

10/21/24

To: Supervisors Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, Simon and Green

Re: BOS Agenda Item 10/22/24 at 9:15. Appeal (AB24-02) for Highland Farms, LP (UP 20-96)

As a former member of the Konocti Regional Trails (KRT) committee and advocate for outdoor recreation, I am concerned that the required 1000 foot setbacks for cannabis cultivation are not being correctly applied to public lands such as Highland Springs County Park.

Article 27 of Lake County Zoning (pg 27-120) states that commercial cannabis cultivation is prohibited within 1,000 feet of public lands.

Ordinance 3096 further defines public lands as: "c. Public lands, where, because of development or other actions, it is clear that the public is invited to use such locations as places of recreation and other destination activities, including but not limited to, hiking, bird-watching, equestrian activities, and camping. Additionally, all State and County parks are public lands."

1) As "all ... County parks are public lands" the 1000 foot setback should be measured from the park boundaries.

2) The Lake County Water Resources Department has a web page entitled Hunting At Highland Springs, with a consent form/application to be signed by the Water Resources Manager, giving permission to use Highland Springs as a place of recreation or other destination activity such as hunting.

Attached you will find the Lake County Water Resources Highland Springs Hunting Boundary Map and Hunting Permit Application Form. Please note the map says, "Highland Springs is open for public use."

County parks are extremely important, highly visited and beloved in our communities. In particular, the Highland Springs volunteers are one of the most dedicated recreational groups in the county, providing countless hours of volunteer work culminating in a magnificent county resource providing numerous outdoor activities.

We are requesting that the Board of Supervisors apply the 1000 foot setback to the boundaries of Highland Springs for the Highland Farms project.

Holly Harris

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URLS for Lake County Water Resources Highland Springs Hunting Boundary Map and Hunting Permit Application Form

<https://www.lakecountycalifornia.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4308/Highland-Springs-Park->

Rules-and-Hunting-Boundary-Map-PDF

<https://www.lakecountycalifornia.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11429/HS-Hunting-Permit-App--7124current?bidId=>