



## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Wilson, Assistant Director, Planning and Development Department

DATE: March 17, 2020

RE: Busy Bee's Organics Cannabis Cultivation Appeal,  
Case Nos. 19APL-00000-00030 & 19APL-00000-00031

During the March 17, 2020, hearing, your Board indicated support for the Project as revised by the Applicant. The Board directed staff to work with the Applicant to make revisions to the Project Description in order to reflect the Project revisions made by the Applicant: reflect a total of 22-acres of cannabis cultivation, of which a maximum 5-acres would remain under hoop structures; and prohibit hoop structures in Areas A and B, as depicted on Sheet A103 of the project plans. The revised Project Description has been incorporated into Attachment B to this memo (Conditions of Approval Revised March 17, 2020). Staff has also revised the findings, included as Attachment A to this memo and the CEQA Checklist, included as Attachment C to this memo, to reflect the updated Project Description.

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) appeal, staff recommends that your Board take the following actions to approve the project:

- 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 revised Proposed Project including California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings (included as Attachment B to this memo dated March 17, 2020);
- 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) (included as Attachment C to this memo dated March 17, 2020, and Attachment 11 to the Board Letter, dated March 17, 2020); and

- e) Grant *de novo* approval of the Project, modifying the decision of the Planning Commission, Case No. 18LUP-00000-00496 subject to the conditions of approval (Attachment B to this memo, dated March 17, 2020).

Attachments:

- A. Findings Revised March 17, 2020
- B. Conditions of Approval Revised March 17, 2020
- C. CEQA Checklist Revised March 17, 2020