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Spencer, Craig x5233

From: Don Bonsper <dbonsper@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 6:47 PM
To: Anderson, Yuri
Cc: Don Bonsper; Spencer, Craig x5233
Subject: Re: Don Bonsper FW: Concerns about outdoor cannabis cultivation in Cachagua

Thank You Yuri,

Supervisor Adams will remember me from an issue where a church was established on one of our RC parcels. I led a losing fight to prevent the church from getting its use permit. Mary is a strong supporter of Cachagua and did her best to support a large group of residents who did not want a big church in the middle of our rural, residential community. I spent a lot of my energy fighting to preserve Cachagua. Time will tell if the church has the negative impacts we feared.

The cannabis issue is different. I think it is inevitable that a pilot program will be approved. The concerns I expressed in my email are intended to make sure we start it right, especially as it might affect Cachagua. The cannabis committee does not care about Cachagua. Mary does. So it is critical she has the tools and arguments to make sure any pilot program does not destroy the precious environment of our community. The concerns about water are obvious. The invasion of industry from outside Cachagua should be prevented. The flow of unknown people through our community represents a serious security threat. We have already had a DEA raid on my neighbor's property, a shooting, a robbery of product etc. The people who will be attracted to the cannabis cultivation should not be coming to Cachagua.

Please share these thoughts with Mary and any others you think appropriate. I included Craig Spencer since he has the RMA lead.

Don

Don Bonsper
Cachagua, CA

From: Anderson, Yuri <AndersonY@co.monterey.ca.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 12:34 PM
To: dbonsper@outlook.com
Subject: RE: Don Bonsper FW: Concerns about outdoor cannabis cultivation in Cachagua

Mr. Bonsper,

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and concerns regarding the County's consideration for a Cannabis Outdoor Grow Pilot Program with Supervisor Adams. This, and the letter you mailed to Mary, were both

very thoughtfully presented. While Mary is no longer a member of the Cannabis Committee, meaning she won't have an opportunity to weigh-in on the pilot until it comes before the full Board of Supervisors, I do know that your comments will be provided to and considered by the committee members (Supervisors Alejo and Lopez). We hope you will continue to reach out and share your perspective on the issues affecting our community.

Sincerely,
Yuri

Yuri C. Anderson

Chief of Staff to Supervisor Mary L. Adams
831.647.7755

From: Don Bonsper <dbonsper@outlook.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 5:19 PM

To: 100-District 1 (831) 647-7991 <district1@co.monterey.ca.us>; 100-District 2 (831) 755-5022 <district2@co.monterey.ca.us>; 100-District 3 (831) 385-8333 <district3@co.monterey.ca.us>; 100-District 4 (831) 883-7570 <district4@co.monterey.ca.us>; 100-District 5 (831) 647-7755 <district5@co.monterey.ca.us>

Cc: Don Bonsper <dbonsper@outlook.com>; Spencer, Craig x5233 <SpencerC@co.monterey.ca.us>; Sarah Haussermann <chomeuse@yahoo.com>

Subject: Concerns about outdoor cannabis cultivation in Cachagua

Dear Supervisor Adams and other Supervisors,

The issue of outdoor cannabis cultivation in Cachagua will be a big one. It is likely there will be a pilot program. I strongly urge an ordinance level ER be done to assess the enormous environmental impacts this program might have. This includes water, noise, traffic, odor, flow of people, etc. What will happen where? Using only permit level ERs will not adequately address the cumulative effects on the environment.

I think it is important to focus on the entire process. This might be called seed-to-sale. Once an outdoor cultivation program is approved then it will move with tremendous momentum and speed. It will be hard to stop or even slow down. For this reason it is critical to make sure the starting (pilot) program is well researched and structured to allow for effective future changes.

Depending on the results of the ER, any pilot program should start small. I think a maximum of 100 plants with a canopy of 10,000 square feet should be the initial upper limit. Anything smaller would be better. I support a term period of 3-5 years for the pilot program before any changes are made. I support priority to previous local growers in Cachagua. I oppose any attempts to get outside interests approved for Cachagua. Even though the growing cannot be checked by the FDA it should be organic. There should be no rezoning of precious RC parcels. They exist as RC to protect the spirit and community of Cachagua. Growing must occur on parcels of 10 acres or more.

I am not that knowledgeable about cannabis but believe its time has come. The THC side of cannabis does not interest me. The CBD medical side is something I fully support. A return to using cannabis for the production of clothing, rope and other

products makes total sense to me. Because of its vast applications, cannabis will continue to grow and flourish as an agricultural crop. For this reason it should be grown in the Salinas Valley and other agricultural areas of the county. Cachagua should not be the location of major commercial growing. The boutique flower industry can flourish in Cachagua on the properly approved parcels with the limitations mentioned above.

Water is a serious and critical issue for Cachagua. Both the Carmel River and Cachagua Creek are severely stressed. This year, a great rain year, showed just how long it takes to fill the aquifer so the river and creek are flowing with real force and energy. I live on the creek; my son lives on the river. There was water flowing at the Tassajara-Cachagua intersection bridge in late December. It took many days for the water to reach my bridge three miles downstream. Cannabis demands a large amount of water especially during the final months of growth which are the driest time of the year.

I cannot attend the meeting on April 11th. I hope these comments are included in your packages and that you have time to read them.

Respectfully,

Don

Don Bonsper
Cachagua, CA

Spencer, Craig x5233

From: Doug Gardner <dgcon@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 5:03 PM
To: Spencer, Craig x5233
Cc: Sarah Haussermann
Subject: Letter to Mary Adams re: Cannabis Pilot Program
Attachments: Adams letter re cannabis 2.docx

Hi Craig—we spoke by phone a few weeks ago; I am a homeowner in Cachagua. I was not able to attend the recent LUAC meeting, but many of my neighbors attended and described it as a good and useful exchange of questions, comments and opinions. My compliments to you and Sarah Haussermann on that result; conducting a civil discourse is not an easy thing to do in our current troubled environment.

Attached is a letter from me to Supervisor Mary Adams, cc'd to you and LUAC Chair Sarah Hausserman. I will mail an original to both you and the Supervisor, and request that the letter be entered into the record. If you get a chance to read it you will see that although I do not support the pilot program, I understand that there are Cachaguans who do support it. I therefore listed a few components that I feel should be addressed in the draft ordinance or elsewhere, if the program is to be adopted. Per your suggestion, I tried to be constructive.

I did not add one other thing: why is this initiative not subject to environmental review? There will be impacts that should be identified so that decision makers and the public can be fully informed, prior to consideration of this discretionary action. It is hard to understand why this should be rushed through in order to avoid such review; that does not seem in the best interest of the public, to say the least. I assume that County Counsel feels this has a legal basis; it strikes me as challengeable.

Thank you again for your efforts to inform and be informed. It is appreciated.

Doug Gardner
19350 Cachagua Rd.

Supervisor Mary Adams
Monterey Courthouse
1200 Agujito St. Ste. 1
Monterey CA. 93940

March 21, 2019

Dear Supervisor Adams,

I am writing in regard to the Cannabis Pilot program. I was able to get to know you a bit during the Sanctuary Bible Church issue, and from that I learned that you care deeply about the Cachagua area. We now need your help again. I do not like the idea of re-zoning residential land for commercial use, but I recognize that some Cachagua residents have grown cannabis and want this program. If a pilot program must go forward, I have the following comments:

Safety: Cannabis cultivation in Cachagua has already resulted in crime and safety issues; these problems seem to go with the industry. I have heard first-hand reports of vandalism, fire, raids and even gunfights. Given that the County would have new tax revenue from this business, a full-time peace officer should be assigned to Cachagua. This is already long overdue and would be a win-win for residents and growers.

Enforcement: If the County adopts a new cannabis pilot program, the ordinance must state the ground rules and have mechanisms for enforcement. Who will be entitled to grow; only those with past permission? How is such permission defined? Who has such permission now? Will new licenses be granted? Will the program be monitored? How are infractions identified and reported? How is the pilot program itself to be measured for success/failure?

Zoning: No outdoor cultivation should be allowed on RC lots. The size of allowable cultivation areas should be limited to the two smallest on the County's list of four growing sizes. This would be, after all, a test program and should start modestly. And given the very real impact of odor on adjacent property, substantial setbacks from cultivation area to property line must be established. A 200' setback is probably minimal and even that will not fully address odor.

Although I do not support this initiative, I would not oppose a program that adequately addresses these issues. Any program that lacks clarity and enforcement, that creates threats to public safety and the enjoyment of residential land, and that in any way promotes large scale commercial exploitation of Cachagua will be vigorously opposed.

Thank you again for your help in this matter.

Douglas J. Gardner
19350 Cachagua Rd.
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Cc: Craig Spencer, Sarah Haussermann

Spencer, Craig x5233

From: Kathie Lane <lane.kathie@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 1:04 PM
To: Spencer, Craig x5233
Subject: Fwd: Cannabis Pilot Program

Craig, I want to start out by thanking you for being more specific and prepared last night at our Land Use meeting. In some instances I feel a little better but I maintain my concerns as to the list I gave you in February. One item that I am moving up on my list of concerns is the fact that the county is pushing this through so not to have to do an environmental study. You made the comment about saving taxpayers...let me say this...my taxes are suppose to help keep infrastructure intact to keep us safe, they are to help with law enforcement to keep us safe, etc. so I feel that my tax dollar should be spent to do the environmental study for the whole area that is being considered so that we as citizens have all the data before us as to any impacts if any that might affect us. I also still want to have the meetings you mentioned on each permit being considered. After the meeting I am ok with the pilot program but not at the expense of not knowing to big picture as to the environmental impact. Also over time with maybe future growers in the picture should also be considered with this environmental study. Maybe the study will help provide more and better info as to the limit of scope on permits given. You need to get this right from the beginning!! Don't shortcut us by not having all info as to environmental studies impact! We need all information!!! Do the environmental studies...It is your obligation to do due diligence for the tax payers. We need all information like this so we can make fair evaluations as to what is about to happen to our neighborhoods.

One last thing we will really need more law enforcement in the area as well as consideration for an In- residence sheriff. I have had conversations with people where this has happened to their small communities and they had an increase in arm robberies, some home values losses and the smell is just unbearable at time. I don't care what size grows are allowed you will not be able to mediate the smell on outdoor cultivation with the breeze we get from the coast.

If you need me to send you another copy of the doc I gave you in February of a list of concerns let me know.

Kathie C. Lane

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Anderson, Yuri" <AndersonY@co.monterey.ca.us>
Date: March 13, 2019 at 11:38:23 AM PDT
To: "lane.kathie@gmail.com" <lane.kathie@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Cannabis Pilot Program

Kathie,

Thank you again for following your email up with a call this morning. I wanted to reconfirm that our office received your email and Mary will have an opportunity to review it. As we discussed on the phone, I encourage you to share your opposition to the County's current plan to expedite adoption of an ordinance with RMA-Planning staff. Mr. Spencer is best positioned to ensure your perspective is before the Cannabis Standing Committee as it makes its recommendations on the draft ordinance.

Please do feel free to reach out to me if you have additional questions or concerns you would like Mary to be aware of as the process continues.

Sincerely,
Yuri

Yuri C. Anderson
Chief of Staff to Supervisor Mary L. Adams
831.647.7755

From: Kathie Lane <lane.kathie@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 1:00 PM
To: 100-District 5 (831) 647-7755 <district5@co.monterey.ca.us>
Subject: Cannabis Pilot Program

Dear Mary,

As a concern citizen and resident of this area where the Pilot Program for Cultivation of Cannabis is being considered, I feel I need to express to you my concerns. As my district supervisor I would hope and wish for you to have a heavy involvement in this program representing the neighborhood in your district. Talks to the Industry has already begun without neighborhoods being informed. Meetings have occurred without notifications to residents, building already set for a dispensary without any residents input. Since it is us that will have huge impacts associated with cultivation of cannabis especially within an already existing neighborhood we are the ones that need to be addressed.

A memorandum from the Resource Management Agency (RMA) went out to the Cachagua Land Use Advisory Committee about a meeting that was supposed to be in January but having it February 27th. Most residents were not informed of this meeting. This part of your district already have issues to deal with and now you are allowing a high value crop industry to be put right in the middle of our neighborhood. The county doesn't even patrol the area as it is and has ignored illegal growers to exist in the past and you want us to trust that enforcement will be available to help with the increase crime associated with this industry, the odor to ruin our beautiful outdoors, and not to mention and a big big concern the property values. My husband and I have puts thousands of dollars into beautification of our property and to follow our firefighters recommendation for clearing our property, etc and now the county wants to ruin our lively hood. We have so many at risk children in our area too that we are trying to help and now you want to add to their safety!!!

I have inclosed a copy of my bullet points of concerns. Please please take sometime to look these over. Our neighborhood already has it challenges and many of the residents help to meet some of these challenges. We have progressed for the best in this neighborhood and an industry that threatens our watershed, water use, scenic views; night sky views and most of all a crime element and residents home values plus the ODOR is unacceptable. We already have many wineries and grazing uses in this area and adding to it with an industry that requires a lot of water puts a burden on us as well as use of a lot of our private roads with increase traffic and damage. We see this even when we have the use of fire equipments fighting fires in our area, which I may add...we have the best firefighters around!!!! This is going to be a huge environmental impact on the area and one that is not needed in our area. You haven't even done the environmental studies to see the impact as we were told at one meeting, which blows my mind since you, the county would be all over a private citizen to do as well as any other thing you can think of before we can do any kind of building, etc on our properties.

Last point before you refer to my bullet points, crime and regulating/enforcement of rules around this cultivation of cannabis in our area will be difficult and will need in-resident law enforcement/sheriff. It can take up to an hour before a sheriff can response to issues out here. The county will need to appropriate funds to protect us with more than one officer!!!! And I ask is the county willing to pipe in water to all these residents out here when the water is depleted because of the extra burden added to our water in the area. We struggle enough during our drought years. We even fear if we have enough at times to help protect our own property during fires.

So please help us and make sure this is not pasted through without proper meetings and more than one meetings if necessary and where residents are informed enough to participate in the discussions and have a vote as to what you are about to do to our neighborhoods, our safety, our investments. Please please reconsider what you are doing here!!! There has to be better places for growing Cannabis that can be covered with better law enforcement and not in the middle of a neighborhood. I have already heard from others where this has happened and armed robberies have increased, the smell is horrible and property values decreased. Please I beg you to reconsider what you are about to allow to happen in your district and to the people who voted for you to protect our interest. This is time for you to step and protect the residents and not the big industry. Again this is my retirement property and you are about to ruin everything we have invested.

Thank you
Kathie Lane (831) 884-6649

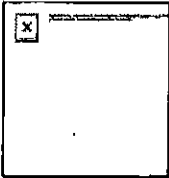
Spencer, Craig x5233

From: Carmel Valley Tennis Camp <cvtoss@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 6:35 PM
To: Spencer, Craig x5233; 100-District 5 (831) 647-7755; Milloto Reeder; Beniamino Milloto
Subject: Carmel Valley Tennis Camp cannabis concerns
Attachments: Carmel Valley Tennis Camp cannabis concerns.pdf

Hi Craig,

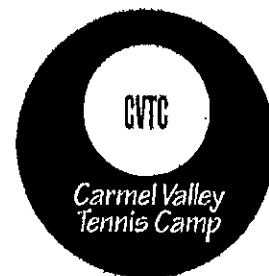
We are resending the letter we emailed yesterday as it was not done scanned properly. We'll see you at the meeting Tuesday night.

Best,
Susan



Susan Reeder, Steve Proulx and Aimee Reeder
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Monterey County Resource Management Agency
Planning Services
Craig Spencer – Acting Planning Manager
1441 Schilling Place
Salinas, CA 93901

March 10, 2019

Dear Craig:

We wanted to follow up on the conversation I had with you Friday regarding the guidelines for the cannabis grows in the Cachagua Land Use Advisory Area.

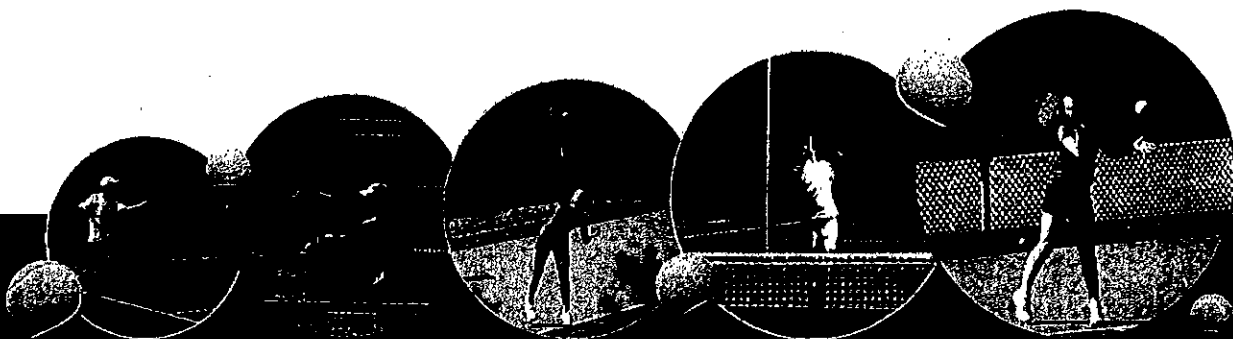
As the Owners/Directors of Carmel Valley Tennis Camp, a sleep away camp for children ages 10-18, we ask that provisions be made in the guidelines to establish a buffer between our camp and any active cannabis grows. In addition, we would ask that the same buffer be established throughout the Cachagua Land Use Advisory Area for any location that works with youth.

It is our understanding that there are currently jurisdictions in California that have established a six-hundred-foot buffer from property lines where youth are served.

I appreciate the time you spent with me on the phone, and we look forward to working with you, our local community, and the rest of the County staff.

Sincerely,

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Spencer, Craig x5233

To: Iwamoto, Joann 796-3017
Cc: Swanson, Brandon xx5334
Subject: RE: Outdoor Cannabis Pilot Program Santa Lucia Appellation

From: Ryan McGilloway <ryanpmcgilloway@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:48 PM
To: 100-District 2 (831) 755-5022 <district2@co.monterey.ca.us>
Subject: Outdoor Cannabis Pilot Program Santa Lucia Appellation

Dear Supervisor Phillips,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful leadership on Cannabis issues for Monterey County. I fully support the idea of a pilot program for outdoor cannabis in the Santa Lucia appellation. I think that the program would be better if it had two specific changes. Without these changes, I do not believe you will get enough participation to make it a viable program.

1) Included the Resource Conservation zoning in the Carmel Valley area. This is a zoning that has many existing farms. This zone is for agricultural use.

Resource Conservation (RC): The Resource Conservation designation is applied in primarily rural residential or agricultural areas- Monterey County General Plan.

In addition to this, Agriculture is a part of the heritage of Carmel Valley that should be protected and encouraged.

As stated in the Monterey County Zoning Ordinance Title 21 chapter 21.36.030 item L:
on lots of ten acres or more, except for those uses requiring an Administrative Permit or Use Permit, all soil dependent agricultural uses including crop and tree farming, livestock farming, greenhouses and vineyards;

CV-6.2 Gardens, orchards, row crops, grazing animals, farm equipment, and farm buildings are part of the heritage and the character of Carmel Valley. This rural agricultural nature should be encouraged, except on slopes of 25-percent (25%) or greater or where it would require the conversion or extensive removal of existing native vegetation. Carmel Valley Master plan.

2) Include existing farms that are less than 10 acres. Many existing farms are in the 5-acre range and some even less (2.5 acres). By cutting out these farms, you will have far less participants in the pilot program.

We propose parcels 10 acres or less, be allotted 5% of property to be designated for cultivation. Not to exceed 10,000sq.ft.

These changes will allow participation from a much larger number of existing farms and ensure the success of the pilot program. Thank you for your time and consideration of these ideas.

Best Regards,

Ryan McGilloway
District 5 Resident

Spencer, Craig x5233

From: Carol O'Neil <conell@montereybay.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 12:15 PM
To: Spencer, Craig x5233
Subject: RMA Outdoor cannabis pilot program
Attachments: Pot protest.docx

Craig,

Please find attached our views on the proposed cannabis cultivation pilot program in Big Sur. We are unable to attend today's meeting, but would like our views taken into consideration.

Thank you,

Carol O'Neil

To: Monterey County Resource Management Agency
From: John and Carol O'Neil
Date: February 12, 2019

We are concerned that the county may allow the cultivation of commercial cannabis in the Pfeiffer Ridge area of Big Sur. Our concerns are primarily odors, water and the lowered security caused by increased traffic and visitors. Why should the residents of Big Sur suffer with exemptions to the indoor grow policy that the rest of the county adheres to? Is this just a romantic notion that Big Sur growers are "special"?

Pfeiffer Ridge is a neighborhood, like any other, albeit with larger lots. Though it is zoned rural, many of the lots are only 5 acres. At first look, it may appear to be not especially dense, but that is because many of the lots are not built upon. Many homes have not been rebuilt since the fire. In areas where 5 acre lots are side by side, a noxious smell from one pot grow could encroach on many homes.

When we were building our house, there was a legal, organic medical marijuana grow of about 20 plants on the next lot. Our contractor complained about the noxious smells coming from those plants. In the afternoons, with the ocean breezes, it was overpowering. We have 33+ acres and our neighbor has 20 acres. Because of the land configurations in the area, building sites often are very close to each other, even on larger parcels, as in our case.

Part of the attraction of living in Big Sur is the clean air, clean water and the quiet. We had a neighbor whose bees were prolific and thriving, where nationwide other bees were dying, which he attributed to the lack of pesticides and herbicides in the surrounding area. A commercial pot grow would not only pollute our air with noxious smells, but could potentially ruin the environment for local bees and other creatures with the use of chemicals.

Our roads are private, paid for with membership dues. More traffic generated by any commercial activity would have a negative affect on the road surface, on road safety with increased traffic (these are one-lane roads), and on the sense of security in knowing who is there. Can we be assured that owner/growers are on-site or will employees be the ones actually tending the plants? Will renters be tempted to cultivate land owned by out-of-town owners? Cannabis cultivation attracts a more criminal element than, say, growing peaches commercially.

Water is also by private water companies. Our water company is less than 15 members, therefore, by law, we pay a flat fee per parcel for water. A commercial water use could put more strain on the system, use more of a precious resource, and would cause a large imbalance in use among members. An imprudent use of water could also cause over-watering and chemical runoff into the watershed. On our road/water system we have already had issues with unattended irrigation causing problems that are not "caught" in a timely manner, draining the water system, effectively cutting off water to the others.

Mixing a commercial use that is not benign within a bucolic community is not "the greater good."

Sincerely,
John and Carol O'Neil
46650 Pfeiffer Ridge Rd., Big Sur

Mail: 2070 Marsala Circle, Monterey

Spencer, Craig x5233

From: John H. Cumming <johncumming1959@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 2:06 PM
To: Swanson, Brandon xx5334; Spencer, Craig x5233
Cc: johncumming1959@gmail.com
Subject: Limited Outdoor Cannabis Production - Letter to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors
Attachments: 7-26-18 Letter to the Mo. Co. Board of Sup..pdf

Mr. Swanson & Mr. Spencer,

Since I will not be able to attend and be part of the public comment period for the 7/10/18 full Board of Supervisors meeting, please submit the attached letter / recommendation to the meeting agenda.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

John H. Cumming
39467 Metz Road
King City, CA 93990
Cell 831-262-0299

PS Please acknowledge receipt of my email / attachment and request.

To: Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Date: June 27, 2018

From: John H. Cumming
Fourth Generation Monterey County Resident

Subject: Recommendation for the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to direct the Monterey County Resource Management Agency to draft a proposal for limited outdoor cannabis production.

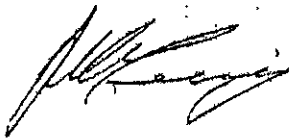
Monterey County has the unique opportunity to develop a viable, economical, and compliant outdoor cannabis industry. There is no question that there is a very high demand for naturally sun grown cannabis that meets high quality, production, testing, and environmental standards. This demand is especially true for those folks using naturally sun grown cannabis as part of their medical protocol.

The criteria for participating in a limited outdoor cannabis production program should be very high. These standards must address the concerns of the general public, county agencies, and the cannabis industry itself. In Monterey County there are outdoor cannabis growers who not only could meet and exceed the requirements, but would welcome the opportunity to be part of the process.

I strongly urge the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to direct the Resource Management Agency to draft a proposal for limited outdoor cannabis production.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

John Cumming

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Cumming', is written below the printed name.

Spencer, Craig x5233

To: lwamoto, Joann 796-3017; Swanson, Brandon xx5334; Donlon, Kelly L. x5313
Subject: RE: Correspondence: Letter from Julie Cramer, FW: Outdoor commercial cannabis grow pilot in Cachagua -- OPPOSED

From: PLfamilyswim <plfamilyswim@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 4:41 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard <cob@co.monterey.ca.us>
Subject: Outdoor commercial cannabis grow pilot in Cachagua -- OPPOSED

Dear County Supervisors and staff,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed pilot for commercial outdoor cannabis growing in my Cachagua area. For the following reason, this pilot generates concern.

1. Water usage - commercial cannabis growing requires quite a bit of water. The Carmel river has been struggling for decades and is just now seeing some relief with the removal of the San Clemente Dam. Still, our creeks do not flow as they used to. Cannabis growing would deplete water in a water-strapped area.
2. Environmental concerns - cannabis growing requires agricultural additives that may harm wildlife and endangered fish, such as our steelhead, which are just now starting to make a comeback. **Cachagua is a haven for wildlife and should be prioritized as such.**
3. Traffic - Cachagua roads already struggle with traffic issues and repair needs. Cannabis growing would add additional traffic.
4. Safety - Cachagua is a remote location and it is difficult for safety agencies to provide emergency services, let alone the kind of on-going presence that a cannabis grow would need to keep the community safe.

Cachagua is simply not the place for a pilot of this nature.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and for keeping me posted on the status of the pilot.

Regards,
Julie Cramer
Cachagua Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924

Reply Reply All For

Spencer, Craig x5233

From: Tor McPartland <orangeguard@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 4:35 PM
To: Spencer, Craig x5233
Subject: Carmel Valley outdoor cannabis

Dear Craig

We spoke at the Cachagua Advisory committee meeting awhile ago.

I previously sent you some wording for contiguous properties with the same owner.

I wanted today to run an idea about canopy charges. When we spoke you said canopy in advance charges were voted in so couldn't be changed without another vote.

So what I suggest is to base canopy charges for outdoor not by the fence enclosure size but by the plant container size.

I heard it would cost \$500,000 to comply for 10,000 sq ft area to get started. I promise you none of the starving farmers can do that and so you continue to only support the money and exclude the people who care.

Also PG&E being a requirement again excludes the people the county damaged when they illegalized cannabis. Possibly the county should pay restitution to the damaged farmers so they can afford to start up again.

I know you have a heart, please try to give one to the county.

Sincerely

Tor McPartland

Trampa Canyon (Tularcitos Ridge)

831-915-9151



Item V. C. Outdoor Cannabis Cultivation Pilot Program - Correspondence
Agricultural Advisory Committee
April 25, 2019

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April 22, 2019

Monterey County Cannabis Standing Committee

Att: Supervisor Luis Alejo
Supervisor John Phillips
168 W. Alisal St.
Salinas, CA 93901

RE: Cannabis Outdoor Grow Pilot Policy

Dear Supervisors Alejo & Phillips:

Monterey County Farm Bureau represents family farmers and ranchers in the interest of protecting and promoting agriculture throughout our County. Since 1917, Farm Bureau strives to improve the ability of those engaged in production agriculture to provide a reliable supply of food and fiber through responsible stewardship of our local resources.

Our Farm Bureau has been active in supporting the local cannabis producers as they ramp up growing operations and processing facilities. Our policy, adopted by our Board of Directors in 2015, is that cannabis should be treated as an agricultural crop; be afforded no additional benefits or restrictions than any other agricultural crop; encourage reuse of existing facilities (greenhouses); water use for growing cannabis should be treated like any other crop; and, there should be no specific crop tax on cannabis production, distribution, or sale.

We support the Cannabis Outdoor Grow Pilot Policy for the Big Sur area, as it makes sense to bring these growers 'into the daylight' to follow existing water quality and environmental regulations, as well as workplace labor laws. We expect that the costs of this pilot program will be covered by the revenue received from these outside growers themselves; revenues from the current indoor grow program (or from the County's general funds) should not be used to support or subsidize this outdoor pilot program.

However, we express serious concern over extending this pilot program beyond the Big Sur area until the five-year cycle of the program has run its course and a determination has been made that outdoor grows of cannabis can be managed in a manner that does not impact the environment or other private property rights.

The Salinas Valley is a valuable resource when it comes to agricultural production. Limiting cannabis grows in this area to indoor facilities has provided for robust increases in production (and tax revenues) while maintaining mitigation of the detracting factors of cannabis production, such as odor. We fully appreciate



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that our cannabis growers have been good neighbors to those farming in the Salinas Valley, particularly to those who farm immediately next door to the greenhouse operations south of the City of Salinas.

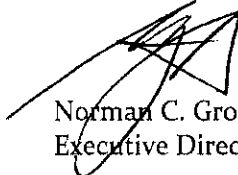
But we don't think that the Salinas Valley is ready for outdoor cannabis grows just yet. There is already a recognized overproduction of cannabis statewide, which has caused market price fluctuations not anticipated by local growers. There are also concerns surrounding security of outdoor grows, particularly in an area that is as wide open as the Salinas Valley, easily accessible and visible. There are also larger concerns about the odor issue when it comes to outdoor grows, and that it will permeate the Salinas Valley's air quality more permanently, possibly impacting food crops in manners not yet understood.

The cannabis sector is experiencing the same growing pains that the grape sector felt back in the 1970s and 1980s when overproduction led to market pricing influences, additional regulatory requirements, and plenty of land use policy decisions related to conversion to vineyards. There are many similar parallels to the cannabis sector, only these growers may be experiencing a heightened amount of attention due to statewide permitting and regulatory requirements, taxation, and labor negotiations with unions (as required by state law). This has placed an increased burden on cannabis growers and their ability to financially find stability; in short, the cannabis financial boom expected has yet to materialize for many of our local growers. Frustrations with the 'system' are the overwhelming discussion within cannabis grower meetings.

We need to find our stability when it comes to cannabis production in Monterey County. Outdoor grows in the Big Sur area may make sense at this time, but bigger decisions about additional outdoor grows, particularly for the Salinas Valley area, need to be carefully studied and validated with stakeholders. These decisions will alter the landscape of our County forever and any further expansion of outdoor grows needs to be tempered with thoughtfulness and consideration to existing private property owners. Additionally, the Big Sur pilot program should have time to run its five-year course to fully determine the impacts that outdoor production may have on the environment, water supplies, and local residents.

We urge caution with any additional decisions related to outdoor cannabis grows. Since Farm Bureau is actively involved with cannabis growers, our participation in any discussions moving forward would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

cc: Ag Advisory Committee; Bill Lipe, Chair