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Subject: Outdoor Grows Study Sessions for Monterey County

Craig:

1. Looking at the actions taken and language of the Supervisors from the most recent hearings, it appears some form of study sessions or subcommittee meetings will be held on "outdoor grows" potentially in Rural Grazing or other designations. I am unsure what this means, but you cannot grow a forb like Marijuana in the back country without building a greenhouse or plant shelter to protect them from ubiquitous bird life, voles, mice, wood rats, voles, deer and pigs. So, I am not sure exactly what an outdoor grow is; currently most outdoor grows are shoddy little affairs, with plastic pipe, plastic covers, somewhat like the "non complying" conditions in the last hearing's Powerpoint.
2. Will these study sessions be open the public?
3. Will the recommendations go to the LUAC before the Planning Commission hears them if they effect south County Zoning?
4. If these sessions will be public, please include my partner Charles and I, at the emails above, on the time and place of all study sessions.
5. Unlike the Greenhouse Grows passed to date for Commercial Grows, open field grows will have many potential water, biological, cultural, and other impacts. I don't see how one could start, as Supervisor Parker did, with a presumption that an EIR level analysis, or much expanded Mitigated Negative Declaration with Conditions can be used to make any further alterations to the zones and methods of growing thus far adopted.
6. If any such modifications include moving growing operations to within 10 to 15 miles of federal lands (Fort Hunter Liggett and its boundary set back parcels or the Monterey District, or the Silver Peak or Ventana Wilderness), I think it will be very difficult to make such activities compatible with federal law and standards, watershed management requirements, etc., and I can definitely see a possibility of conflict between federal and local law and policy. I will contact both the Commander at Fort Hunter Liggett and the Forest Supervisor about this development to be sure their inputs are brought to the table in implementing this suggestion. There is as well the watershed protection of waters in south County Reservoirs and intermixed BLM lands in this part of the County. We will also contact BLM on this to be sure they can express their preferences.

I think the general feeling in south County, except among professional commercial pot growers, is that personal grows provide sufficient access to growing marijuana already in the inner regions of south County. On property backing to federal lands, it may be unwise to introduce this land use.

Thank you,

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Subject: More Water Truck Deliveries today for Marijuana Grows in Copperhead

FYI:

While waiting for a tech contractor to arrive to do some work on our house at the G14 and Bryson Hesperia, there were two more deliveries of water today, this time, one unmarked, the other from the Jardines, both 3,000 gallon haulers, headed down from Copperhead on return to King City/Jolon.

It seems the growers just don't have the water in this area to make a go of it, as this is the second full month of deliveries from out of the area.

One wonders why you can't water a lawn in King City, but truckloads of water are at the same time being diverted from beneficial use by overlying users, for grows in Copperhead, Bryson and other parts of the RG/PG zone.

Today was something of a record with four deliveries in less than six hours in Copperhead and Sapaque Valley (Forest River).

I hope this information is kept in mind in considering the suitability of this area for "outdoor grows".

Steve Craig