

From: Jackson Berumen Jackson.Berumen@lakecountyca.gov 
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] California Public Records Act Request for Lake County - Agricultural Uses
Date: August 27, 2025 at 2:14 PM
To: Maria Kann mariackann@gmail.com
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JB

Good afternoon: Ms. Kann:

In an effort to keep all of your PRA's separate, I'm going to be referring to this PRA as "Agricultural Uses."

Thank you for providing clarifying information. The County will begin a search for records related to all agricultural uses for the property 10535 High Valley Road, Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423, APN 006-004-22, from 1987 to the Present.

Due to the broad scope of your request and the expansive timeline, the County does not have an estimated date or timeline for production at this time. I will be in contact on or before September 12, 2025, with more information regarding the timeline for production. If you are willing to consider providing a narrower time range for the records requested and further narrow the categories of your records request, the time for production may be shortened.

Sincerely,

Jackson Berumen
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From: Maria Kann <mariackann@gmail.com>
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] California Public Records Act Request for Lake County

Hello Mr. Berumen,

The project documentation, applicant, and county staff all mention cultivation areas that were previously disturbed by agriculture; specifically a hops farm. I am interested in any agriculture that occurred on the property prior to the Poverty Flats UP 23-09 IS 23-20 project under appeal at this time. Because I don't know the exact date the cannabis project started, and the fact that the Barthels have owned the property since 1987, I am seeking all information that pertains to the "previously disturbed areas" and the statement in the ISMND "The Study Area has been used as a hops farm in the past, and all the areas proposed for cultivation have been previously disturbed." Your search for information should not be limited to a "hops farm" and should produce all agricultural uses on the property during the project applicant's ownership. Additionally, I would like to know what pesticides have been used with previous agriculture applications.

Thank you for your timely efforts to produce responses to my request.

Sincerely,
Maria Kann

On Tue, Aug 26, 2025 at 3:53 PM Jackson Berumen
<Jackson.Berumen@lakecountycalifornia.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Kann:

The County appreciates your message regarding your PRA request. I would like to confirm the new scope of your request, that the records you are looking for are "historical agricultural uses" related to 10535 High Valley Road, Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423 APN 006-004-22.

To provide a complete response, would cannabis use, historically not an agricultural use as it was previously illegal, be included in the scope of your requests? Or are you looking for agricultural uses other than cannabis?

Thank you for your time and patience as the county continues to process your PRA requests.

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] California Public Records Act Request for Lake County

Including County Counsel in this message.



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From: Maria Kann <mariackann@gmail.com>
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Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] California Public Records Act Request for Lake County

Hello,

I am following up on my request for information from the Ag department. The last correspondence regarding my request was on July 29, 2025 which is almost a month ago. Please let me know when you will be providing the documents requested regarding 10535 High Valley Road, Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423 APN 006-004-22. Specifically I am requesting any and all information relating to historical agricultural uses on the parcel between October 10, 1987 and current date.

This request includes, but is not limited to:

1. Annual Crop Reports or other official documents that specifically identify hops or other crops grown on or associated with this property;
2. Pesticide Use Permits, Notices, or Reports tied to this property that may identify crop type(s);
3. Inspection reports, correspondence, or surveys indicating crop cultivation history for this property;

Thank you for your attention to this matter,
Maria Kann

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From: Maria Kann <mariackann@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jul 29, 2025 at 12:07 PM
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] California Public Records Act Request for Lake County
To: Katherine Vanderwall <Katherine.Vanderwall@lakecountyca.gov>

Thank you so much!

On Tue, Jul 29, 2025 at 8:27 AM Katherine Vanderwall
<Katherine.Vanderwall@lakecountyca.gov> wrote:

Hello Maria

This email is to let you know that your information request has been received.

Katherine VanDerWall

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From: Maria Kann <mariackann@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, July 25, 2025 8:27 PM

To: Katherine Vanderwall <Katherine.Vanderwall@lakecountyca.gov>; Lake County Auditor - County Clerk <CountyClerk@lakecountyca.gov>; Janavive.Herrington@lakecountyca.gov

Subject: [EXTERNAL] California Public Records Act Request for Lake County

Dear Clerk Herrington and Commissioner VanderWall:

Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (PRA), Government Code section 6250 *et seq.*, this letter on behalf of Maria Kann serves as a formal request upon the Lake County (County) to furnish all public records prepared, received, owned, used, transmitted, or possessed (including, without limitation, those constructively possessed) by the County which are responsive to the categories listed below, dating from October 20, 1987. This request applies to all public records as defined in Government Code section 6252, subdivision (e), which includes any electronic mail and “writing,” as defined in Government Code section 6252, subdivision (g). The County’s response is subject to the 10-day deadline set forth in the Public Records Act, Government Code section 6253, subdivision (c).

DEFINITIONS

1. “Document” and/or “Writing” means every public record that is known to the County and which the County can locate or discover by reasonably diligent efforts and includes:

- Documents, communications, letters, memoranda, notes, reports, papers, files, books, records, contracts, agreements, telegrams, electronic mail (saved or deleted), texts (saved or deleted), and other communications sent or received;
- Printouts, calendars, drafts, tables, compilations, tabulations, charts, spreadsheets, graphs, recommendations, accounts, worksheets, logs, work papers, minutes, notes, summaries, speeches, presentations, and other written records or recordings of or relating to any conference, meeting, visit, interview, or telephone conversations;
- Bills, statements, invoices, and other records of any obligation or expenditure, cancelled checks, vouchers, receipts, and other records of payment;
- Financial and statistical data, analyses, surveys and schedules;
- Audiotapes and videotapes and cassettes and transcripts thereof, affidavits, transcripts of testimony, statements, interviews, and conversations;
- Printed matter (including published articles, speeches, newspaper clippings, press releases, and photographs);
- Microfilm and microfiche, disks, computer files, electronically stored data (including the metadata associated with any such written and/or spoken content), electronically stored information, electronic devices, film, tapes, and other sources from which information can be obtained, including materials used in electronic data processing; and
- Documents and writings on personal devices and/or personal accounts including, but not limited to, text messages, voicemails, and emails.

2. “Electronic” means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities

3. “Electronically stored information” means information that is stored in an electronic medium, including data, metadata, and all electronically stored data or information

4. “Relating to” means analyzing, concerning, describing, discussing, evidencing, mentioning, proving, referencing, regarding, supporting, commenting upon, opining about, pertaining to, referring to and/or relating to, whether directly or indirectly.

REQUEST

Please provide or otherwise make available for review copies of the following:

1. All documents and writings as defined above referencing or relating to the Assessor Parcel Number 006-004-22 (10535 High Valley Road, Clearlake Oaks, CA) for the time period starting October 20, 1987, and ending upon the date this request is fulfilled.

Documents and writings requested herein should include all

communications between and amongst County staff, County-elected officials, County-appointed officials, and County consultants regarding the projects and documents defined and described above. Documents and writings requested herein also should include all communications between and amongst the applicant(s) of these projects, and any and all associated applicant staff or representatives, as well as legal counsel for applicant(s), and County staff, County-elected officials, County-appointed officials, and County consultants.

Records produced in response to this request should be produced as they are kept in the usual course of business. All electronically stored information shall be produced in its native format with all metadata intact. We request that all hard-copy records be scanned and produced electronically in Adobe Acrobat PDF format and transmitted electronically to me at ljdk2007@aol.com.

If the response is voluminous, I request that you produce responsive records on a rolling basis.

Please contact me within ten (10) business days of this request to let me know if the County has any of the public records requested herein. Should you decide to withhold any of the requested records, please provide a written response in accordance with Government Code section 6255 that specifies the basis for withholding the records. I can be reached at 707 331 3922 or via email at mariackann@gmail.com. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Maria Kann

