

Lake County Planning office
255 North Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

Re: UP 21-14 Monte Cristo Vineyards, LLC re: SCH 2022030675

Date: June 15, 2022

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am Ken Humphrey who resides and own 6 parcels of land at 11751, 12083, 12173 Cerrito Drive and 3 lots on Hwy 20.

I am writing in opposition to the proposed Major Use Permit for Monte Cristo Vineyards, LLC SCH 2022030675 regarding a large cannabis operation of 22 acres on Cerrito Drive.

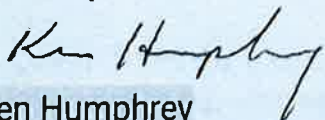
My family is a large major landowner in Clearlake Oaks and within very close proximity and border with Monte Cristo's property. The proprietor to this vineyard has had a very terrible history with the local community. He has disregarded our concerns in the past with dust, noise and speeding Trucks coming down the hill from us...

There have been many instances over the years of trucks that are well beyond the recommended length jackknifing on the turn at Cerrito/High Valley closing the road for hours. Last year, power lines on the lower part of High Valley Road closed the road for an entire day. When these events happen, it essentially traps the residents of Cerrito and AltaVista Drive and High Valley Road as there is no egress to Hwy 20. The year before one of the Vineyard's tractors caught on fire on its way up during Wildfire season. It was terrifying. In addition, with heavy traffic and the Monte Cristo Cannabis Grow so close to the Elementary School, one wonders why there would be a permit even considered for this area for the safety of our children, let alone the small entrance onto High Valley!

Our lake is at a historic low level, our aquifers and watersheds are shrinking, our wells are drying up, and many of our majestic trees are dying from the Mega drought. Farming communities across the state are reeling from the effects of the drought and the corresponding restrictions being placed on them. Due to parched fields, economies are crumbling, and California is unable to provide the food that our entire country relies upon for food security. Yet, it's OK for a cannabis operation to start up in these circumstances now even receiving temporary county tax reliefs.

Please take the welfare of our neighborhood into consideration.

Sincerely,



Ken Humphrey

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Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423

PS. I will be unable to come to the Commissioner's meeting for Thursday at 9:20AM at the county office in Lakeport, I have asked my neighbors who will be there to represent and voice my concerns.