

To: Joanna Peelen

Fr: Richard Thomas- Stinson Road Owner

RE: USE PERMIT UP20-22

May 7, 2022

I respond as follows to the USE PERMIT (UP20-22) initial study (IS20-25)

16750 Herrington Rd., Middletown, California

Approval of this project simply is not a good choice for all the people of Lake County

These are my considerations:

1. 1. I am concerned about the potential water issues of my exiting well after 40 years of residency in this location. This in retrospect has the potential of creating water shortages throughout the immediate area of homes that have been here for many years. There is a "severe" water shortage warnings and Lake County has been classified as an extreme drought area for second year in a row.
2. 2. Regardless of the legality of cannabis it is still considered a drug by many and promotes potential criminal harm to the community as already there appears to be legal violations by the property owners.
3. 3. As I understand it, you (the County of Lake) have already approved other sites in the immediate area which now will surround the entire Hidden Valley Community, enough is enough of selling-out our County to this activity.
4. 4. Approval of this site may cause odors that will be offensive and potentially harmful.
5. 5. I am significantly worried about the possibility of diminishment of property value.
6. 6. There are a significantly number of trees that will not be able to be replaced
7. 7. Since my property backs to this potential site, I will be very concerned about the attempt by people to trespass through my property.
8. 8. There is some sort of County drainage easement along Gallagher Creek that runs from the potential site through my property that can significantly affect this lower water table and again, potential causing potential chemical drainage.
9. 9. As a County Supervisor, you have feed-back from your own Planning Department not to approve this project as well as the Middletown Area Planning Group.
10. There are numerous articles and documentation regarding concerns that cannabis growing facilities and production drain and polluted streams, degraded watersheds and killed wildlife. The cultivation sites also interfere with the restoration of distressed habitats.

Strenuously Objectively Yours,

Richard Thomas – Stinson Road, Hidden Valley