

Appeal of the Santa Rita Valley Ag., Inc. Cannabis Cultivation Land Use Permit

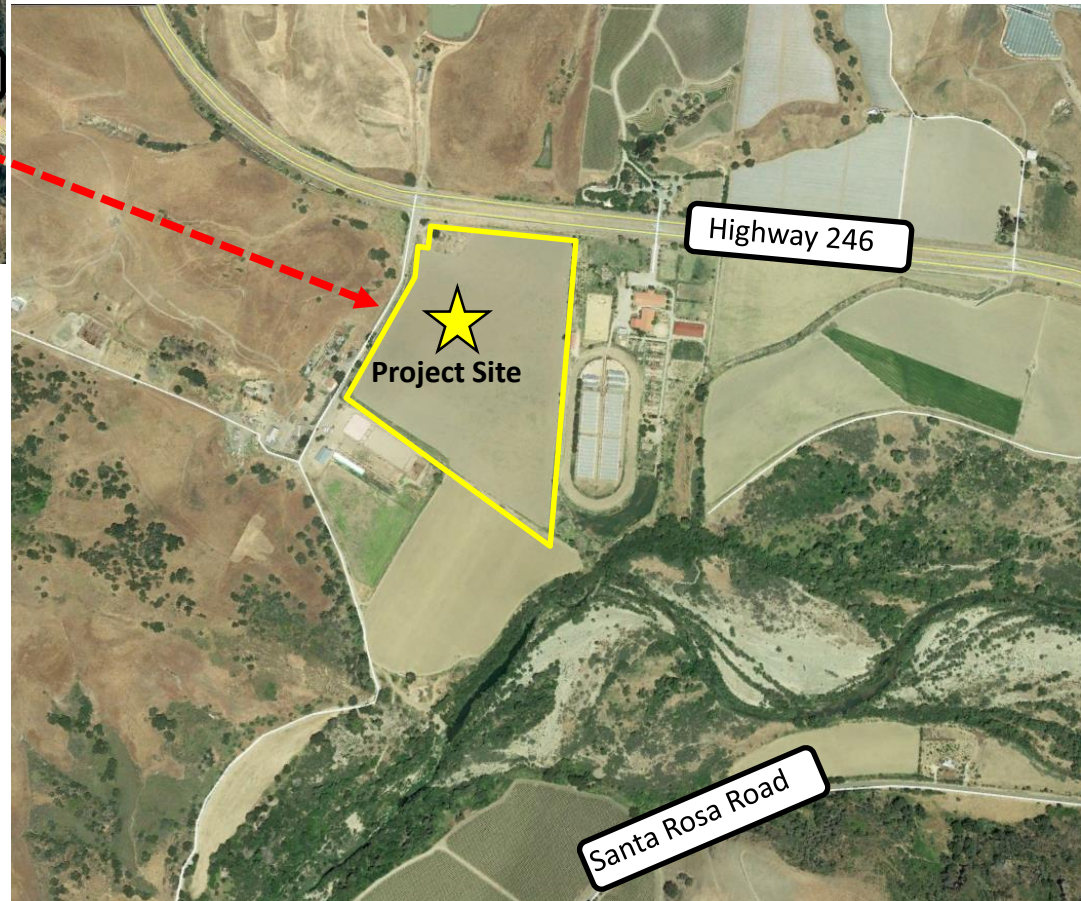
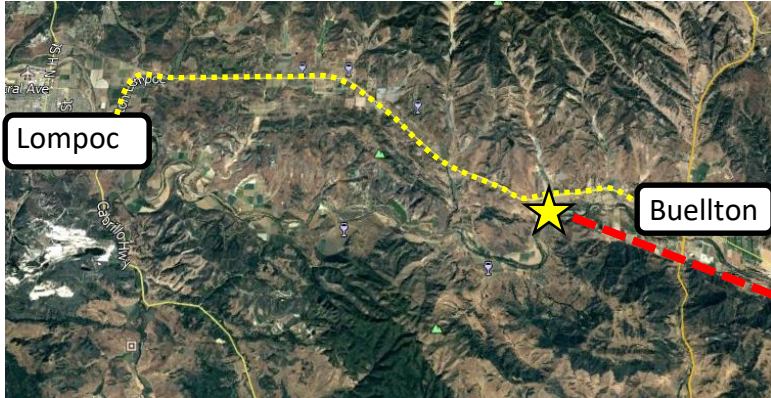
Case Nos. 19APL-00000-00032 and
18LUP-00000-00351

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
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Background

- May 6, 2019: **Land Use Permit (LUP) for 37 acres of outdoor cannabis cultivation approved by the Planning & Development Director**
- May 15, 2019: **LUP Appeal to the Planning Commission filed**
- November 6, 2019: **Planning Commission denies the appeal and grants de novo approval of the LUP for 12.75 acres of cannabis cultivation**
- November 18, 2019: **LUP Appeal to the BOS is filed**



Background Continued

- **March 10, 2020: Applicant and appellant requested continuance from your BOS to hearing of April 21, 2020**
- **April 17 and 19, 2020: Applicant requested to withdraw LUP application, then Applicant rescinded request to withdraw and asked to proceed with LUP request**
- **April 20, 2020: P&D requested continuance from April 21, 2020 to May 5, 2020 to fulfill noticing requirements given the Applicant's updated request**
- **May 1 and 4, 2020: Lack of authorization from the Property Owner, therefore P&D staff requested withdrawal of the item from May 5, 2020 BOS agenda**

Lack of Owner Authorization

- **Staff has not received proof of authorization from the Property Owner in order for the Applicant to proceed with the proposed project on the subject property**
- **Therefore, staff is recommending that the BOS deny the LUP because it is not consistent with Land Use and Development Code requirements**

Recommended Actions

Staff recommends that your Board take the following actions:

- a) Deny the appeal, Case No. 19APL-00000-00032;
- b) Make the required findings for denial of the project, Case No. 18LUP-00000-00351, included as Attachment I, including California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings; and
- c) Determine that denial of the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15270(a).
- d) Deny the project *de novo*, Case No. 18LUP-00000-00351

Thank You

Questions?

