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Dear Supervisors,

On March 6, 2020 the Agriculture Advisory Committee, charged with advising you on land use, sent you a letter regarding both the Santa Rita Valley Ag Appeal and the Busy Bee Appeal.

Please be certain to include this in your consideration of the upcoming Busy Bee Appeal.

Letter attached.

Thank you,  
Sharyne Merritt,  
Member Agriculture Advisory Committee



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
**AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Hon. Gregg Hart  
Santa Barbara County Board Of Supervisors  
105 East Anapamu St.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: March 10<sup>th</sup> Cannabis Cultivation Appeal Case # 19APL00000-00032

Dear Chair Hart and Honorable Members of the Board

On March 5, the Ag Advisory Committee (AAC) discussed the Board's upcoming consideration of several precedential projects related to cannabis land use. The AAC voted 8-1 to submit the following letter.

The AAC urges the Board of Supervisors to continue the appeals of Santa Barbara West Coast Farms, Santa Rita Valley Ag, and Busy Bee Organics until the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors resolve amendments to the Cannabis Zoning Ordinance.

If this is not possible, we urge the Board to consider applying the following conditions to the above permits to address predictable conflicts that have arisen in many situations in the County.

1. Require release from liability for legally applied crop management materials, tools, and practices
2. Prohibit detectable offsite odor
3. Apply limits on term of the land use permits

We appreciate the Board's consideration of our comments and Concerns in addressing predictable land use conflicts between cannabis and agriculture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Van Leer". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Paul Van Leer, Chair

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