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# Public Comment - Group 4

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**From:** County Executive Office  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 4:47 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** FW: June 2 Cannabis Hearing - read into public record

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Lazaro <mlazaro1231@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 3:49 PM  
To: County Executive Office <caoemail@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>; dwilliams@countysb.org; Hart, Gregg <gHart@countyofsb.org>; Hartmann, Joan <jHartmann@countyofsb.org>; Adam, Peter <peter.adam@countyofsb.org>; Lavagnino, Steve <steve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org>  
Subject: June 2 Cannabis Hearing - read into public record

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- > Dear Honorable Supervisors,
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- > I'm writing to express my support for cannabis farming in Carpinteria Valley. For the past two years, farms have been following the permitting process laid out in the county ordinance, which is equivalent to obtaining a Conditional Use Permit. Changing the process to individual CUPs by property now would only drag approvals out longer, further tax county staff and leave farmers wondering if they have support to continue to conduct business in our county, where they have made substantial investments. County enforcement of the current ordinance is the way to go and is more than adequate for a crop change on existing farms.
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- > Understandably, there were some reservations when crops began to change to cannabis a few years ago in Carpinteria. We had concerns about crime and scaring away tourists. Those concerns have not panned out. Until Covid-19, life in Carpinteria was business as usual. In fact, according to city reports, hotel occupancy was the highest ever in 2018, and Carpinteria was the only community in the county that had its crime rate decline in 2019. Agriculture is the top employer in Carpinteria Valley, and taxes from cannabis farms are needed now more than ever to back-fill losses to the county.
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- > When we saw shelter-in-place orders come down in March, local cannabis farmers were the first to step up in the community. They have led the charge to support the food insecure, small businesses and nonprofits. As a local resident familiar with the pulse of the Carpinteria community, I see that public opinion now -- as opposed to two years ago -- is solidly behind cannabis farming, because we've experienced it being a continuation of farming in Carpinteria. It belongs here. These farms need support, or we could squander an opportunity to secure the local ag sector into the future and our small town character along with it.
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- > On a personal note, when I suffered a head injury from a fall years ago, symptoms included debilitating headaches. Cannabis as a medicine has been the only thing that has provided relief. In addition to all the dialogue about whether cannabis can fit in with our community, I'd like to see county leaders acknowledge this importance as a way to de-

stigmatize the plant, because it saves people lives. This perspective helps us realize we are no longer talking about cannabis as a plant we have been taught to fear.

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> Thank you for your consideration and for your support of farmers in a community that relies on agriculture.

Mike Lazaro, Carpinteria

Sent from my smart phone please excuse any typos

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**From:** County Executive Office  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 4:48 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** FW: June 2 Cannabis Hearing. Please Read into the Public Record  
**Attachments:** Letter from Jason Rodriguez Cannabis Support Letter.pdf

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**From:** Jason Rodriguez  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 4:44 PM  
**To:** County Executive Office ; Williams, Das ; Hart, Gregg ; Hartmann, Joan ; Adam, Peter ; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Subject:** June 2 Cannabis Hearing. Please Read into the Public Record

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**June 2 Cannabis Hearing. Please read attached letter into the Public Record.**

Thank you.

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



May 29 2020

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

As a Carpinteria resident, parent, and restaurant owner, I believe cannabis farming belongs here and the farmers have proven they are not just responsible but integral community members. What other group or businesses have stepped up in the community the way that cannabis farmers have during this crisis?

The item before you today -- making cannabis permitting conditional use -- would only further delay what has already been a rigorous planning process on farms that could grow anything else without scrutiny. It seems to me the discussion is about whether or not cannabis farmers belong in Carpinteria. They most certainly do. I don't know what we would do without them.

Please support cannabis farmers, apply the strict standards in the cannabis ordinance and allow the Carpinteria ag sector -- the area's top employer -- to succeed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason Rodriguez".

JASON RODRIGUEZ

CO-OWNER/CFO

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**From:** Bobbie Offen <bobbieo@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:49 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Subject:** PLEASE READ INTO THE RECORD

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I fully support the unanimous recommendation of the Planning Commission to require a CUP for ALL cannabis cultivation projects in both the inland and coastal areas of Santa Barbara County. My reasons parallel those put forth by the Santa Barbara Coalition for Responsible Cannabis.

1. Conditional Use Permits were designed to protect the interests of a neighborhood when a group applies for a County Land Use Permit. Without the CUP process, neighborhoods are being held hostage and excluded from the decision process when the compatibility with the neighborhood is questionable.
2. Conditional Use Permits ensure that the public has access to documents, and that there is a public hearing regarding the application. Currently, the Cannabis Ordinance governing Land Use Permits for cannabis cultivation in Santa Barbara County, was drafted with NO public input and public hearings are only held if paid for by complainants. The Ordinance does not protect the rights of County residents, and it is lacking in the ability to enforce compliance.
3. A Conditional Use Permit provides greater authority for the County to customize, enforce, and prevent abuse of regulations imposed by the weak Cannabis Ordinance.

I have lived in the Carpinteria Valley for 34 years, and prior to that taught at Carpinteria High School. For 31 of those years, I was proud to say I live here. For the last 3 years, it has been a nightmare.

Please REQUIRE A CUP FOR ALL CANNABIS OPERATIONS IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY.

THANK YOU

BOBBIE OFFEN

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**From:** Dawn Schofield <fourhounddepot@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 9:44 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Cannibas Ordinance Meeting June 2nd

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Dear Supervisors,

I'm writing to support conditional use permits for all cannabis grows but want to **further urge** you to PROHIBIT cannabis grows in ANY EDRN, property adjacent to EDRN, or accessed via roadways in an EDRN.

Living in Tepusquet Canyon we recognize the importance of safety for all our residences. We are remote, with limited roadway access for any emergency personal such as fire equipment or law enforcement. Our mountainous remote location is in a high fire hazard area and the narrow, single-access, steep and windy roadways limit our own evacuation efforts and emergency response time. The industrial-scale cannabis operations are not appropriate or safe for our community or communities like ours. Please consider the safety of us, the residences, that live daily in these areas above the commercial interest of the cannabis industry!

Respectfully,  
Dawn Schofield

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**From:** jstassinos@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 10:05 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** CUP for Cannabis - Please Read into the Record

**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.**

To: The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

As a resident of Santa Barbara County for 29 years, I am very interested in:

Requiring a Conditional Use Permit for all Cannabis Growers/Operators

Controlling the proliferation of cannabis being grown in Carpinteria and the proximity of these grows to local schools and residences.

Large buffers between the cannabis grow sites, especially along the urban-rural boundaries, and nearby schools and residences.

Similarly zoned parcels, for example Agricultural 1 in the Coastal Zone, being given the same protections as those in the Inland areas.

Per parcel caps on the amount of acreage of cannabis that can be grown on a single parcel due to the density of grow sites adjacent to one another, in addition to unlimited acreage, which when combined creates impacts that can only be addressed by placing additional limits on cannabis cultivation.

Requiring all cannabis cultivation to be located indoors and all accessory processing to be located in an area with a sealed carbon filtration system which would assist in controlling the malodorous odors Carpinterians, myself included, breath on a regular basis.

Thus, I respectfully request that you vote to require a Conditional Use Permit for all Cannabis Growers/Operators.

Sincerely,

Jill Stassinos  
1760 Ocean Oaks Rd.  
Carpinteria, Ca. 93013

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**From:** Sarah Trigueiro <sarah.trigueiro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 12:04 AM  
**To:** Williams, Das; Lavagnino, Steve; Hart, Gregg; Adam, Peter; Hartmann, Joan; sbcob  
**Subject:** PLEASE READ INTO THE RECORD

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Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you listen to the Planning Commission and move our County away from its destructive path toward becoming a narco-state, where regulations are window-dressings and neighbors the casualties of a small minority's greed. I know what that is like. I am a Mexican-American woman whose family is from Nogales, Mexico. It is no exaggeration to say that the marijuana and drug industry enveloped the town like a cancer and choked all things that made it good.

I live in Carpinteria and am now watching history repeat itself on a more American capitalist wavelength. We may not have violence or explicit corruption, but we have operations in the shadows of laws that the County seems bent on tying itself into knots trying to enforce. There are lots of excuses, but when I see the County continue to certify provisional licenses to the State, it reminds me of all those tunnels beneath the Sonoran desert, letting the drugs on through.

Please reconsider your differential zoning treatment for Ag-1-20 acre and under parcels in the Coastal Zone and implement density controls across the County. Please approve the Planning Commission's unanimous recommendation to require CUPs for all cannabis grows and take this through the Coastal Commission review process. CUPs can help protect EDRNs, food farmers and vitners from the horrible incompatible use issues that have plagued us for years, now jeopardizing the respiratory health of our elderly residents even as we face a pandemic.

Sarah Mascareñas-Trigueiro



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**From:** Leigh Johnson <rlj.leigh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:29 AM  
**To:** sbcob; sbcob  
**Subject:** BOS 6-2-2020 CUP Hearing  
**Attachments:** 6-2-2020 CUP Hearing BOS^.pdf

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Please distribute and place on file for county hearing 6-2-2020

Thank you,  
Leigh Johnson  
Cebada Canyon

May 28,2020

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your time and consideration of the CUP process to be implemented on all cannabis permits. Through the many meetings of January-March we had the opportunity commence in public hearings with the planning commissioners and work on a process that would benefit the residents - farmers of the un-incorporated County . We appreciate the careful consideration and in depth research by the commissioners. The goal to establish a uniform policy for cannabis permitting will ultimately speed up the process. Precedents not necessarily need to be set on every case. Each case will or won't have its particular appeal to the findings; but a path can be laid out to give a form of guidance to those involved.

By giving the surrounding area the ability to learn about a project, and raise questions and concerns to staff and the Planning Commission the process transcends. Having CUP's will afford the county with information needed to properly determine what is ideal or not. We applaud the decision to make CUPS required on all projects since it would give all parties a framework to follow and a clearer understanding to those involved. The CUP process would give power to the board to mitigate projects to fit the surroundings and limit industrial grows in unacceptable areas. The CUP framework is a tool for the county and neighbors alike and not just EDRN neighborhoods. The clear findings would provide the steps to navigate through the daunting process and give the county control. Transparency is paramount in the cannabis revolution but responsibility is key in the success of the County. Some of the owner/applicants inundated in shell companies with different intentions than what is being revealed is an issue. The ability to stop a huge grow or prohibit an industrial building from being built in an unsuited area is important to the long term success of the community and County. We must remember many giant corporations are preparing themselves for the allowed entry in California. 'Big alcohol', 'big tobacco', the "too big" to enforce companies like Monsanto are posturing themselves for an entry into California's growth spaces with their GMO Cannabis being perfected in India as we speak. If we have no control over size, the industrialist giants will seek their fortune while hiding their identity under the paper companies and piggy backing on the so called mom and pop grows. The CUP process can protect the county and surrounding residents- farmers from being pounced on by industrial powerhouses.

Neighborhood Compatibility. "The proposed project will not be detrimental to the comfort, convenience, general welfare, health, and safety of the neighborhood and will be compatible with the surrounding area." This is key and protects the little nooks and crannies, winding canyons and small towns of the county that can't handle industrial grows.

My grandma once told me "This is God's country; we live in paradise". She just turned 91 last week. She lived on Santa Rosa road in her 20's and a few years later moved a couple miles down the road on Hwy 1; where she has lived ever since.. She knows "God's Country" and farmed /ranchd on it for 50 plus years. She said..."Hang onto it; it's becoming fewer and farther between."

We urge the Board to follow the recommendations of the Planning Commission and require all cannabis cultivation projects in all zones and all areas to secure a Conditional Use Permit. Please help us protect the few and far between.

In all sincerity,

Leigh Johnson —Cebada Canyon

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**From:** Jeff <jeffmekala@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 7:08 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** CUP requirement and total prohibition of commercial cannabis in EDRNs.

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Regarding cannabis and the upcoming June 2 meeting:

I support the county-wide Conditional Use Permit (CUP) requirement and I request the total prohibition of commercial cannabis in EDRNs.

Jeffrey E Ehram

2936 Tepusquet Road

Santa Maria, CA 93454

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**From:** Karen Callanan <kycallanan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 7:38 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Cannabis

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**PLEASE READ INTO THE RECORD for BOS Hearing on June 2, 2020 on Revision of Cannabis Ordinance. THIS LETTER TEXT IS LESS THAN 250 WORDS – THANK YOU.**

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May 29, 2020

Honorable Supervisors:

As a resident/taxpayer, we write to request that Conditional Use Permits (CUP's) are the right choice for all SBC communities:

1. Neighborhood compatibility. The main objection to cannabis cultivation in certain areas is incompatibility with surrounding land uses. CUP's can include conditions to limit adverse impacts to adjacent/downwind neighbors, including odor abatement and pesticide controls. Currently, LUP's being used do not consider the project's compatibility with neighborhoods.
2. Transparent Public Process. LUPs are issued behind closed doors by the Planning Director with limited public access to documents, no public review process or public hearing. CUP's are issued by the Planning Commission – not staff. Project documents are posted and the Planning Commission holds public hearings to review proposed projects and hear from the public.
3. Authority to mitigate impacts. According to the County Attorney, under LUP's, the County has limited authority to reduce project size or require enhanced impact mitigation. This limited authority recently prevented the BOS from reducing the size of the West Coast project when the reduction was supported by the applicant! CUP's provide much greater authority for the County to customize cannabis projects to avoid deleterious effects and protect the environment.

Cannabis is legal in California and Santa Barbara County, but cannot coexist without rules. A CUP requirement will help SBC set rules which are reasonable and effective for the cannabis industry and sustainable for communities.

Thank you for voting to amend the ordinance and require CUP's for all cannabis cultivation projects.

**Karen Callanan**  
**Foothill Community**

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**From:** Villalobos, David  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 7:58 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to the Board  
**Attachments:** Letter to Board 5.29.20.pdf

**From:** jack motter  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 7:29 AM  
**To:** Villalobos, David  
**Cc:** jeffrey kramer  
**Subject:** Letter to the Board

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Hello Mr. Villalobos,

Please see attached letter for the record and to distribute to the Supervisors.

Thanks and please confirm receipt.

Jack Motter  
Ellwood Canyon Farms  
email: [jackmotter@ellwoodcanyonfarms.com](mailto:jackmotter@ellwoodcanyonfarms.com)  
cell: (805)448-7619  
physical: 286 Winchester Canyon Rd., Goleta, Ca 93117  
mailing: PO Box 1322, Goleta Ca 93116

# **ELLWOOD CANYON FARMS**

286 Winchester Canyon Rd., Goleta CA 93117

May 29, 2020

Honorable Supervisor Gregg Hart, Chair  
County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors  
105 East Anapamu St.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: 6/2/2020 Agenda Item 7. Planning and Development - Consider recommendations regarding the County Planning Commission

Supervisor Hart and Board:

We both come from longstanding agricultural families and have been farming organic vegetables in Goleta for the last 10 years. As much as we have loved this line of work it has been very challenging economically. Our entire farm team was filled with hope and excitement for a new crop and opportunity when cannabis was legalized in 2016.

We are proud of our county supervisors and planning staff for creating such a progressive and forward-thinking land use ordinance for cannabis farming. With the passing of the ordinance in 2018 we felt for the first time we had an opportunity to obtain economic stability and have confidence our farming operation in the Goleta foothills would stay viable for the long run.

On April 9, 2019, we submitted our application for a Land Use Permit to farm cannabis and have since been going thru the process. This has been quite an experience navigating the ever-changing requirements for approval, and we are currently on our third re-submission. Each deficiency letter brings up new items and details that planning staff is asking for, ultimately costing us tens of thousands of dollars and countless hours to engage the professionals needed to supply this information. In addition, quite a few of these asks are not part of the existing regulations in the ordinance for AG II zoned properties. This dance seems unfair and is getting frustrating.

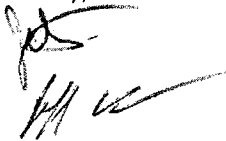
We are now nervous that this ordinance will be amended in ways that deteriorate this opportunity and we hope that our extensive investment into this permit will not have been wasted time and money. It would be a shame for both our farm as well as the county to miss out on this economic opportunity. This is especially true at such a critical moment with the COVID-19 crisis, when our economy can use any and all stimulus possible.

There is a lot of fear-based rhetoric surrounding this issue. We would hate to see such a good opportunity deteriorate based on unfounded fears and hypotheticals, with little respect given to existing facts. There is much to learn about the upside in the marketplace with this new crop, and yet we do understand, like with most anything, there are some potential issues. However, we feel the current ordinance addresses these issues well. We plead it be given a chance to function before it is amended further.

Requiring CUPs on all properties, large or small, would be a game-changer for us. It seems very unfair this late in the process to go back to and require CUPs. The time and cost it would take to resubmit as a CUP without any operations would be detrimental to us economically. If this path is chosen, there would be a good chance we would not be able to financially survive this prolonged delay and be forced to forfeit.

We want, and deserve, a clear road to compliance and operations and feel strongly this ordinance needs to be given a chance as is. Farming has always been challenging economically and only seems to be getting more challenging all the time. If the county wants Ag lands to remain zoned Ag, it should support a diversity of crop types and be open to allowing new alternatives such as cannabis to help keep farms viable. We hear and respect public concerns that cannabis farming projects will "ruin" their bucolic Goleta foothills. The irony in this is: if the community wants Goleta Valley's foothills to stay bucolic Ag and open space, vs development potential, permitting a cannabis project would be the best way to ensure this vibe remains. I imagine this holds true in other areas of the county as well.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Jack Motter and Jeffrey Kramer.

Jack Motter and Jeffrey Kramer  
Ellwood Canyon Farms

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**From:** Kathy Grimes <kmzgrimes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 8:10 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Cannabis Grows

**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.**

Good Morning,

I live in Tepusquet Canyon and am writing to let you know I support the conditional use permits for all cannabis grows. I am urging you to prohibit cannabis grows in any EDRN, adjacent to an EDRN or accessed utilizing roadways in an EDRN.

The lives of all residents in the canyon have changed dramatically since the cannabis growers have come into the canyon. The roads are much more dangerous with the large trucks hauling who knows what are driving much faster than is safe and taking up most of the road. The lack of consideration for the residents is apparent with generators running non stop - creating a hazard - potentially starting a fire.

We are a remote community with limited access to fire, medical and police assistance. This is not how we should have to live. Please put our safety above the cannabis grower and require CUP's for all cannabis grows and prohibit grows in EDRN's.

Thank you,

Kathleen M. Grimes



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**From:** Carla Singer <cupcake977@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 9:15 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** PLEASE READ INTO THE RECORD.....Fwd: Conditional use permit of Cannabis

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carla Singer  
To: sbcob@countyofsb.org  
Sent: Fri, May 29, 2020 12:09 pm  
Subject: Conditional use permit of Cannabis

To the Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident of Carpinteria and am writing to urge you to put in place basic regulations that will ensure that cannabis operations cannot continue unregulated.

Our county needs oversight and transparency to ensure the safety and health of our community.

The smell and noxious fumes are dangerous to all of us and my asthma flares us constantly. The children in the school and neighborhood are being subjected to air that is not compatible with their growth and development.

Please rectify this situation.

Yours truly,

Carla Singer  
Toro Canyon resident.

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**From:** rebecca@ampeloscellars.com  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 9:21 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** need to fix the cannabis land use ordinance

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The Cannabis Land Use Ordinance needs to be amended where they must get a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and require odor abatement. There has been little control on them and the smell they are generating destroys the beauty of SB.

Rebecca Work  
805-736-9957  
Ampeloscellars.com

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**From:** Oliver Williams <oliverbw3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 9:22 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** County-wide CUP requirement

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Hello,

I am a resident of Colson/Tepusquet Canyon and strongly urge the county to adopt a county-wide CUP requirement and total prohibition of commercial cannabis in EDRNs. I am a supporter and (occasional) user of cannabis, but see the lack of proper regulation and zoning on the commercial cannabis industry in Santa Barbara County as irresponsible and nonsensical. Please consider adopting the CUP requirement and prohibiting commercial cannabis production in EDRNs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** Peggy Brierton <pbrierton1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 9:35 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** In support of Amendment Changes to Cannabis Zoning Ordinance

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Chair Hart and Supervisors,

I am in full support of both of the changes recommended by the Planning Commission.

1. Conditional Use Permit for all cannabis cultivation activities on agriculturally-designated lands, and
2. Oder abatement plans for all cultivation and processing.

Respectfully,

Peggy Brierton  
Buellton Resident

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**From:** Barak Moffitt <filmosound@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 10:02 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment for Jun 2 BOS meeting

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Honorable Supervisors,

We are writing to support conditional use permits for all cannabis grows, but further to urge you to prohibit cannabis grows in any EDRN, adjacent to an EDRN, or accessed via roadways in an EDRN. Our family resides in Tepusquet Canyon. We recognize and support the importance of evaluating land use compatibility, impact mitigation, and transparent public process when it comes to all cannabis farming in our county. However, industrial-scale cannabis in EDRN's like ours is not a matter of not-in-by-backyard, but a matter of life and limb for our community, which is remote from emergency services such as fire and law enforcement, is a mountainous, high fire hazard area. It has only a single-access, narrow, steep, and blind-curved road as our only means of access to our residences, for first responders and law enforcement, and for evacuation. There is no mitigation for such realities.

CUP's are not adequate protection for EDRN's like ours, where the current permissive licensing process which has introduced still-expanding large scale cannabis operations in our canyon *have already resulted in loss of life, property and utility damage, and critical injury*. There are far safer and more appropriate places to introduce this kind of industry than Tepusquet Canyon and similar EDRN's with one ingress and egress.

The County needs to put the safety and health of its residents above the commercial interests of the cannabis industry.

Please require CUP's for all cannabis grows and prohibit grows in EDRN's.

Sincerely,

The Moffitt Family.

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**From:** Joan <joan@dosgatos.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 10:44 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** June 2 BOS meeting regarding cannabis cultivation

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Board of Supervisors,

At your June 2 meeting please vote to **approve** the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission's recommendation for restrictions for cannabis cultivation in Goleta (770 Winchester).

My husband and I have lived in the San Miguel subdivision in Winchester Canyon for more than 20 years. Contrary to how opposition has labeled us as NIMBYs, we are simply appealing to authorities to protect our semi-rural quality of life, especially for children, and to not experience the health issues that residents elsewhere in the county, particularly Carpinteria, are having to contend. We are not attempting to stop growers from cultivating cannabis. We are only trying to reach a reasonable compromise. The planning commission has examined the issues and we hope that you will vote to approve its recommendations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Joan and Anthony Galvan**

252 Old Ranch Drive  
Goleta

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**From:** laura.jewett <lcjo213@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 10:56 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please support CUP

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Dear Supervisors,

We're writing to express our support for the county-wide CUP requirement and for the total prohibition of commercial cannabis in EDRNs. Please prohibit all commercial cannabis in EDRNs, on parcels adjacent to EDRNs, or accessed solely via roadways in an EDRN.

Thank you,

Laura and Rory O'Reilly

(Property owners on Blazing Saddles Rd, off Tepusquet Cyn)

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**From:** Rick Grimm <rick@BluePacificBio.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 10:57 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Rick Grimm; 'Aurora Grimm'  
**Subject:** For reading into record -Tuesday June 2, 2020 BoS meeting agenda item Nr: 7  
**Attachments:** June 2 letter to BoS.pdf

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To the Clerk of the Board,

Can you please read the attached letter into the record for Item 7 of the June 2 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Kind regards,

Rick & Aurora Grimm



Clerk of the Board County Santa Barbara, Board of Supervisors  
105 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**To be read into the record for Item number 7 for the June 2 meeting.**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

We are writing to urge your support of the Planning Commission's recommendations to require both a CUP for cannabis cultivation and on-site processing on AG-II parcels, and countywide odor control. Like the Planning Commission and the many members of our community that participated in the four public hearings on these issues, we are concerned about the impact that cannabis cultivation projects will have on our existing farming operations, and the cumulative impacts of odors on wineries and tasting rooms. We support these the Planning Commission's recommendations as they will give the County the necessary authority and discretion to tailor cannabis projects, taking into account size, concentration, and impacts to neighboring uses, including food agriculture and nearby tasting rooms.

As community members, we recognize this is not the first time a new industry has sought to make our County their home. We welcome these new industries, but like it has in the past, the Board should ensure sufficient oversight and thoughtful planning to facilitate integration of this new industry into our community without negatively impacting other industries. It is clear the current process for permitting cannabis operations has resulted in cannabis threatening our existing industries, rather than integrating into our community. The County's current "one size fits all" land use permitting structure has unfortunately facilitated this imbalance. A CUP for all cannabis projects will return the balance by promoting fairness and accountability in the permitting and approval process for all community members.

Kind regards,

Rick & Aurora Grimm  
Owners  
Grimm's Bluff Vineyard

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Kurt Ammann <kurt@melvillewinery.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 11:04 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** FW: Board of Supervisors Meeting Tuesday, June 2nd @ 9am

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**From:** Kurt Ammann [mailto:kurt@melvillewinery.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** 'sbcob@countyofsb.org.'  
**Cc:** 'Chad Melville'  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors Meeting Tuesday, June 2nd @ 9am

Please read this into the record of the meeting Tuesday June 2, 2020

Dear Distinguished Board of Supervisors;

The Melville Family and all of our team members would like to please ask that you make a much needed amendment to the Cannabis ordinance. We have been growing grapes organically and making wines in Sta. Rita Hills since 1997. We have seen many changes over the years but none so drastic or with such a negatively impact as the Cannabis Ordinance. We understand a change to the ordinance needs to be easy and quick to implement. Respecting the Board of Supervisor's needs, we strongly recommended that CUP's be required for all cannabis projects. We thank you for considering our request.

Kind Regards-

The Melville Family and Team

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**From:** Russell Edwards <russell.edwards@lmusd.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 11:24 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Russell Edwards  
**Subject:** Support for County Wide CUP Requirement

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

This is an email stating my support for a county-wide CUP requirement and for total prohibition of commercial cannabis in EDRN's.

My wife, son and I live on Colson Canyon Road (off of Tepusquet Canyon). It is a one way ingress and egress, one lane, dirt road that is not maintained by the county. This area of the canyon is a high fire hazard zone area and quite a ways out from fire services and law enforcement. Additionally, all of us have our own wells and pump ground water for our water supply.

Although it may seem that allowing commercial marijuana growers to grow in very rural areas such as ours is a good idea (out of sight, out of mind), large, industrial grows in an area like ours (for all of the reasons listed above and many others) increases the potential threat to the well-beings of our homes and lives.

I hope that you will consider these things, as you deliberate and ultimately vote on this issue.

Sincerely,

Russ and Melony Edwards

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**From:** Susan Phelps <susandstevens@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 11:39 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** BOS Mtg June 2, 2020

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SUBJECT: Please distribute to be read at BOS meeting June 2, 2020.

Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your time. I am asking that you support the Planning Commission's recommendation to utilize Conditional Use Permits, thereby amending the current cannabis ordinance. Amending is imperative due to the fast and ever-changing cannabis environment.

Cannabis applicants will argue a CUP would cost them more and be more time-consuming. They would be right. However, the time and money spent up front with a CUP would in no way compare to the time and money involved reorganizing and restructuring their grow to comply with various overlooked ordinances. They also risk serious litigation as they negatively affect surrounding neighbors, businesses and the environment.

It's common knowledge this is a lucrative crop. Many applicants will, unfortunately, have only the vision of prosperity in their minds, disregarding any effect on environment, community or surrounding businesses. CUP's give the County greater authority to regulate cannabis projects thus avoiding detrimental effects to neighbors, businesses and land. The current County Land Use Permits DO NOT consider whether a cannabis project would be compatible with its surrounding neighborhood. This will inevitably lead to problems down the road and headaches for the County.

Rampant, unchecked cannabis growth lowers property values and inhibits tourism. One only needs to look at various regions of the state of Colorado to see the serious need for regulation. I'm hoping the beautiful County of Santa Barbara can learn from the unfortunate mistakes of many Colorado communities.

This current situation on our Central Coast reminds me of when I personally lived in South Lake Tahoe. The community was aware of the fact any runoff from the entire Tahoe basin would eventually lead to the lake. This would lower its famed crystal clarity, hence, the "Keep Tahoe Blue" stickers often seen on vehicle windows. The ordinances are there to protect what the area cherishes most, the Lake.

The decisions being made right now will affect the Central Coast for years to come. Let's make the right ones.

Thank you,  
Susan Stevens

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**From:** Claire Wineman <claire.wineman@grower-shipper.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 11:46 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** June 2-Item D7 re Cannabis Ordinance Amendments-to be read into the record

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Good morning,

We would like to respectfully request that the following be read into the record for June 2, 2020 Item D7 regarding the Cannabis Ordinance Amendments:

“On behalf of the Grower-Shipper Association of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Board’s consideration of ordinance amendments related to cannabis cultivation.

Based on the best information we have available and the experience of members growing near hemp and/or cannabis, at this time we continue to believe that cannabis and hemp are not similarly situated and remain fundamentally incompatible with other forms of agriculture.

However, a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process would allow for the review of the individual circumstances of a location. The CUP should include a binding provision to release agricultural parties exercising good farming practices in compliance with local, state, and federal laws from liability as a binding condition of the land use permitting process since in practice we are not seeing this resolved amicably through neighborly discussions and agreements.”

Thank you,  
Claire

**Claire Wineman**  
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**From:** Stephen Wiley <stephenwileylawyersb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 12:04 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Jerry Pelton; Ron Caird; O HG  
**Subject:** June 2nd BOS Meeting - Agenda Item No. 7  
**Attachments:** Board Letter final final - June 2nd .pdf

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Dear Clerk of the Board:

Please include the attached letter from the More Mesa homeowners group to the Board of Supervisors regarding Agenda Item No. 7 on next Tuesday's Board of Supervisors' meeting agenda regarding consideration of possible amendments to the County's ordinances regulating the cultivation of commercial cannabis.

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May 29, 2020  
Via email only  
Clerk of the Board  
Santa Barbara County  
[sbcob@countyofsb.org](mailto:sbcob@countyofsb.org)

Chair Gregg Hart and Board Members  
Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara  
105 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, California 93101

**Re: June 2, 2020 Board Meeting Agenda Discussion – Agenda Item No. 7:**  
Consideration of Planning Commission recommended ordinances to amend the Santa Barbara County LUDC and Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Article II) to implement new development standards and permit requirements regarding certain commercial cannabis activities.

Dear Chairman Hart, Board Members, and Clerk of the Board:

We are writing as a representatives of the More Mesa Homeowners Group – an association of 21 concerned home and property owners who live and work within the Eastern Goleta Valley area of the Santa Barbara County Coastal Zone. The More Mesa group strongly supports the County Planning Commission recommendations for amendments to the County’s Coastal Zone Ordinance (Article II, the “CZO”) as described in your Board Letter for the June 2, 2020 Board meeting and incorporated into the draft ordinances provided to you by the Planning and Development staff and the County Counsel’s office.

As your staff has described in detail in the Board Letter, at your request last July, the Planning Commission and County staff conducted a thorough and well-informed public discussion of possible strategies to mitigate the unintended and unanticipated consequences of the County’s initial efforts at regulating commercial cannabis operations within the agricultural zones of the County. At the completion of this process, the Commission was unanimous in support of a recommendation to improve the review methodology by imposing a CUP requirement on the cultivation of commercial cannabis. It is our view that such a CUP requirement will provide for an appropriate expansion of the public noticing of the County’s review of commercial cannabis applications and, in turn, allow the Commission (and, when necessary, the Board) to conduct a site-specific and detailed public review of commercial cannabis applications. Such a CUP process will thus allow the County to conditionally approve only those applications which appear to be capable of consistently and effectively mitigating the known adverse impacts from an

industrial and commercial use within what have otherwise traditionally been quiet and low-impact agriculturally zoned areas of Santa Barbara County.

However, we would also like to point out two incongruities which may have been overlooked in the recent reconsideration of the County's commercial cannabis regulations as follows:

- In July 2019, the Board acted to amend the LUDC to prohibit commercial cannabis cultivation on AG-I zoned lots of 20 acres or less within the “Inland” areas of the County. This amendment, of course, included the “Inland” AG-I areas of the Eastern Goleta Valley. For the same good reasons underlying the July 2019 amendment of the LUDC, we suggest that the current proposed amendment to the CZO (Article II) be revised to also include a prohibition of commercial cannabis operations on AG-I lots of 20 acres or less for those AG-I lots located within the coastal zone portions of the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan Area. This change would provide a logical consistency for cannabis cultivation on AG-I parcels within the entire Eastern Goleta Valley.
- We have noticed that many (including at times County staff) often incorrectly state that the 186 acre cap on commercial cannabis acreage is applicable to the entire County Coastal Zone when, in fact, it only applies to Areas A and B of the Carpinteria Agricultural Overlay District. [See CZO section 35-144U(D)(1)(a).] As a result, in order to remove most of this inconsistency, we suggest that the proposed CZO amendment be revised to apply the 186 acre cap to all AG-I zoned properties within the entire County Coastal Zone – a change which would be particularly protective of the existing sensitive land uses of the urban portions of the Eastern Goleta Valley but not otherwise impact the more rural AG-II zoned areas of the Gaviota coast.

Finally, your June 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Letter, while clearly indicating that those applicants who have already obtained final land use permits for a commercial cannabis operation will likely be considered to have “vested” rights if they have “conducted substantial work and incurred substantial liabilities in good faith reliance on the permits,” does not apparently address the situation of those applicants who are merely “in the pipeline.” As you know, given the lead time required for state Coastal Commission certification of any County amendments to the CZO, this uncertainty could easily become a difficult issue that the County will need to address sooner rather than later.

Consequently, we suggest that the concern be addressed now as part of this process and that the CZO ordinance be revised to make it clear that those applications currently in the review process for a CUP/CDP within the Coastal Zone will be subject to the June 2020 CZO amendments if the applicant has not obtained a County building permit for their cannabis cultivation project prior to the date of the Board resolution authorizing submittal of the CZO amendment to the state Coastal Commission.



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In closing, the More Mesa owners would like to express their appreciation to you for initiating this extensive public and staff reconsideration process. To us, your openness to public hearings on the concerns regarding the cultivation of cannabis in proximity to residential neighborhoods and other sensitive receptors and your willingness to reconsider the original County regulatory scheme in light of recent experience is a fine example of representative democracy.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions concerning our letter.

Sincerely,

Jerry Pelton,  
Ron Caird,  
Dr. Patricia A. Holden, Ph.D.,  
On behalf of the More Mesa  
Homeowners' Group

cc: More Mesa Homeowners Group  
More Mesa Shores HOA Board  
Lisa Plowman, Director, Planning & Development  
County Counsel's office  
Stephen P. Wiley, Esq.

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Linda Ekstrom <ekstrom@arts.ucsb.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 12:15 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** concernedcarpinterians@gmail.com  
**Subject:** In Favor of Conditional Use Permit for Commercial Cannabis

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Please Read this into the Record

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

It is clear that the cannabis industry has been given special treatment and this needs to stop as soon as possible.

I have lived in Carpinteria since the early seventies. Over 20 years ago my husband and I installed operable skylights to save energy and cool our home. For the last four years we have endured strong "skunk odor" from cannabis on an almost daily and nightly basis. We have had to keep our skylights tightly shut and we can no longer open our windows for fresh air or to cool our homes.

This is an untenable situation for residents to have to live under.

As a result, we have had to bear the cost of installing an air conditioner. I have also noticed more and more homes with air conditioners since the cannabis growers have been allowed to take over the vallery. This now adds greatly to a negative impact on the environment and global warming. Yet, even with an air conditioner the cannabis odor continues to seep into our home and cars. It also continues to permeate the outdoor air with a noxious smell so we no longer sit outside on our patio or in our courtyard.

I strongly support requiring CUPs on all commercial cannabis projects. This should be made retroactive for all existing growers to correct the special treatment they have been given at the expense of our community's health,well-being and livelihood.

Respectfully  
Linda Ekstrom  
1489 Manzanita Street  
Carpinteria, CA 93013

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**From:** Kendra O'Connor <sbunnys@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:04 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Hart, Gregg  
**Subject:** BOS Meeting 6/2/2020, Departmental Agenda Item 7, Hearing on Amendments to LUDC & Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance  
**Attachments:** BOS Meeting 6/2/2020, Departmental Agenda Item 7, Hearing on Amendments to LUDC & Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance

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Dear Chair Hart and Supervisors,

I am a lifelong resident of Santa Barbara County and a property owner living adjacent to rural agricultural lands in the Eastern Goleta Valley. Current cannabis zoning regulations fail to uphold the standards of review necessary to mitigate impacts to neighborhoods like mine, as well as impacts to existing agricultural operations. A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) should be required for ALL commercial cannabis operations, including nurseries.

Please follow the direction of your Planning Commission and make the required findings to amend the County's Land Use & Development Code (LUDC). Updating current cannabis zoning regulations, by requiring CUPs, will help preserve the quality of life for everyone living and working near agricultural lands in Santa Barbara County. There is a reason the cannabis industry does not want the requirement of a CUP for land use entitlements. According to the LUDC, by requiring a CUP, A review authority may impose any appropriate and reasonable conditions or require any redesign of the project as the review authority may deem necessary to protect the persons or property in the neighborhood, to preserve the neighborhood character, natural resources or scenic quality of the area, to preserve or enhance the public health, peace, safety and welfare, or to implement the purposes of this Development Code.

Former Deputy CEO Dennis Bozanich, who was instrumental in creating and implementing SB County's Cannabis Ordinance, had this to say during an interview with the *Santa Maria Sun*;

**"I don't know if places like Cebada or Tepusquet Canyon will ever be the same," he told *the Sun*. "They clearly are feeling impacted by traffic, noise, lights in the hills, all kinds of other stuff that really goes beyond anything traditionally that's occurred there."**

His comments highlight why site specific development review and public hearing requirements are necessary to ensure commercial cannabis operations will not be detrimental to existing neighborhoods and agriculture.

Thank you,

Kendra Duncan O'Connor  
President, San Antonio Creek HOA

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** PAUL EKSTROM <paulekstrom@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:09 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** concernedcarpinterians@gmail.com; info@sbcountycoalition.com  
**Subject:** June 2 Support for cannnabis CUP requirement.

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Please read into the Record.

Dear Supervisors, I urge you to support your Planning Commissioners and their staff's recommendations to require CUP's on cannabis projects in our county. For too long commercial growers have been given special treatment to do business here. I've heard the growers falsely claim that the odor problem is improved. It has not improved in Carpinteria Valley. Supervisor Williams lives just over 1000 feet from the nearest commercial operation, he says odor is no longer a problem. I live less than 100 feet from the same operation and I say odor is a major problem as do so many other Carpinteria residents.

I understand how important tax revenue is to our County. The growers have been given the benefit at the expense of our community's well-being. If CUP's are required the growers will survive and we will still have tax revenue. Please support CUP's on cannabis projects and give your community a fair chance to have the best county in the world.

Respectfully,

Paul Ekstrom

1489 Manzanita St.

Carpinteria, CA 93013

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**From:** Valerie Bentz <valeriebentz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:19 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; peter.adam@sountyofsb.org; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Cc:** CVA Board  
**Subject:** Mitigation of impacts of Cannabis growing on local communities

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board,

Please put in measures to mitigate effects of cannabis growing near residential areas in our communities.

As a resident of Carpinteria, we are one of the hardest hit areas as our neighborhoods run within yards of some of the growers.

We are tired of hearing about odor reduction systems that not only do not work but also put more allergens into our environment I cannot keep my windows open, must see an allergist regularly and get headaches for the effects of these cannabis operations.

Please for once take into consideration the effects on “sensitive receptors” such as humans.

Sincerely,

Valerie Bentz, Ph.D.  
Resident of Carpinteria

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Villalobos, David  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:33 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** FW: June 2 - BOS Must Require Cannabis CUPs and Protect Residents and Existing Agriculture

**From:** Robert Lesser <bobbyless@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:32 PM  
**To:** Villalobos, David <dvillalo@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>  
**Cc:** SB Coalition for Responsible Cannabis <info@sbcountycoalition.com>; Concerned Carpenterians <concernedcarpinterians@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** June 2 - BOS Must Require Cannabis CUPs and Protect Residents and Existing Agriculture

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Please read into the Record.

Dear Supervisors,

I urge you to support your Planning Commissioners **and their staff's recommendations to require CUP's on cannabis operations** in our County. We have long been plagued by many problems from this new crop. For too long, pot growers have been given special treatment to do business here, afforded to NO OTHER business or resident. This has to stop. WE are either a County of laws or not. It cannot be based on donations to Supervisor members from the billion-dollar-cannabis industry, which is how it appears to many. This is what happened in the 1960s with offshore oil drilling. Please do not repeat that sorry history of preferential treatment to special interests.

Some growers falsely claim that the odor problem is improved. It has not! - certainly not in Carpinteria Valley. Supervisor Das Williams lives over 1000 feet from a marijuana commercial operation, and he claims odor is no longer a problem. We live 1000 feet away from a grow and we can assure you it is a serious, continuous problem in this area- as do most Carpinteria residents.

The growers have been given the benefit at the expense of our community's well-being and our legacy agriculture. If CUP's are required the growers will survive and we will still have tax revenue. You must support CUP's on cannabis projects and give the residents and businesses here a fair chance to have the best county in the world.

Respectfully,

Robert Lesser

1720 Ocean Oaks Rd.

Carpinteria, CA 93013



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**From:** Donanne Hunter <donannerhunter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:40 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** re June 2, 2020 HEARING: CUPs

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May 29, 2020

Honorable Supervisors:

As a resident/taxpayer, I write to request that Conditional Use Permits (CUP's) are the right choice for all SBC communities:

1. **Neighborhood compatibility.** The main objection to cannabis cultivation in certain areas is incompatibility with surrounding land uses. CUP's can include conditions to limit adverse impacts to adjacent/downwind neighbors, including odor abatement and pesticide controls. Currently, LUP's being used do not consider the project's compatibility with neighborhoods.
2. **Transparent Public Process.** LUPs are issued behind closed doors by the Planning Director with limited public access to documents, no public review process or public hearing. CUP's are issued by the Planning Commission – not staff. Project documents are posted and the Planning Commission holds public hearings to review proposed projects and hear from the public.
3. **Authority to mitigate impacts.** According to the County Attorney, under LUP's, the County has limited authority to reduce project size or require enhanced impact mitigation. This limited authority recently prevented the BOS from reducing the size of the West Coast project when the reduction was supported by the applicant! CUP's provide much greater authority for the County to customize cannabis projects to avoid deleterious effects and protect the environment.

Cannabis is legal in California and Santa Barbara County, but cannot coexist without rules. A CUP requirement will help SBC set rules which are reasonable and effective for the cannabis industry and sustainable for communities.

**Thank you in advance for voting to amend the ordinance and require CUP's for all cannabis cultivation projects.**

Donanne Hunter

Santa Barbara 93111

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**From:** Rob Salomon <robb.salomon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:39 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Williams, Das; Adam, Peter; Hart, Gregg; Lavagnino, Steve; Hartmann, Joan  
**Subject:** Re: Agenda Item 20-00387 June 2, 2020 BOS meeting  
**Attachments:** RS Letter for 6-2 BOS Mtg V3.docx

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To: Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

Please find attached my letter regarding the captioned agenda item.

**PLEASE HAVE THE LETTER READ INTO THE RECORD AT THE  
MEETING**

Thank you---Rob Salomon

**PLEASE READ AT JUNE 2, 2020 BOS MEETING**

To: Board of Supervisors

May 28, 2020

Legal Nonconforming Use (LNU) was formulated to mitigate unfairness to LNU claimants & ensure fairness to the neighborhood in which the use exists. Because LNU status is an exception to zoning regulations meant to protect neighborhoods, LNU designation is tightly constrained & the CA Supreme Court has assigned the burden of proof to the LNU claimant & classified the evidentiary hearing as a non-waivable, due process issue.

The SBC cannabis ordinance has relied overwhelmingly on the concept of LNU. **LNU status was used not as a disfavored exception designed to ensure fairness; it was used as the vehicle to secretly & without verification benefit the cannabis industry with valuable entitlements.**

SBC's cannabis regulations also rely on Land Use Permits (LUP):

1. LUP affords the public limited access to documents, no public review process or hearing. Issuance decisions are made privately. Conditional Use Permits (CUP) offer transparency prior to an issuance decision.
2. LUP allows no consideration of project compatibility with the neighborhood. CUP does.
3. CUP, unlike LUP, allows customization of projects to mitigate impacts.

In Carpinteria Valley, 328 state licenses (26% of SBC total) have issued on 25 parcels:

1. 88% of these parcels operate under claim of Legal Nonconforming Use;
2. **The public was excluded totally from meaningful participation in every LNU determination & in every state license issuance; it is minimally included in the LUP process.**

CUPs for all commercial cannabis operations will enable the public to meaningfully participate in & influence the evolution of its community.

Respectfully---Rob Salomon, Carpinteria

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** ginbliss@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:43 PM  
**To:** sbcob; ghart@countyofsb.org. dwilliams@countyofsb.org; Hartmann, Joan;  
peter.adams@countyofsb.org; steve.lavagnnino@countyofsb.org  
**Subject:** CUP for Cannabis.....Please read into the Record  
**Attachments:** Cannabis letter.docx

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May 29, 2020

SB County Board of Supervisors

Dear Board,

We support the Planning Commission's recommendation to require a CUP for cannabis cultivation in Santa Barbara County.

Our family has lived on Casitas Pass Road for nearly 100 years and we know and like many of the local flower and cannabis growers, however we strongly believe the negative impacts from the lack of clear oversight of the cannabis operations from the beginning has resulted in a significant degradation of the quality of life in our wonderfully unique, small community. It makes lots of sense to take a new look at things with fresh eyes and incorporate what we now know into the permitting process. The present process is simply not working as the community and the cannabis growers exist shoulder to shoulder. This will always be the case, so we need regulations and a process that is clear and tenable.

The present friction between the community and the industry will only continue to fester and this must stop for the good of us all. Requiring CUPs for cannabis cultivation feels like a workable and reasonable solution.

Sincerely,

Ginny and Tim Bliss

6405 Casitas Pass Rd.

Carpinteria

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**From:** Tom Peterson <tom@sbinsagency.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:53 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** cup for cannibas  
**Attachments:** JUNE 2 bos.docx

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June 2nd item Departmental Agenda #7

Board of Supervisors Santa Barbara County

Meeting June 2 2020

PLEASE READ INTO RECORD

As we have stated in the past we oppose any kind of cannabis production in Cebada Canyon and in our quiet and peaceful EDRN.

Cebada Canyon Road cannot handle the traffic. The county road Guru said that 750 trips a day is no problem. Really that is 75 cars an hour in a normal 10 hour work day period on our narrow road with hair pin turns.

You may already know that many of the growers have filed applications for Major Conditional Use Permit, 6 in all. By filing for a CUP the State has given them Provisional Permits so for them it is business as usual and as long as their CUP is "In the process". They continue to grow, the smell is unbearable and traffic extremely heavy.

None of these growers have come up for approval and I hope they do not get approved in our canyon. There are too many neighbors that will be against their approval at the hearings. So why waste the time of your board and other county employees reviewing these applications?

One of the applications currently in limbo wants to build 127,000 sq ft of green houses, not hoop houses, that is almost 3 acres of roof space, also about 15 refrigerated containers. Says he will use 3 million gallons of water. Now they have refiled with new name, property owner the same so they must not get along with each other. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> applicant.

We appreciate your support in getting the commercial growers banned on 20 acres or less, however in our canyon all of the 52 parcels are just over 20 acres. Example: 20.02 acres

We hope you will vote to change the zoning to no cannabis production in EDRN's

Tom Peterson

Santa Rita Hills Estates  
Resident

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Renee ONeill <chasingstar2701@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 2:00 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Lavagnino, Steve; Dan Blough; Williams, Das  
**Cc:** Villalobos, David; Melekian, Barney  
**Subject:** Re: Letter for Public Comment  
**Attachments:** BOS re LUDC, 6-2-2020.docx; Attachment\_A\_-\_FY19-20\_Enforcement\_Compliance\_Costs.pdf; 2020-04-10\_Cannabis\_update\_Board\_Letter.pdf; Cannabis Scofflaws Threaten Lives, Land, Communities 5-27-20.pdf

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I want to thank you for consideration in allowing me to revise my initial letter.

Attached, please find the revised letter for June 2 Public Comment. I also reattached the power point and two documents that I reference in my letter.

I apologize if I have caused any inconvenience and would appreciate it if you would redact my previous letter.

*Sincerely,*

*Renée O'Neill*

On Friday, May 29, 2020, 12:12:09 PM PDT, Renee ONeill wrote:

Dear Clerk and Board of Supervisors,

I would like to ask a favor of you. Before my letter is Posted to Public Comment, may I have a little more time to make revisions, before formally submitting it? I was working at a frantic pace to meet the 12:00pm deadline, which I barely made. Anyways, I may decided to revise it before making it "Public."

*Thank You!*

*Renée O'Neill*

On Friday, May 29, 2020, 12:00:32 PM PDT, Renee ONeill wrote:

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Attached, please find my letter to submit into Public Comment and a Power Point that I wish to present during Public Comment.



Chair Hart, Members of the Board,

There are two supervisors and a few staff members present, who have been involved in cannabis issues and regulations as long as Tepusquet Community has (2014). In 2016, we unified our voices with other communities, participated in all the meetings, expressed our ever-growing concerns and requested the need for responsible legislation. Today, all involved are witness to the regrettable impacts that are occurring, countywide, as a result of less judicious regulations. From the outset, Commissioner Blough urged, “Go slow before you grow.” Supervisor Adam cautioned against moving forward too quickly with, “Cart-before-the-horse” tactics. From that point forward, we have observed the cannabis regulation process ping-pong back and forth between the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. This process continues, with the increased burden of time-consuming, costly hearings, appeals and unfortunately..., litigation. I fear this will continue, ad infinitum, unless damage control measures can be executed, immediately. Some of the more essential guidelines can be approved, today.

1. Protect Public Health, Safety and Wellbeing (this is a given but needs more attention)
2. Require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for all Cannabis Licenses
3. Prohibit Commercial Cannabis Industry in Existing Developing Rural Neighborhoods (EDRN) and communities adjacent to or accessed through EDRN’s.

If these three essential protections are given priority attention and/or adopted by this Board of Supervisors, immediately, I believe that the majority of the problems countywide residents and communities are distressed about, will be significantly reduced and alleviated.

Another essential consideration, before moving forward and/or approving more industry projects (cost/benefit of cannabis):

Within the last month, I submitted a PRA request, obtained FY 2019-20 SBC budget documents (still waiting for 2016-2019) and submitted my findings to the BOS and PC. For the record, upon further review, I wish to correct previous figures because I overlooked a tiny little Asterix at the bottom of the graph, “Attachment A, \*Non-S&B Costs,” which increased the deficit.

The Cannabis Industry is, in fact, costing SB County taxpayers more than it is generating in purported revenue. A full cost/benefit analysis would prove this to anyone who cares to know the truth but some members of the board and news media are presenting a very misleading viewpoint to the general public.

Fact: Santa Barbara County Taxpayers lost over one-million-dollars in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020, due to “Cannabis Costs.”

(See attached budget documents SBC FY 2019-20 that validate costs/profits):

County Cannabis Program Costs:	\$5,268,253M
*Non-S&B Costs:	\$770,153
Total Cannabis Costs:	\$6,038,406M
Cannabis Taxes:	\$4,800,000M
Total Loss re Cannabis Revenue:	\$1,238,406M

Attachments:

\*\*\* “Attachment A,” FY-2019-20, Enforcement-Compliance-Costs – \$5,268,253M.

See Asterix \* notation on Attachment A: (Total \$770,153).

\*\*\* “Cannabis-update-Board-Letter” pg. 2 “Cannabis Taxes” (*Revenue*) – \$4.8M.

On May 27, my letter to the PC stated, “In Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020, SBC lost almost half a million dollars.”

With the addition of the \*\$770,153 amount, I would like to amend the record to reflect:

“In Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020, SBC lost over \$1.2M dollars.

When SBC completes the remainder of my PRA request, re budget docs for FY January 1, 2016-2020, I am sure the cost will be much greater.

I repeat, **“Is the “Green *Revenue* Machine,” actually, factually worth it? How long will it take to get SBC out of the Red?”**

I respectfully request that you use your legislative authority to not only adopt the essential protections listed above but to also require SBC BOS (and all others) to insist that accurate (unbiased) information, re cost/benefit of cannabis industry, be made available to the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renée O’Neill

## Attachment A

### FY 2019-20 County Cannabis Program Costs

Department	Licensing & Permit.		Enforcement		Administration		Non-S&B Costs*	Total FTE	Total Costs
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost			
Ag Commissioner	3.00	\$ 168,200	1.00	\$ 116,200	0	\$ -	\$ -	4.00	\$ 284,400
CEO	0.25	\$ 31,500	0.15	\$ 26,000	0.50	\$ 99,700	\$ 103,900	0.90	\$ 261,100
Counsel	0.50	\$ 107,400	0.50	\$ 107,400	0	\$ -	\$ -	1.00	\$ 214,800
District Attorney	0	\$ -	2.50	\$ 527,600	0	\$ -	\$ -	2.50	\$ 527,600
General County Programs	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ 65,000	0.00	\$ 65,000
Planning and Development	6.50	\$ 997,900	2.50	\$ 354,100	0	\$ -	\$ 256,800	9.00	\$ 1,608,800
Public Health	1.00	\$ 107,400	1.00	\$ 68,100	0	\$ -	\$ 31,900	2.00	\$ 207,400
Sheriff	2.00	\$ 318,200	5.00	\$ 1,243,200	0	\$ -	\$ 312,553	7.00	\$ 1,873,953
Treasurer-Tax Collector	0.50	\$ 60,200	0	\$ -	1.25	\$ 165,000	\$ -	1.75	\$ 225,200
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13.75</b>	<b>\$ 1,790,800</b>	<b>12.65</b>	<b>\$ 2,442,600</b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>\$ 264,700</b>	<b>\$ 770,153</b>	<b>28.15</b>	<b>\$ 5,268,253</b>

\*Of the Non-S&B Costs, \$313,700 is Licensing & Permitting, \$391,453 is Enforcement, and \$65,000 is Administration



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: County Executive  
Office  
Department No.: 012  
For Agenda Of: March 17, 2020  
Placement: Departmental  
Estimated Time: 45 Minutes  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer  
Director(s): Barney Melekian, Assistant County Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Update on Cannabis Compliance, Enforcement and Taxation – Second Quarter  
FY2019-20; Approval of MOU with California Department of Food and  
Agriculture for Participation in a Track-and-Trace Pilot Program

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Risk management**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive an update on the status of cannabis tax collection, land use permitting, business licensing, State licensing, and enforcement;
- b) Approve and authorize the County Executive Officer to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), etc. to establish a pilot program whereby the County will be provided access to the State's Track-and-Trace data for up to 250 State licenses located in the unincorporated area of the County; and
- c) Find that the proposed actions are administrative activities of the County, which will not result in direct or indirect changes to the environment and therefore are not a "project" as defined for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

**Summary Text:**

This item provides the Board and public an update on the second quarter of fiscal year 2019-2020 (from November 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.) This report includes data on the implementation of the

County’s cannabis regulations, a reporting of second quarter tax receipts, land use permitting, business license activity, State licensing activity, enforcement, and objectives for the next quarters. The reporting dates for the quarter has been changed to bring these dates into alignment with the fiscal quarters.

In summary, during the second-quarter cannabis program efforts, the County collected \$2.0 million in gross receipts tax paid by 43 operators. One hundred eighty-four applications have been submitted for land use entitlements and 18 land use entitlements have been issued. State data shows that operators held 964 State Provisional Licenses and 193 State Annual Licenses in Santa Barbara County. Thirty-six operators submitted applications to obtain 58 business licenses of which 10 have been issued during this reporting period. The County completed eight enforcement actions against illegal cannabis operators: 100 plants were eradicated with an estimated street value of \$20,000, an additional 74 pounds of processed product was seized worth an estimated \$59,200 and four arrests were made.

**Background:**

In response to voter approval of Proposition 64 (Prop 64), the Adult-use of Marijuana Act (AUMA), which legalized the use of cannabis for adult-use and allowed for local control of related cannabis land uses, the Board established the County’s cannabis regulatory framework. Staff continues to execute the Board’s direction in all cannabis program segments, including tax collection, land use permitting, business licensing, State licensing, and enforcement, all of which is reported on below in greater detail.

**Cannabis Taxes**

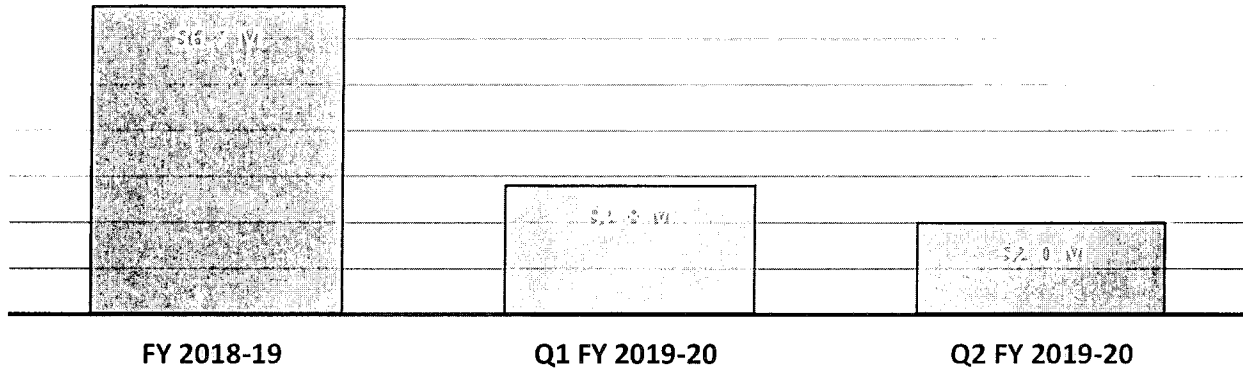
In the second quarter reporting period of fiscal year 2019-2020 (taxes collected as of January 31, 2020 for the period October 1 to December 31, 2019), the Treasurer-Tax Collector collected \$2.0 million from cannabis operators holding State licenses. This represents a 13% increase in the tax amount collected from the same quarter last fiscal year. The table and chart below provide operator reporting statistics and tax revenue data by reporting period, respectively.

	<b>Tax Revenue Received</b>	<b>Operators Reporting Gross Receipts</b>	<b>Operators Reporting Zero Gross Receipts*</b>	<b>Operators that Did Not Report</b>	<b>Operator Totals</b>
<b>FY18-19 Total</b>	<b>\$6.7M</b>				
FY19-20 Q1 Tax Data	\$2.8M	34	34	22	90
FY19-20 Q2 Tax Data	\$2.0M	43	48	15	106
<b>FYTD 19-20 Total</b>	<b>\$4.8M</b>				

\* The reasons that operators report zero gross receipts are varied. Outdoor cultivation sites are often dormant during this quarter. Those operators who operate both nurseries and cultivation sites transfer their plants internally within the operation. They are required to report the activity, but it does not constitute a sale. Thus, their nursery operations would report zero gross receipts.

With respect to those operators who fail to file the required quarterly reports, the CEO’s office coordinates with the Treasurer/Tax Collector and is now taking enforcement action against those operators who fail to file the required reports.

### Cannabis Quarterly Tax Revenue Collected To-Date



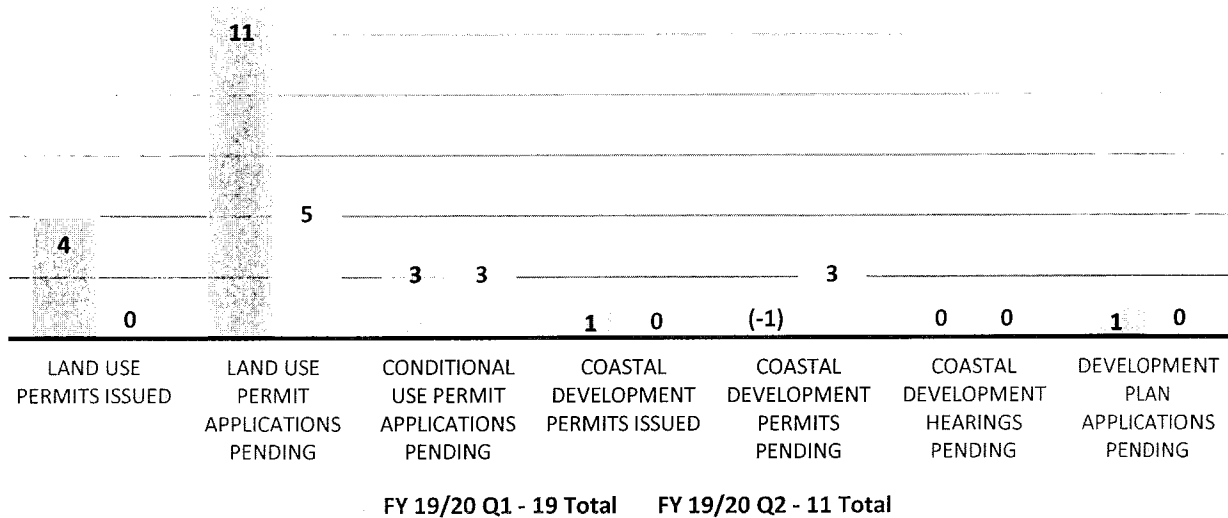
### Cannabis Compliance: Land Use Entitlement Permits

The table below indicates the number of land use entitlement permit applications that have been submitted to the Planning and Development department for cannabis-related operations. Out of the 184 applications that have been submitted to-date, 156 applications are still pending final action and are in various stages of processing. These stages include: review of the application material to determine that the proposal meets code requirements, issuance of correction letters to entities with application deficiencies or that are missing information, wait-time for resubmittal of application materials, or review of applications for a final determination by authorized staff.

Land Use Permitting Status	FY 2019-20 Q1 New	FY 2019-20 Q2 New	<u>Program Totals</u> Through the first two quarters of the last fiscal year
Land Use Permits Issued	4	0	15
Land Use Permit Applications Pending	11	5	72
Conditional Use Permit Applications Pending	3	3	33
Coastal Development Permits Issued	1	0	3
Coastal Development Permits Pending	1	3	31
Coastal Development Hearings Pending	0	0	7
Development Plan Applications Pending	1	0	23
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>184</b>

The chart below provides a comparison of permitting volume over the first two quarters of the current fiscal year.

### Fiscal Year 2019-20 Quarterly Permitting Activity Comparison



Two cultivation acreage caps were adopted by the Board in the Carpinteria Agricultural Overlay District (capped at 186 acres) and the remaining unincorporated area (capped at 1,575 acres.) The table below shows the amount of permitted acreage compared to the caps.

	Proposed Permit Acreage	Acreage Cap	Issued Permit Acreage
Carpinteria Ag Overlay	204	186	22
Remaining Unincorporated Area (excludes Carp Overlay)	2,369	1,575	221

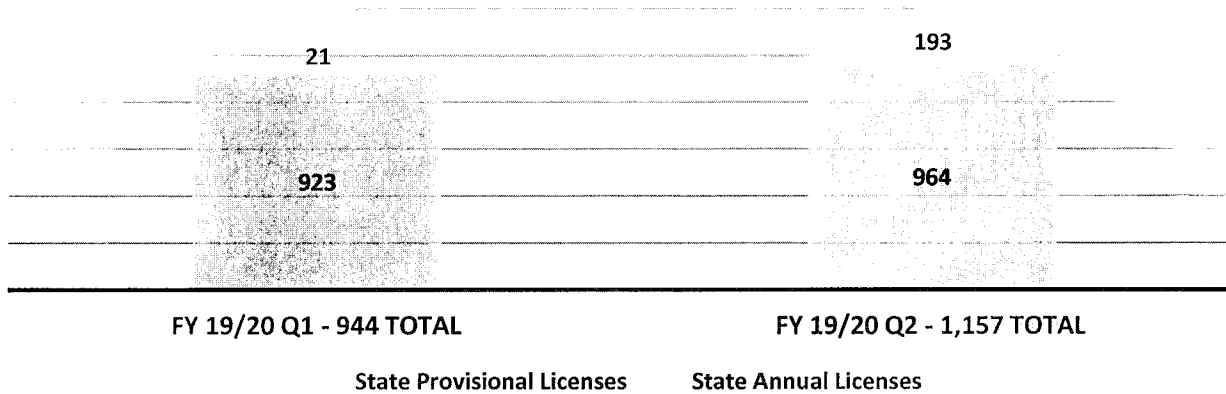
Per Board direction, the Planning and Development department has held three public hearings (January 22, February 5, and March 4, 2020), with a fourth pending on March 25, 2020, in a workshop-style format with the Planning Commission to discuss proposed ordinance amendments to the Cannabis Regulations found in Chapter 35. Planning staff will be available to discuss the Planning Commission’s direction on potential amendments to the Cannabis Regulations.

#### State Provisional and Annual Licenses

Operators have obtained State-issued licenses, either Provisional or Annual, from the CDFA for cultivation and nursery. State-issued license data is provided below. As operators complete the County’s permitting and licensing processes, they become eligible to apply for State Annual licenses, which is the

ultimate goal for all operators. Going forward, staff expects to see an increase in the quantity of State-issued Annual licenses and a gradual decrease in Provisional licenses, as operators deemed to be legal nonconforming progress through the local permitting and licensing processes. All State cannabis licenses, Provisional or Annual, require the County Executive Office’s approval, prior to issuance. Once issued, they are renewed automatically unless the county formally objects.

**State-Issued Cannabis Licenses Quarterly Comparison**



**CDDA Track-and-Trace Pilot Program**

To ensure compliance of the cannabis regulatory program, the County relied on the State’s assurances that the Track-and-Trace database would be operative and accessible to local jurisdictions. While cannabis operators are now required to use the system, to date, the State has not provided access to local jurisdictions. Recently, CDDA has developed a pilot program for a small number of counties to gain access to the Track-and-Trace database. Staff is recommending that the Board approve a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with CDDA for the County to take part in the pilot program along with Monterey and Yolo counties. This pilot program will provide the County with access to the inventory records associated with 250 State licenses located in this County. Gaining access to Track-and-Trace data is critical in order to initiate a Board-directed tax compliance audit, as well as performing compliance and enforcement activities. The Recommended Action (B) requests approval of the MOU and authorization for the County Executive Officer to execute the MOU with CDDA.

**Cannabis Compliance: Business Licensing**

Through the second quarter reporting period, 36 unique operators submitted applications to obtain 58 cannabis business licenses. Many applicants are taking advantage of the Board’s ordinance amendment to allow for concurrent processing of a business license application if they have already submitted a permit application that has been accepted for processing by Planning and Development. However, a significant number of business license applications are pending due to: 1) applicants making changes to their permit application project description which impacts the documentation submitted as part of the business license application and 2) the applicant has not yet been issued a land use entitlement. The table below provides a detailed status update of cannabis business license applications submitted through December 31, 2019.



	<b>Business Licenses Issued</b>	<b>Business Licenses Pending</b>	<b>Business Licenses Applied For</b>
Cultivator	6	28	34
Nursery	3	14	17
Manufacturer	0	1	1
Retailer Non-Storefront	1	1	2
Distributor	0	4	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>58</b>

**Cannabis Enforcement**

In the second quarter reporting period, the tempo of large-scale enforcement operations conducted by the Sheriff team slowed. This change is partly the result of seasonality and cultivation cycles, and partly due to the scope and complexity of investigative assignments given to the Sheriff’s team. The Sheriff’s office responds to all complaints from residents concerning alleged violations with the goal of:

- 1) Reassuring residents that their concerns are being reviewed; and
- 2) Identifying those operations who require further investigation.

Additionally, the Sheriff team has taken advantage of this slowdown in enforcement activity to attend classes relating to newly identified trends, such as advanced Butane Hash Oil (BHO) laboratory school, asset forfeiture, and various other cannabis-related seminars. Shown below is a summary of enforcement actions conducted to-date by the Sheriff team.

	<b>FY 2018-19 Q1 &amp; Q2 Totals</b>	<b>FY 2019-20 Q1</b>	<b>FY 2019-20 Q2</b>
# of Enforcement Actions	22	12	8
# Live Plants Confiscated	474,171	16,684	100
Live Plant \$\$\$	\$96M	\$4.2M	\$20,000
Dried Product Confiscated (lbs)	-	1,157	74
Dried Product \$\$\$	\$0	\$1.2M	\$59,200

During the second quarter, the Planning and Development department opened six new cannabis enforcement cases (one in the South County and five in the North County) and three cases were closed. During this period, the Department responded to 75 odor complaints, 66 of which were in the Carpinteria area. Enforcement operations are primarily complaint-driven. Staff is pursuing various options to help in identifying the specific source of odor violations.

**Emerging Issues**

1. Continue to work to better align the land use permitting process and the business license process.
2. Develop a more refined methodology for moving operators who have demonstrated a commitment for compliance through the permitting and licensing process. This includes working more closely with the Planning Commission.
3. Where appropriate, review those operations who do not comply with County regulations to determine whether they should retain their County letter of authorization given in support of the state provisional license.

**Objectives for the Upcoming Quarters**

1. Implement the retail storefront license selection process.
2. Review state licenses that are up for renewal to determine suitability for renewal using four objective criteria:
  - a. Whether the applicant is making appropriate progress through the land-use permit process.
  - b. Whether the applicant has filed quarterly tax reports as required.
  - c. Whether the applicant has been the subject of documented community complaints regarding fraudulent affidavits.
  - d. Whether the applicant has been the subject of enforcement actions in response to violations of law and/or permitting.
3. Participate in a pilot program with the CDFA to access Track and Trace data for up to 250 State-issued, cannabis licenses in the County.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Attachments:**

Track-and-Trace Pilot Program MOU with the CDFA

**Authored by:**

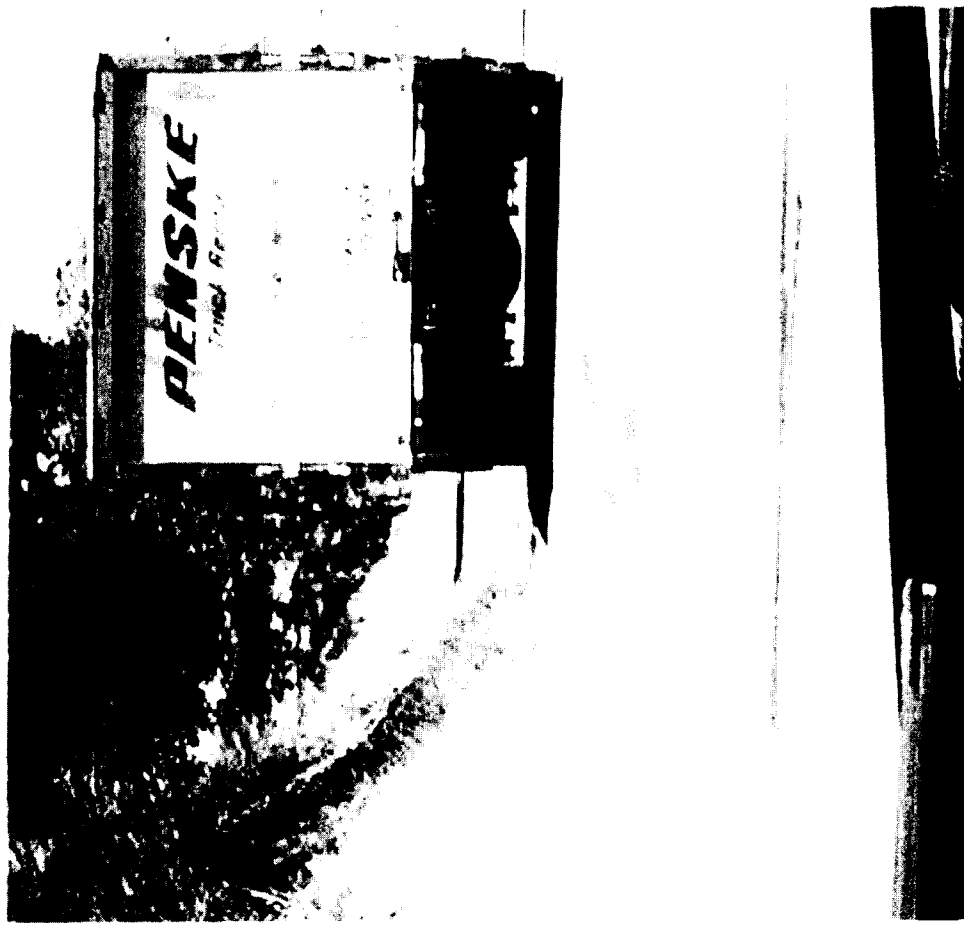
Steven Yee, Fiscal & Policy Analyst, with review and support from Planning & Development, Sheriff, and Treasurer-Tax Collector.

**CANNABIS SCOFFLAWS**

**THREATEN LIVES, LANDS &**

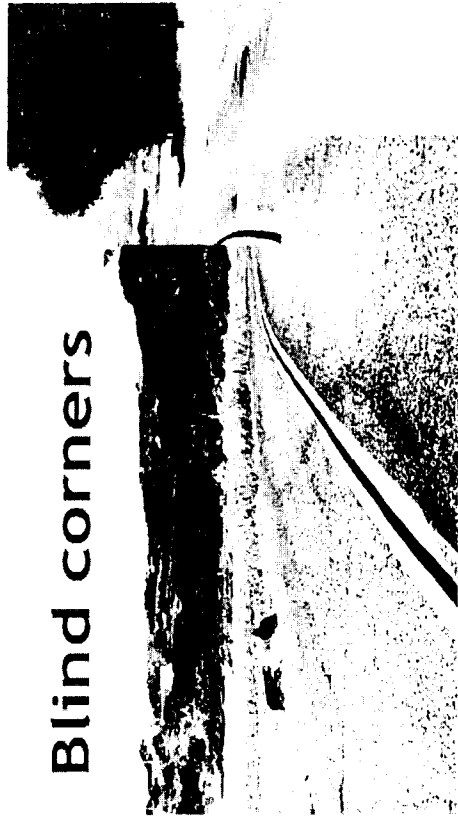
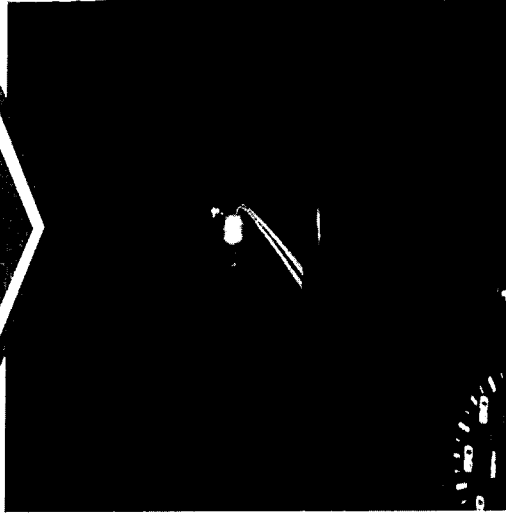
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# Growers are heedless of lane laws and safe speeds





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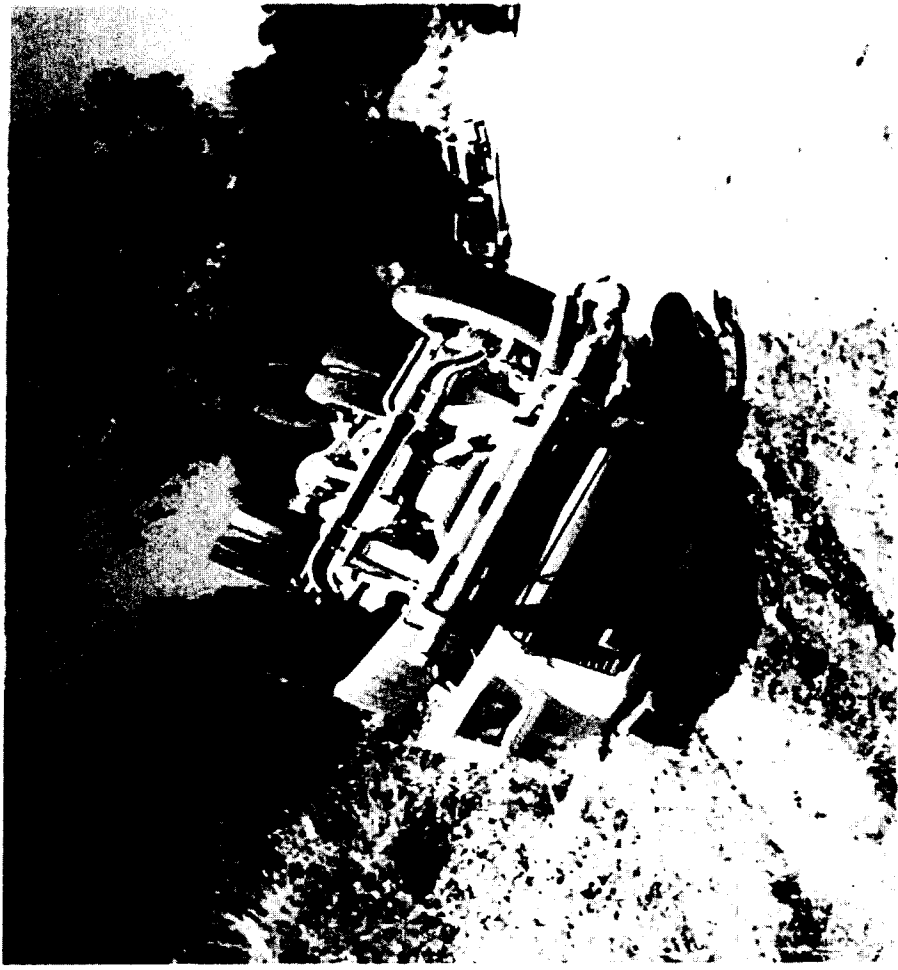


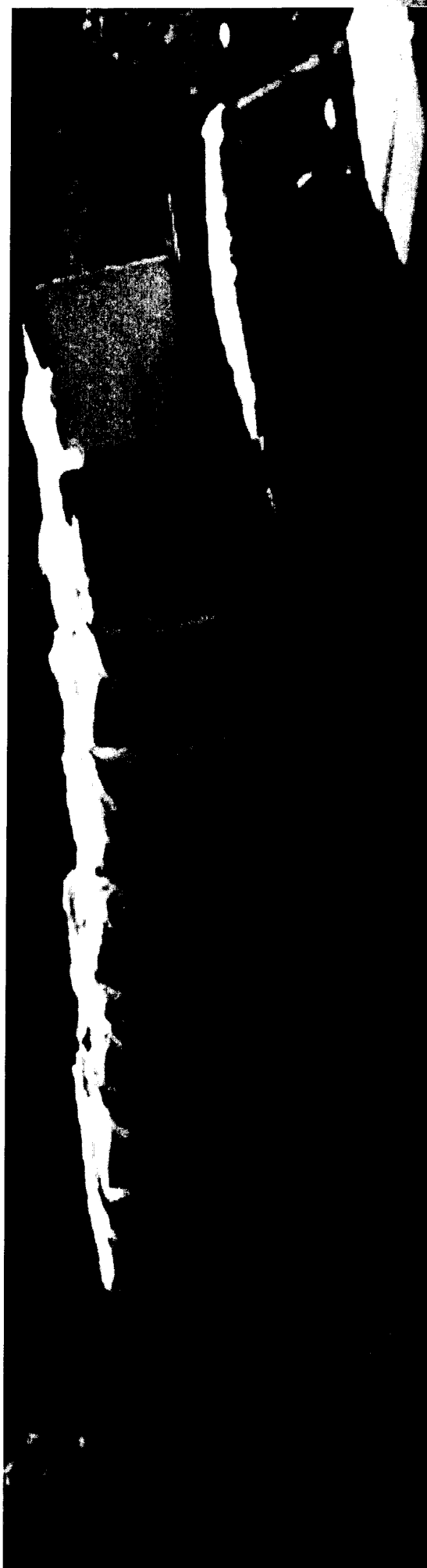
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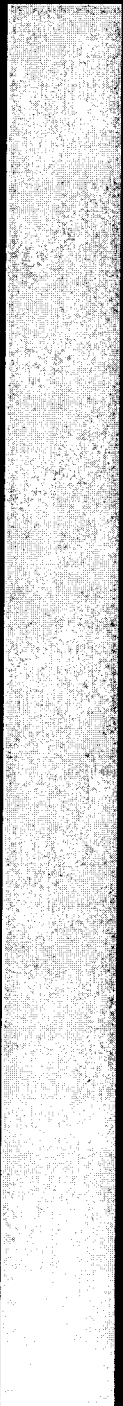
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Water Tanker Wreck, # 4





**Fire Hazard! Failure to Deliver!  
Unwieldy & Unsafe!**



# FIRE is Grave Concern for Rural, Isolated EDRN's!





# Trash is Hauled to Autumn Rd. Grow Sites



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Unstrapped - Unlicensed? Human Sewage → Autumn Rd.



# Generators Prohibited - Unregistered Vehicle Lic.



# Commercial Fuel Transported to Unknown Tank



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# "Cannabis Transport" ... OR... *Human Transport?*



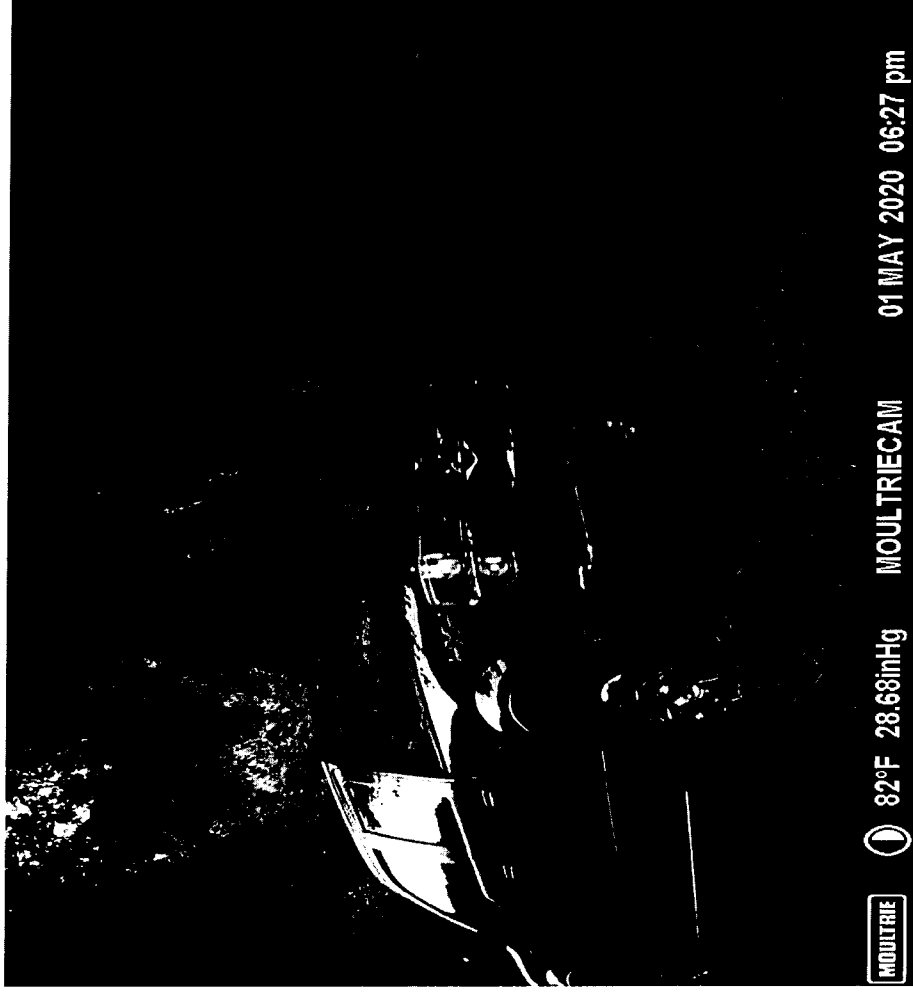
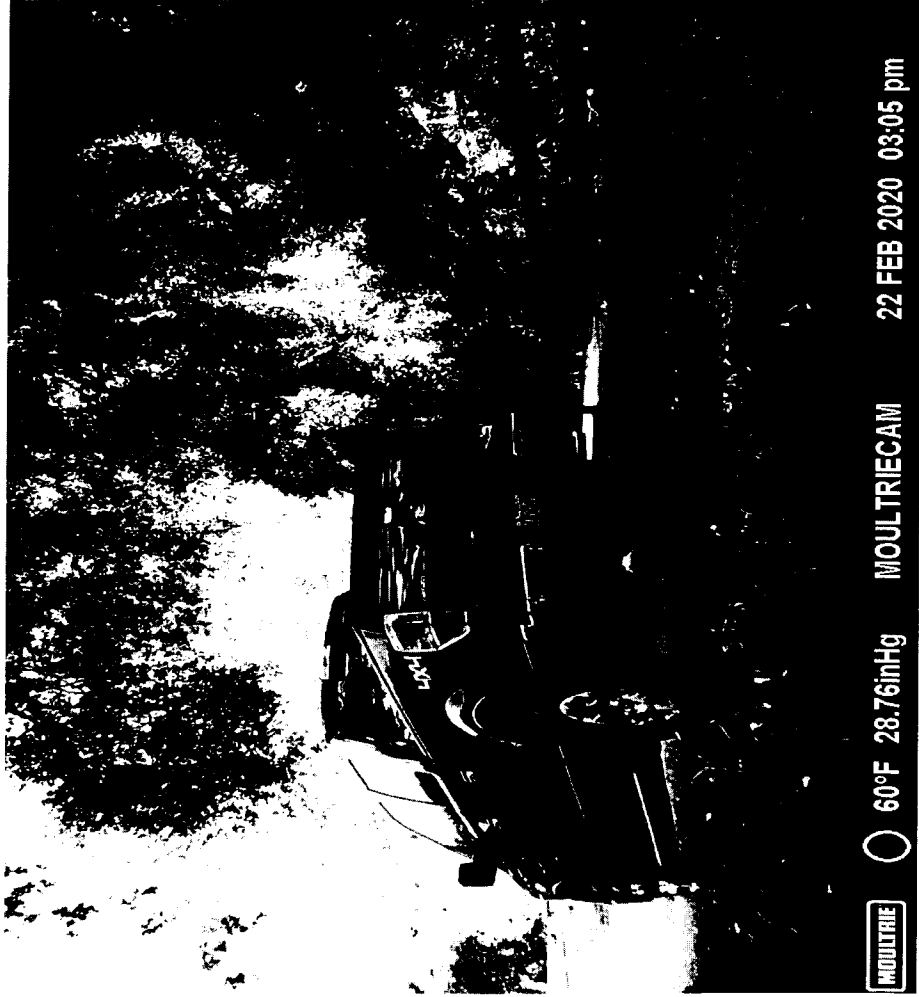
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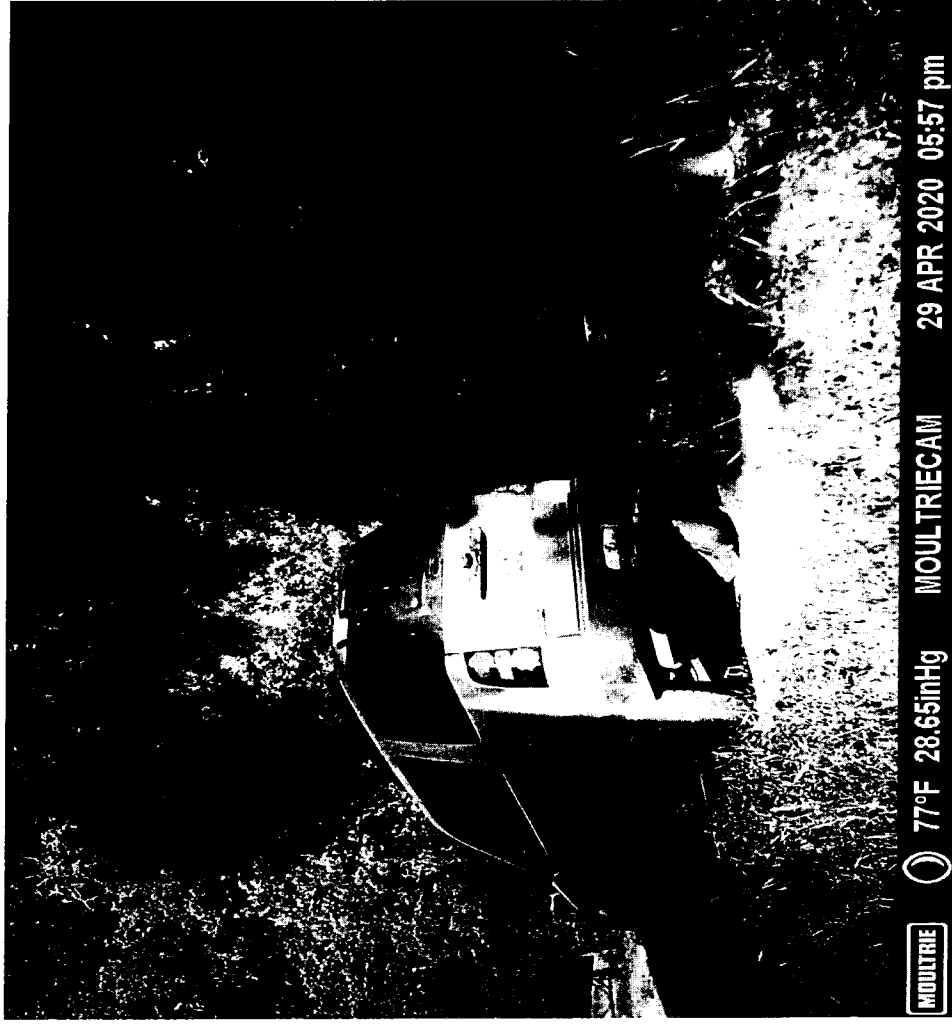
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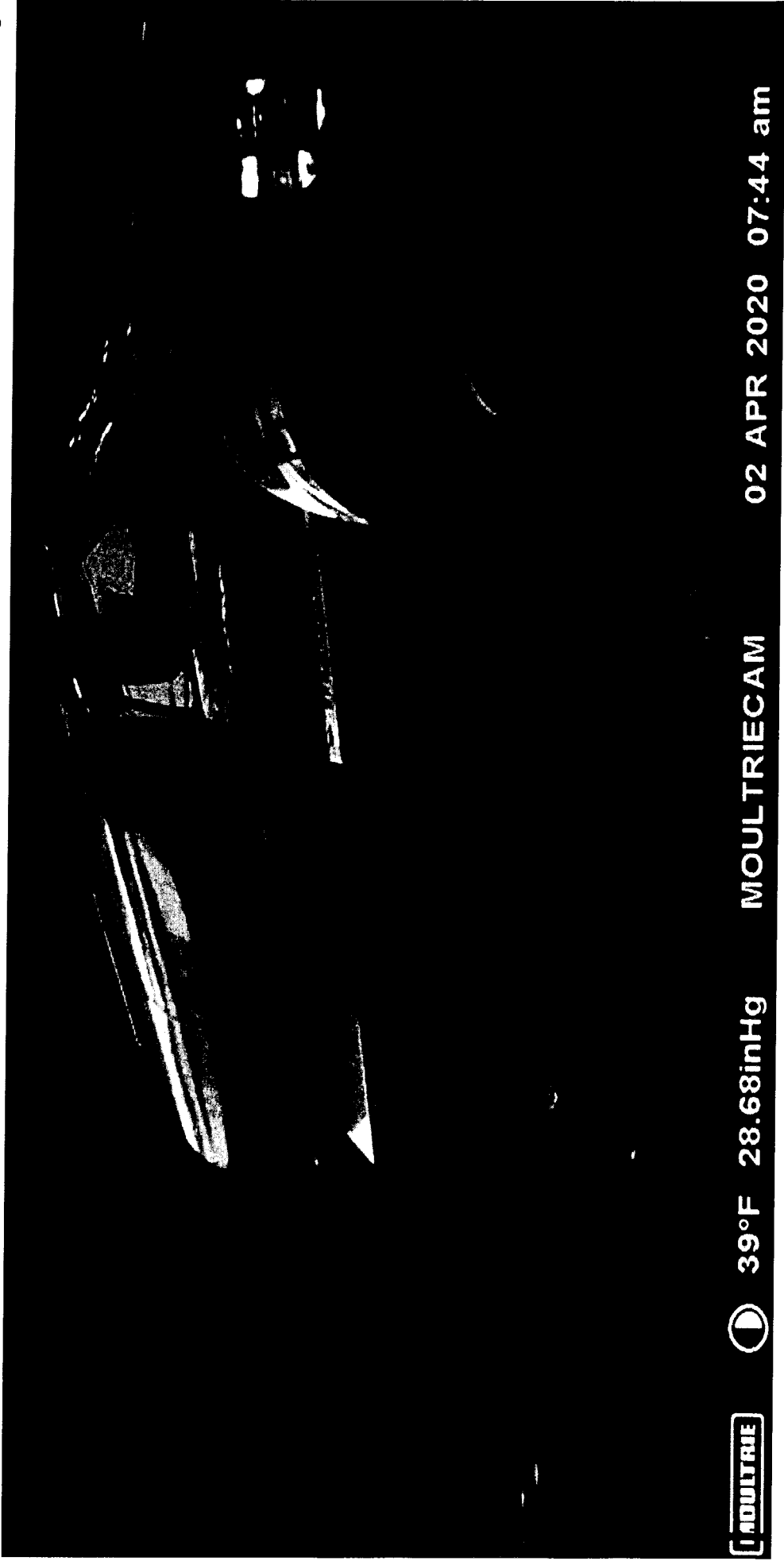
# Out of State Plates - Unregistered since February!



# Numerous ***OUT of STATE*** License Plates!



**NOISY! HEAVY! RAISES DUST! 16 X day**



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**CAUTION! OWNER BEWARE of Vehicle's Unintended Use!**



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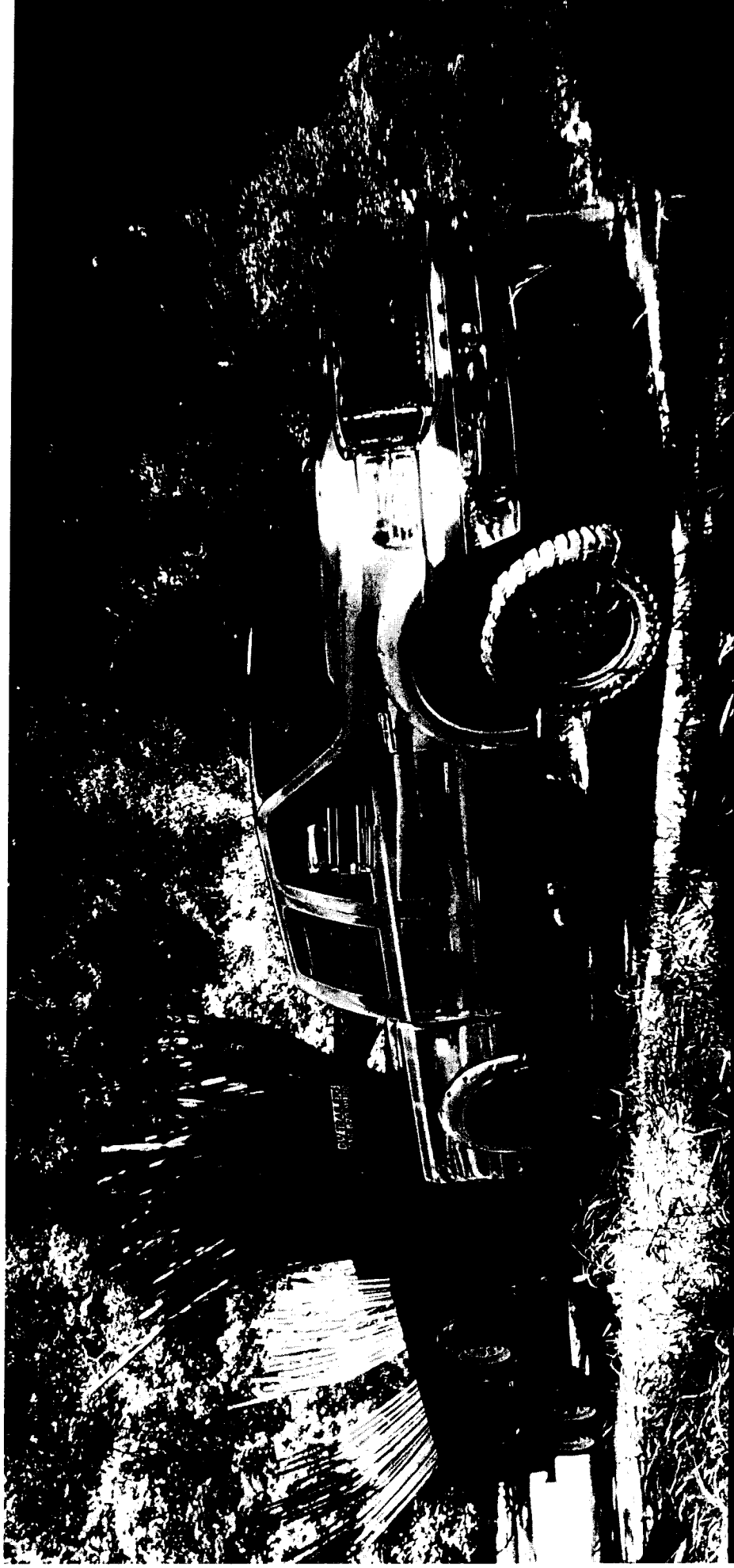


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# Cannabis Industry Threatens our Lives & Property, DAILY!



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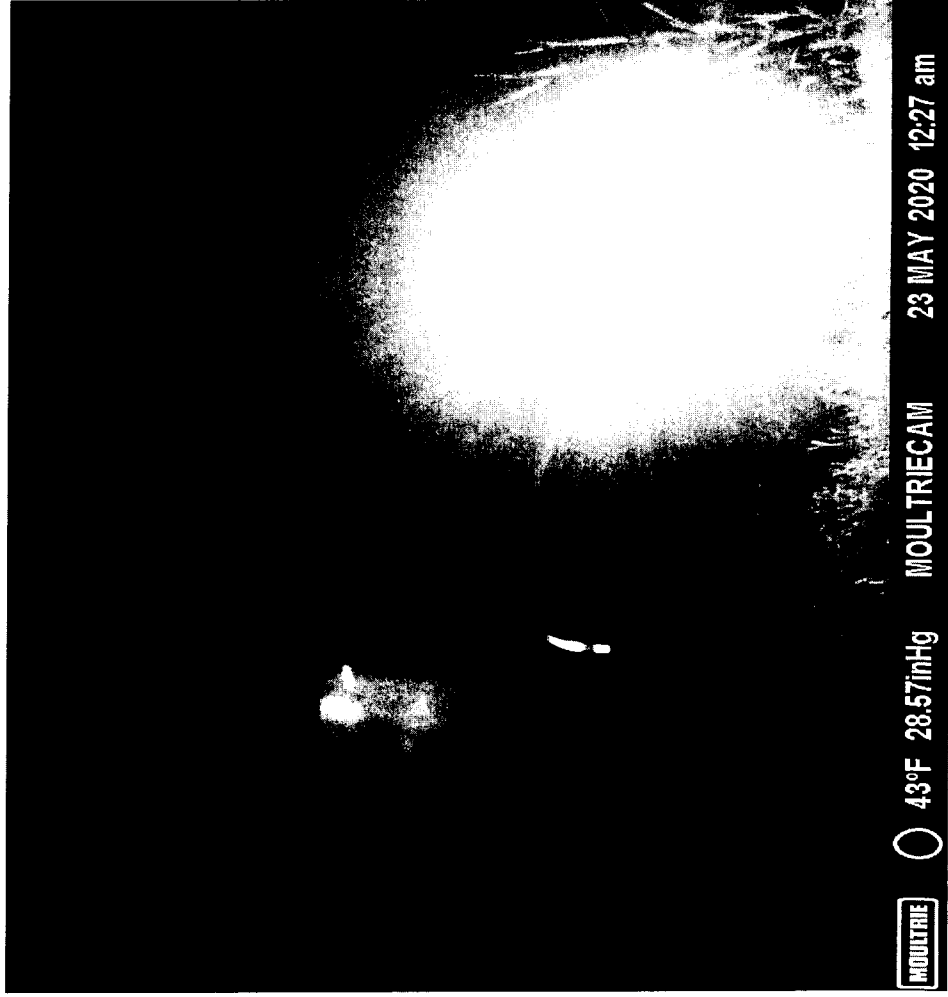


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# Cannabis Traffic is *Invasive* - 24/7 - No Relief!



**Ramirez, Angelica**

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**From:** Judith M. Stauffer <rjshow@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comments for BOS meeting 6/2/2020 File #: 20-00387

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**PLEASE PLACE MY COMMENTS IN THE BOS PACKET, IF POSSIBLE, IN ADDITION TO THE PUBLIC RECORD.**

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you to vote “**YES**” to adopt the SB County Planning Commission Resolution to:

1. Amend the LUDC and Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance to require a conditional use permit (CUP) for all cannabis cultivation and related on site processing activities on agriculturally-designated lands; and
2. Amend Section 35.42.075.C.6 of the LUDC and Section 35-144U.C.6 of the Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance to:
  - a) delete: “... No odor abatement plan shall be required in AG-II zoning, unless a CUP is required. The Odor Abatement Plan must prevent odors from being experienced within residential zones, as determined by the Director ...;” and
  - b) amend the development standard such that odors generated by cannabis activities: (1) will not be detrimental to the comfort, convenience, general welfare, health, and safety of the neighborhood; and (2) will be compatible with the surrounding area.

I have lived in the unincorporated area of the Santa Ynez Valley near Buellton for the past 30 years and feel very strongly that these two actions must occur in order to preserve and protect our area’s quality of life as well as our health.

Thank you.

judi

judi stauffer  
1610 cougar ridge road  
buellton, california 93427

**Ramirez, Angelica**

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**From:** Ted Fox <ted@privatereserve.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 2:27 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Written submission for B of S meeting on Tuesday - Cannabis Ordinance discussion  
**Attachments:** Cannabis in the SRH AVA - Facts vs. Fiction 5-29-2020.pdf

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Please include the attached document to the written submissions

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## Cannabis in the Santa Rita Hills AVA – Facts vs. Fiction

At the March 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meetings, Supervisor Joan Hartman made several inaccurate statements regarding cannabis cultivation in the Santa Rita Hills AVA (SRH AVA). According to Planning staff, these are the numbers regarding cannabis cultivation and vineyards in the SRH AVA:

Total acreage in SRH AVA: 30,720

Supervisor Hartman said: On March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2,700 acres (difference from actual -91%)

Total proposed acreage of cannabis in the SRH AVA: 625 acres

Supervisor Hartman said: 970 acres (difference from actual +35.55)

Total percent of proposed cannabis cultivation vs. wine grapes in the SRH AVA: 17%

Supervisor Hartman said: 36% (difference from actual +112%)

Total acreage of cannabis projects along Hwy 246: 261 acres

Supervisor Hartmann said: 970 acres (difference from actual +272%)

Actual vineyard planted acreage in the SRH AVA: 3,640 acres

Supervisor Hartmann said: On March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2,700 acres; March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1,700 acres (difference from actual -26% and -53%, respectively)

At the March 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting, Supervisor Joan Hartmann stated that there were 970 acres of proposed cannabis cultivation in the Santa Rita Hills AVA (SRH AVA). Further, she noted that vineyard acreage in the SRH AVA totaled 2,700 acres and that cannabis projects in the Planning department LUP queue represented “over 1/3 of the acres grown in the SRH AVA”.

At the subsequent Board of Supervisors Meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Hartmann asked staff for the amount of cannabis acreage “along Highway 246 and in the SRH AVA”.

Planning department staff reported back that the TOTAL acreage of all land associated with the cannabis projects along the Highway 246 corridor was 970 acres, but the requested cannabis cultivation acreage in these LUPs was only 261 acres.

In addition, planning staff noted that the cannabis acreage requested within the entire SRH AVA was 625 acres and the total acreage of all land (including grazing land) in the SRH AVA was not 2,700 acres it is 30,720 acres.

At that same meeting, citing \*Wikipedia as her source, Supervisor Hartmann reduced by 1,000 the number of vineyard acreage in the SRH AVA to 1,700 acres in an effort, again, to seemingly support the false narrative that the cannabis acreage is “nearly 1/3 of the acres grown in the SRH AVA”.

\*Wikipedia reported “facts” are frequently unreliable because any end-user can edit/”update” the content on a Wikipedia page.

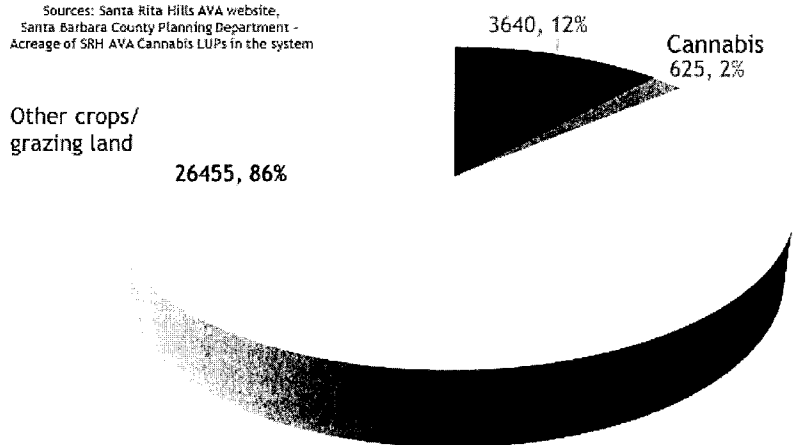
This false narrative, using incorrect, suspect data attempts to paint a picture that the Santa Rita Hills AVA is getting over-run by the cannabis growers. This was done by falsely inflating cannabis acreage in the SRH AVA while at the same time under-reporting actual acreage of the vineyards within SRH AVA

The verified, evidence-based, credibly sourced data tell us the opposite.

- Far from over-running the SRH AVA, the 625 cannabis acres requested represents only 2% of the total acreage in the SRH AVA (Source: Santa Barbara County Planning Department).

### Cannabis (csp) acreage vs. Other Agriculture - Santa Rita Hills AVA -

Sources: Santa Rita Hills AVA website,  
Santa Barbara County Planning Department -  
Acreage of SRH AVA Cannabis LUPs in the system





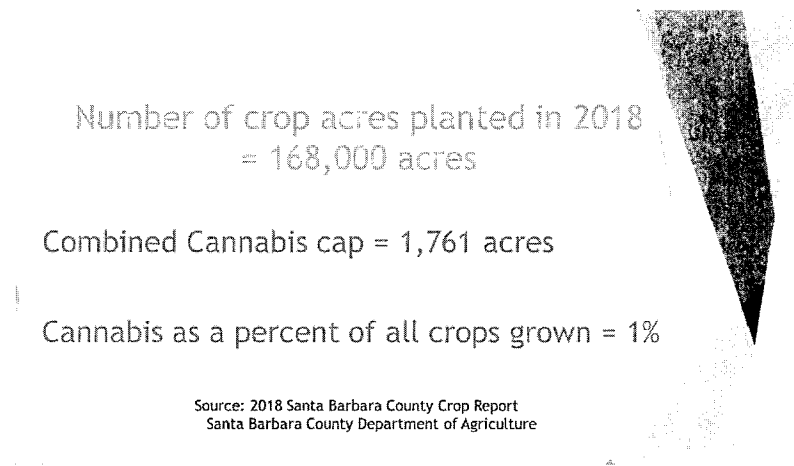


- Bent Rock 85 planted acres
- Pesqu'ile 73 planted acres

Source: Websites of each vineyard and publicly available data

Compared to the above acreage numbers, a 50 acre cannabis grow is hardly huge, in fact, it's just the opposite. If this were a new vineyard project asking for an LUP, it would be considered a small start-up operation in the SRH AVA.

It's also worth noting that the 1,761 acre cap on cannabis cultivation in Santa Barbara County represents a mere 1% of all crops grown.



The most troubling aspect of this false narrative of the “huge” size and overwhelming impact of cannabis cultivation in the SRH AVA is that both the Planning Commission and members of the Board of Supervisors have used this highly inaccurate (some might even say manipulated) data as their rationale for limiting the size of cannabis grows with proposed per parcel caps and setbacks.

There's an old computer adage, “garbage in, garbage out”.

When the data is flawed, then the policy decisions that flow from its use are flawed as well.

Supervisor Hart noted his strong desire for evidence-based facts to help drive policy decisions.

What we've provided is evidence-based facts from credible sources.

These are the numbers that should drive sound cannabis policy making, not the Wikipedia-sourced, spin doctoring, fiction that's being passed on as gospel.

Ted Fox, member, North County Farmers Guild

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Tony Brown <rincondelmarranch@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 2:35 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Hart, Gregg; Williams, Das; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Subject:** CUP for Cannabis

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

My name is Anthony Brown and I am a native Santa Barbara county resident. I have been involved in agriculture all my life and have seen many new innovations in the field over the years.

The introduction of legal Cannabis growing in the hot houses in Carpinteria is a cover up for operators to continue a long standing pattern of skirting rules and permits, then asking for forgiveness when caught. I feel that County officials are fully aware that they are being played.

As I pass along side these growing operations the vent pipes release vapors into the public's air supply. What is in it? Do you care? Does the APCD care? How has this not been thoroughly checked BEFOREHAND?

Requiring a well monitored CUP would at least give a hint that the BOS cared.

Please read this into the public record.

Thanks,  
Anthony Brown

**Ramirez, Angelica**

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**From:** Sharyne Merritt <professormerritt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 2:35 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** comments for july 2 bos; read out loud

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**please read out loud**

Chair Hart and Honorable Supervisors,

I urge you to follow the Planning Commission's recommendation for Conditional Use Permits for all cannabis cultivation and related on-site processing as well as the PC's recommended new odor control standard which uses existing land use language. This will make compatibility with nearby residents, crop production, vintners, and farmworkers more likely. It will allow the Board to respond to community and environmental concerns and customize permits which, apparently, you cannot do with an LUP.

I also urge you to not take up other options considered in the past by the Planning Commission, but rather consider only these two recommendations. The Planning Commission recognized that considering other possible options will only delay the need for immediate action afforded by the CUP. Please do not send this back to Planning and Development; approve it now so it can go into effect inland, at least, in 30 days.

Thank you,  
Sharyne Merritt, farmer

## Ramirez, Angelica

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**From:** Villalobos, David  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 3:01 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** FW: Amend the Cannabis CUP ordinance MTG June 2, 2020  
**Attachments:** letter to bos 5-29-2020.doc

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Denise Ranch <denise@canyonspringranch.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 2:58 PM  
**To:** Williams, Das <DWilliams@countyofsb.org>; Hart, Gregg <gHart@countyofsb.org>; Hartmann, Joan <jHartmann@countyofsb.org>; Adam, Peter <peter.adam@countyofsb.org>; Lavagnino, Steve <steve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org>  
**Cc:** Melekian, Barney <bMelekian@countyofsb.org>; Villalobos, David <dvillalo@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Re: Amend the Cannabis CUP ordinance MTG June 2, 2020

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Here is the letter actually attached. . .

With respect, Please find attached my letter for up coming Cannabis agenda

Sincerely,  
Denise Peterson

May 29, 2020

Dear Board of Supervisors,

“CUP for Cannabis” Meeting on June 2, 2020

“Please read into record”

I am a land owner in an EDRN, we are a development of 62 + residential parcels AG-20 acre parcels. I ask you to please amend the Cannabis Ordinance to banned Commercial Cannabis CUPs in EDRNS and adjoining EDRNS.

Cannabis has become very popular in our canyon, but that does not mean it belongs here, it does not belong everywhere that zoning allows, especially when it affects the surrounding neighbors and the effects on surrounding crops. The hay I feed my horses comes from a field that has been planted for decades with oat hay. This hay is sprayed while in the field to kill toxic weeds to livestock. These hay fields surround the “Herbal Angels project”. Picture attached

Cannabis is not compatible with our surrounding areas and will forever change the landscape of our neighborhood. They threaten our everyday life, our homes with the smell from outdoor grows. There have not proposed any odor control.

In the event of another evacuation in this high fire area, it is already a very difficult process for just residential and ranches. Additional trucks and employees added to this mass exit on our “single road” will be impossible. We have had to evacuate twice and it was total chaos.

I will say it again, we are located in a canyon with private single lane winding roads; we are not located on a major highway for immediate evacuation.

The CUPs in our canyon are on “private roads” yet I read the CUP reports and they claim they are on public roads.

We are property owners that pay taxes, we are residences that have lived here for decades long before cannabis came along, this is our home.

Please use your Legislative Authority to Protect and Defend your community, our homes and the people that live in our county.

Sincerely,

Denise Peterson

Cebada Canyon, Lompoc

Picture of existing hay fields in our canyon and surrounding Herbal Angles

