

From: Thomas Laughlin

Dear Supervisor Huchingson,

On June 8, the Board of Supervisors will convene and discuss the granting of the We Grow Permit granted by the Planning Commission recently. I am vehemently opposed to this permit. I live in the Shadow Hills subdivision above the property in question, and I will have a great view of whatever goes on there and will be profoundly impacted by its noise, the traffic going over the subdivision's roads, the light pollution from it at night, and several other concerns.

All of this is overridden by my concern about their water use. It is projected to be in the neighborhood of 4 to 5 million gallons a year, which I greatly fear will have a hugely negative impact on the wells in our subdivision and surrounding areas. I am not an expert in this, but the person who drilled and maintains my well is. He has drilled many, if not most, of the wells in the area and says that we sit in a precarious position in our subdivision. **Some lots are already dry**, and there is every reason to be concerned that all will be impacted by an entity taking that much from our groundwater resources every year.

Right now we are in an area labeled by the state as "exceptional drought", the most severe designation the state provides. As you know, we are at the beginning of this drought and its duration is unknown. My well expert says that if the wells of this business were on the Putah Creek floodplain, it would be no issue. But we're not. We are **2000 feet above it** and that makes all the difference. There is every reason to expect that taking that much additional water from our resources could lead to all of us having dry wells in the future. And then what? Many people up here are on fixed incomes, and that could be devastating for us from any angle. I am **terrified** of this prospect.

At the planning commission meeting, a Rim Rock resident testified that they are already having well failures. And the planning commission meeting was a farce. They completely ignored the concerns of the many members of the public. I mean, **completely ignored them!** At one point, a planning commissioner even stated that she did not want to hear more of what had already been said, specifically mentioning the drought. That was shocking to me from a person who has been elected to serve our interests.

The planning commission went on to unanimously approve the permits, which I understand they do at a rate of 100% of the time. I have to say, it felt corrupt to me, and if it wasn't, someone needs to tell me what it was that I witnessed.

Please do not let this grow proceed as scheduled. It is not the right time or the right place for a massive grow to happen. You have residents of this county to answer to and we have no one to look out for and support our interests except you!

Respectfully,

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