attachment G to the Staff Report dated October 10, 2019).

PLAN REQUIREMENTS: The Landscape and Screening Plan must comply with the requirements of the Land Use and Development Code (§ 35.42.075.C.3). The Applicant shall file a performance security in an amount sufficient to ensure the installation and maintenance of the landscaping for two years, as determined by a landscape architect and approved by P&D compliance staff.

TIMING: The Applicant shall submit one copy of the approved Landscaping and Screening Plan to P&D staff and deposit the performance security, prior to issuance of this permit. The Applicant shall install all components of the Landscaping and Screening Plan prior to issuance of final building and/or grading inspection and/or throughout operation of the project, as applicable. The Applicant shall maintain the landscaping and screening in compliance with the Landscape and Screening Plan, throughout the life of the Project.

MONITORING: P&D compliance staff inspects the Project site to confirm that all components of the Landscape and Screening Plan are installed and maintained pursuant to the requirements of this condition. P&D compliance staff releases said performance security upon a written statement from the Department that the landscaping, in accordance with approved Landscape Plan and Screening Plan has been installed and maintained for two years.

9. **Lighting Plan.** The Applicant shall implement the Lighting Plan stamped “Zoning Approved” (Attachment G to the Staff Report dated October 10, 2019).

PLAN REQUIREMENTS: The Lighting Plan must comply with the requirements of the Land Use and Development Code (§ 35.42.075.C.4 and –D.1.g).

TIMING: The Applicant shall submit two copies of the approved Lighting Plan to P&D compliance staff, prior to issuance of this permit. All components of the Lighting Plan must be installed prior to final inspection. The Applicant shall maintain the Project site in compliance with the Lighting Plan, throughout the life of the Project.

MONITORING: P&D compliance staff inspects the Project site to confirm that all components of the Lighting Plan are installed, maintained, and operated pursuant to the requirements of this condition.

10. **Noise Plan.** The Applicant shall implement the Noise Plan stamped “Zoning Approved”

(Attachment G to the Staff Report dated October 10, 2019).

PLAN REQUIREMENTS: The Noise Plan must comply with the requirements of the Land Use and Development Code (§ 35.42.075.C.5).

TIMING: The Owner/Applicant shall implement the Noise Plan prior to issuance of final building inspection and/or through operation of the Proposed Project, as applicable. The Applicant shall maintain the Project site in compliance with the Noise Plan, throughout the life of the Proposed Project.

MONITORING: P&D compliance staff inspects the Project site to confirm that all components of the Noise Plan are installed, operated, and maintained, pursuant to the requirements of this condition.

11. **Site Transportation Demand Management Plan.** The Applicant shall implement the Site Transportation Demand Management Plan stamped “Zoning Approved” (Attachment G to the Staff Report dated October 10, 2019).

PLAN REQUIREMENTS: The Site Transportation Demand Management Plan must comply with the requirements of the Land Use and Development Code (§ 35.42.075.D.1.j).

TIMING: The Applicant shall implement the Site Transportation Demand Management Plan prior to the issuance of final building and/or grading inspection and/or throughout operation of the Project as applicable. The Applicant shall maintain the Project site in compliance with the Site Transportation Demand Management Plan throughout the life of the Project.

MONITORING: The Applicant shall demonstrate to P&D compliance staff (e.g., by providing a copy of an executed contract with a rideshare service, or site inspections to verify that trip reduction features are installed on-site) that all components of the approved Site Transportation Demand Management Plan are implemented.

12. **Cannabis Waste Discharge Requirements.** The Applicant shall demonstrate compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board’s comprehensive Cannabis Cultivation Policy which includes principles and guidelines for cannabis cultivation, including regulations on the use of pesticides, rodenticides, herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, disinfectants, and fertilizers, within the State prior to commencement of cultivation activities.
13. **Cannabis Waste Management Requirements.** The Applicant shall demonstrate compliance with the California Department of Food and Agriculture’s comprehensive Cannabis Cultivation regulations which include principles and guidelines for cannabis waste management, including regulations on composting cannabis waste prior to commencement of cultivation activities.
14. **Water efficiency for commercial cannabis activities.** Water-conserving features shall be included in the design of proposed cannabis cultivation. The Applicant shall irrigate the proposed cultivation using timed drip irrigation or other water-conserving irrigation method.

TIMING: The Applicant shall install the timed drip irrigation at the time of planting and cultivation.

MONITORING: P&D compliance staff shall inspect the irrigation to ensure that there are no leaks and that irrigation method is being maintained by the Applicant.

15. **Odor Abatement Plan.** The Applicant shall implement the Odor Abatement Plan stamped “Zoning Approved” (Attachment K to the Staff Report dated October 10, 2019). The Applicant shall follow the methods for reducing odors outlined in the Odor Abatement Plan, as follows:
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industrial hygienist, at the Applicant's expense, to certify that the odor abatement plan meets the requirements of this condition and the Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan.

16. **Underground Utilities.** Except as otherwise noted in the Project Description, all utilities shall be placed underground.

PLAN REQUIREMENTS: The Permittee shall restate the provisions for utility undergrounding on all building and grading plans.

TIMING: This condition shall be satisfied prior to issuance of the first Building Permit.

MONITORING: P&D staff shall check plans prior to issuance of Building Permit.

17. **Transfer of Ownership.** In the event that the Applicant transfers interest in the commercial cannabis operation, the successor(s)-in-interest shall assume all responsibilities concerning the Project including, but not limited to, maintaining compliance with the conditions of this permit and paying for P&D condition compliance activities throughout the life of the Project.

DOCUMENTATION: The Applicant and/or successor(s)-in-interest shall notify P&D compliance staff, in writing, of the transfer in interest, and provide the contact and billing information of the successor(s)-in-interest.

TIMING: The Applicant and/or successor(s)-in-interest shall provide the written notification within 30-days following the transfer in interest.

MONITORING: Review of the written notification to confirm that it includes all of the requisite information, pursuant to the requirements of this condition by P&D compliance staff.

18. **Records.** The Applicant shall maintain clear and adequate records and documentation, in accordance with State law, the California Cannabis Track-and-Trace System, and as required by County Code Chapter 35, demonstrating that all cannabis or cannabis products have been obtained from, and are provided to, other permitted and licensed cannabis operations.

TIMING: The Applicant shall maintain the documentation for a minimum of five years following the preparation and/or approval of the documentation, as applicable.

MONITORING: The Applicant shall provide the documentation for review, inspection, examination, and audit by the Department.

19. **Agreement to Comply.** By signing this Land Use Permit, the Permittee hereby acknowledges and agrees to comply with all conditions of approval set forth within this approval.

20. **Revocation.** This entitlement to allow commercial cannabis activities may be revoked in compliance with Chapter 35.84.060 (Revocation of Entitlement to Land Use).

21. **BAR Required.** The Owner/Applicant shall obtain Board of Architectural Review (BAR) approval for project design. All project elements (e.g., design, scale, character, colors, materials and landscaping) shall be compatible with vicinity development and shall conform in all respects to BAR approval 19BAR-00000-00071.

TIMING: The Owner/Applicant shall submit architectural drawings of the project for review and shall obtain final BAR approval prior to issuance of Land Use Permit. Grading plans, if required, shall be submitted to P&D concurrent with or prior to BAR plan filing.

MONITORING: The Owner/Applicant shall demonstrate to P&D compliance monitoring staff that the Project has been built consistent with approved BAR design and landscape plans prior to Final Building Inspection Clearance.

22. **Stop Work at Encounter.** The Owner/Applicant and/or their agents, representatives or contractors shall stop or redirect work immediately in the event archaeological remains are encountered during grading, construction, landscaping or other construction-related activity. The Owner/Applicant shall immediately contact P&D staff, and retain a P&D approved archaeologist and Native American representative to evaluate the significance of the find in compliance with the provisions of the County Archaeological Guidelines and conduct appropriate mitigation funded by the Owner/Applicant.

PLAN REQUIREMENTS: This condition shall be printed on all building and grading plans.

MONITORING: P&D permit processing planner shall check plans prior to issuance of Land Use Permit and P&D compliance monitoring staff shall spot check in the field throughout grading and construction.

23. **Equipment Storage-Construction.** The Owner/Applicant shall designate a construction equipment filling and storage area(s) to contain spills, facilitate clean-up and proper disposal and prevent contamination from discharging to the storm drains, street, drainage ditches, creeks, or wetlands. The areas shall be no larger than 50 x 50 foot unless otherwise approved by P&D and shall be located at least 100 feet from any storm drain, water body or sensitive biological resources.

PLAN REQUIREMENTS: The Owner/Applicant shall designate the P&D approved location on all plans for zoning clearance, grading and building permits.

TIMING: The Owner/Applicant shall install the area prior to commencement of construction.

MONITORING: P&D compliance monitoring staff shall ensure compliance prior to and throughout construction.

24. **Equipment Washout-Construction.** The Owner/Applicant shall designate a washout area for the washing of concrete trucks, paint, equipment, or similar activities to prevent wash water from discharging to the storm drains, street, drainage ditches, creeks, or wetlands. Note that polluted water and materials shall be contained in this area and removed from the site bi-monthly. The area shall be located at least 100 feet from any storm drain, water body, or sensitive biological resources.

PLAN REQUIREMENTS: The Owner/Applicant shall designate the P&D approved location on all Zoning Clearance and Grading permits.

TIMING: The Owner/Applicant shall install the area prior to commencement of construction.

MONITORING: P&D compliance monitoring staff shall ensure compliance prior to and throughout construction.

25. **Director Review.** The Director shall review the Proposed Project two years after issuance of the Land Use Permit Case No. 18LUP-00000-00496. The purpose of this review is to assess the effectiveness of the project conditions that address odor control and potential pesticide related conflicts with adjacent agricultural operations. The Director may make modifications to the conditions as deemed necessary. The Director shall report back to the Planning Commission on the efficacy of these conditions and any required modifications to the conditions of approval.

TIMING: Two years after the issuance date of the Land Use Permit Case No. 18LUP-00000-00496, the Land Use Permit 18LUP-00000-00496 allowing for cannabis cultivation activities shall be reviewed. If odor problems or pesticide related conflicts with adjacent agricultural operations exist, new abatement plans shall be developed and reviewed and approved by the Director.

County Rules and Regulations

26. **Additional Permits Required.** The use and/or construction of any structures or improvements authorized by this approval shall not commence until all necessary zoning and building permits are obtained. Before P&D issues a permit for the Project, the Owner/Applicant must obtain written clearance from all departments having conditions; such clearance shall indicate that the Owner/Applicant has satisfied all pre-construction conditions. A form for such clearance is available from Planning and Development.
27. **Revisions Related to Plans.** The Owner/Applicant shall request a revision for any proposed changes to approved Land Use Permit and related plans. Substantial conformity shall be determined by the Director of P&D.
28. **Processing Fees Required.** Prior to issuance of Land Use Permit, the Owner/Applicant shall pay all applicable P&D permit processing fees in full as required by County ordinances and resolutions.
29. **Fees – Transportation.** In compliance with the provisions of ordinances and resolutions adopted by the County, the Owner/Applicant shall be required to pay development impact mitigation fees to finance the development of facilities for transportation. Required mitigation fees shall be as determined by adopted mitigation fee resolutions and ordinances and applicable law in effect when paid. The total DIMF amount for Transportation will be determined by County Public Works Department-Transportation Division staff.

TIMING: Transportation DIMFs shall be paid to the County Public Works Department-Transportation Division prior to Final Building Permit Inspection and shall be based on the fee schedules in effect when paid, which may increase at the beginning of each fiscal year (July 1st).

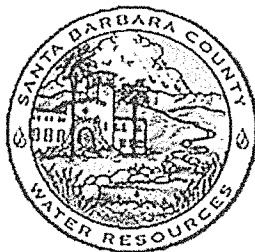
30. **Fees – Fire.** In compliance with the provisions of ordinances and resolutions adopted by the County, the Owner/Applicant shall be required to pay development impact mitigation fees to finance the development of facilities for transportation. Required mitigation fees shall be as determined by adopted mitigation fee resolutions and ordinances and applicable law in effect when paid. The total DIMF amount for Fire is currently estimated

to be \$0.77/sq. ft. for processing and \$0.35/sq. ft. for non-residential agricultural development (September 30, 2019). This is based on a project type of non-retail commercial.

TIMING: Fire DIMFs shall be paid to the County Fire Department prior to Final Building Permit Inspection and shall be based on the fee schedules in effect when paid, which may increase at the beginning of each fiscal year (July 1st).

31. **Other Dept Conditions.** Compliance with Departmental/Division letters required as follows:
 - a. Flood Control Water Agency dated June 24, 2019;
32. **Plan Requirements.** The Owner/Applicant shall ensure all applicable final conditions of approval are printed in their entirety on applicable pages of grading/construction or building plans submitted to P&D or Building and Safety Division. These shall be graphically illustrated where feasible.
33. **Mitigation Monitoring Required.** The Owner/Applicant shall ensure that the project complies with all approved plans and all project conditions including those which must be monitored after the project is built and occupied. To accomplish this, the Owner/Applicant shall:
 - a. Contact P&D compliance staff as soon as possible after project approval to provide the name and phone number of the future contact person for the project and give estimated dates for future project activities;
 - b. Sign a separate Agreement to Pay for compliance monitoring costs and remit a security deposit prior to issuance of Land Use Permit as authorized by ordinance and fee schedules. Compliance monitoring costs will be invoiced monthly and may include costs for P&D to hire and manage outside consultants when deemed necessary by P&D staff (e.g. non-compliance situations, special monitoring needed for sensitive areas including but not limited to biologists, archaeologists) to assess damage and/or ensure compliance. In such cases, the Owner/Applicant shall comply with P&D recommendations to bring the project into compliance. The decision of the Director of P&D shall be final in the event of a dispute. Monthly invoices shall be paid by the due date noted on the invoice;
 - c. Note the following on each page of grading and building plans “This project is subject to Condition & Mitigation Compliance Monitoring and Reporting. All aspects of project construction shall adhere to the approved plans, notes, and conditions of approval;
 - d. Contact P&D compliance staff at least two weeks prior to commencement of construction activities to schedule an on-site pre-construction meeting to be led by P&D Compliance Monitoring staff and attended by all parties deemed necessary by P&D, including the permit issuing planner, grading and/or building inspectors, other agency staff, and key construction personnel: contractors, sub-contractors and contracted monitors among others.
34. **Indemnity and Separation.** The Owner/Applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County or its agents or officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers or employees, to attack, set aside, void, or annul, in whole or in part, the County's approval of the Project. In the event that the County fails promptly to notify the Owner /Applicant of any such claim, action or proceeding, or that the County fails to cooperate fully in the defense of said claim, this condition shall thereafter be of no further force or effect.

35. **Time Extensions-All Projects.** The Owner/Applicant may request a time extension prior to the expiration of this Land Use Permit for development. The review authority with jurisdiction over the Project may, upon good cause shown, grant a time extension in compliance with County rules and regulations, which include reflecting changed circumstances and ensuring compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). If the Owner/Applicant requests a time extension for this Land Use Permit, this Land Use Permit may be revised to include updated language to standard conditions and/or mitigation measures and additional conditions and/or mitigation measures which reflect changed circumstances or additional identified Project impacts



Flood Control Development Checklist:

COSB Permit #, Project Name: **BUSY BEE'S ORGANICS INC. - AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS & HOOPS**
19LUP-00000-00188 (retroactive review for 18LUP-00000-00496)

Location (Address): **Buellton (1180 Hwy 246)** APN (Acreage): **099-240-072 (62.45)**

SB County Planner: **Gwen Beyeler (Sarah Marshall)**

Project Architect: **541 Architecture Inc**

	YES	NO	N/A
1. Is the property in a SFHA? Zone AE Floodway, AE, A, X	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	~
2. Is the property in a Special Problems Area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	~
3. Is the property in the NPDES permitting area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	~
4. Any FC easements on the property?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	~
5. Any nearby drainage infrastructure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Do the plans show sufficient contours to provide a district approved TOB?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Is any proposed work within the 200' setback from TOB?	?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Are there any nearby creeks, if so state here: Santa Ynez River (Solvang Reach)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTES:

18LUP-00000-00496 - The applicant, Busy Bee's Organics, requests a Land Use Permit to allow for 22 acres of outdoor, open field cannabis cultivation, outdoor cultivation within 11,200 square feet of five existing hoop structures, and mixed-light cultivation and a nursery within 2,700 square feet of an existing greenhouse. There is an existing 2,960 square foot main residence (not cannabis related), an existing 1,008 square foot manager's residence (not cannabis related), an existing 1,344 square foot garage (not cannabis related), an existing 768 square foot garage (not cannabis related), and an existing 3,000 square foot agricultural storage building (not cannabis related). The applicant also requests permitting of an existing 2,700 square foot greenhouse, a 240 square foot agricultural storage building (not cannabis related), two 320 square foot connex storage buildings, and 11,200 square feet of five existing hoop structures. Fifteen new parking

spaces are proposed, of which three shall be designated for ridesharing. The operation employs eight full-time workers, three of which live onsite year-round. There will be a maximum of 20-24 employees during peak harvest time. Hours of operation will be from 7AM to 4:30PM, Monday through Saturday.

19LUP-00000-00188 - Request on behalf of Busy Bee's Organics (operator) to allow the addition of two, 3000 square foot metal agricultural structures and the use of approximately 800,000 square feet of hoop structures. The ag buildings & hoops along with the previously permitted 2,700 square foot greenhouse, two 320 square foot Connex storage buildings and 11,200 square feet hoop structures will be utilized for a permitted cannabis cultivation operation (18LUP-00000-00496). The proposed ag buildings will be a maximum height of 20 feet, the hoops will have a maximum height of 10 feet. The site is developed with a 2,960 square foot main residence, a 1,008 square foot manager's residence, a 1,344 square foot garage, a 768 square foot garage, a 3,000 square foot agricultural storage building and a 240 square foot agricultural storage building. These structures are not a part of the cannabis operation or premise. The cannabis operation requires eight full-time workers, three of which live onsite year-round. There will be a maximum of 20-24 employees during peak harvest time. Hours of operation will be from 7AM to 4:30PM, Monday through Saturday.

Conditions to be noted in Accela since no formal Condition Letter required:
Flood Control

1. Recommendation that all structures will be outside the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
2. Requirements on Plans
 - a. Show lines outlining each FEMA SFHA Zones AE Floodway, AE, and A
 - b. Overlaid flood hazard areas will confirm if the 2 new 3000sf greenhouses are in/out of SFHA
 - i. If outside SFHA, then no conditions
 - ii. If inside SFHA, then compliance with Codes 15A & 15B will apply
 1. Flood resistant materials for construction below BFE+2ft
 2. Elevation of all equipment/utilities to be at minimum BFE+2ft
 3. Proper anchoring of all equipment/utilities
 4. Flood openings per Code 15A
 5. Floor plan of greenhouse to be approved
 6. Elevation Certificates based on final construction per structure with \$40 fee/EC
3. 4 (E) Ag structures built in 2018 appear to be in 200ft setback from Top of Bank (TOB) of Santa Ynez River (Solvang Reach), which is Non-Compliant with Code 15B
 - a. Required topographic survey signed by professional land surveyor or professional civil engineer showing TOB and line delineating the 200ft setback
 - b. No development within the 200ft setback with the exception of the hoop structures will be approved by Flood Control
 - c. Proposed hoop structures per plans dated 05/15/2019 are approved by Flood Control
4. Not required: Pre vs Post runoff discharge rate/drainage study

Project Clean Water

Project Clean Water will have no conditions for permit 19LUP-00000-00188. Scope of work is located outside of NPDES area. All new structures per plans dated 05/15/2019 have less than 0.5 acre impervious surface.