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Hi Jim,

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Hello Andrew, Mary, and Byron,

Please include the attached report in the Public Comments for the Lamperti Farm Planning Commission meeting this Thursday (Agenda Item 4, UP 20-51). This report was prepared by Redbud Audubon Society Vice President Donna Mackiewicz, immediately following a site visit with her, Roberta Lyons (Redbud Audubon President) and Andrew Basurto (Clearlake Keys Property Owners Association President) on January 5th of this year. Please, please, please make sure that this report is included in the Commissioners' information for this hearing, as I will definitely be citing from this report during the hearing on Thursday.

Thank you and have a great day,

Trey



California Towhee

Field trip summary to an 11-acre outdoor, in-ground, cannabis project located in Clearlake Oaks, CA



The above photo was taken standing on the fence rails and peering over the six-foot security fence.

This report summary is non-professional and not for public presentation - just personal notes and opinions of Donna Mackiewicz (Redbud Audubon Vice President and Conservation co-chair). Please note photo originals have been deleted and are for use for this document only unless owner of property gives permission for use.

Jan. 5, 2022, 8:30-11:15, Clearlake Oaks, Lake County, CA



Straw wattles above

Example of rows. Hoop houses frames seen off in the distance that will be removed until time to replant crops.



Attendees: Roberta Lyons (Redbud Audubon President and Conservation co-chair), Andrew Basurto (Keys POA President), Anthony Lamperti (Project owner/applicant) and Trey Sherrill (Cal Cannabis Consultants)





No views of the lake can be seen beyond the privacy fencing.

Level field for planting surrounded by hills of oak, agriculture and the lake views.

The CLO Keys and CLO Waste Water Treatment plant and the homeowner's home could be spotted but not real close.



Security: Excellent

We were met in a driveway and entered thru two locked gates that were closed behind us.

Location: Excellent

Previously used for livestock hay growing - there was no removal of native vegetation.

Scenic: Pretty great

Cultivation area was very clean, surrounded by black privacy fencing. Hoop frames were up on some plots and the "wedding-type" tent frames have been removed. Straw wattles lined the dirt roadway. I climbed up onto some wood fence rails to peer over the privacy screen to see how close the lake actually was. Pre-visit I misjudged how close it was as I had only kayaked by and seen the grow in the summer months. I'd estimate 6-700 feet? And as this was my main concern for lake protection, feel there in no chance of run-off. From the current un-planted grow, which will be cover crop planted, (in my non-professional opinion) I doubt even in a 100-year flood would reach the growing area.

The Keys neighborhood homes could be seen in the distance but not close enough to make out a single residence address. The closest home seen on the hills was the land owner's residence.

It's true that this site is visible as you enter on Highway 20 but if it were not for the plastic no one would probably have ever commented on any issues.

Traffic: No impact

The entrance we came in on does have a blind curve so care is needed when leaving but there is another entrance/exit that larger vehicle would most likely enter from after harvest for transporting or bringing in seasonal workers.

Sound: No impact

The only noise we hear were from the waste water treatment plant pumps. Note the wastewater treatment plant does have an access road to its pump shed but this was located outside of the perimeter security fence.

Lighting: No impact

Lighting we saw were motion sensors that would only be set off by traffic at night – which might be a patrol but no road or visitor traffic.

Odor: Sensitive

As to be expected in projects outdoors of all type's odors can be expected. With cannabis the months when buds are forming through harvest. And as vegetation is ready here for chipping and composting there are odors present but unless you are right next to the pile it was not noticeable.

Wildlife: No impact

The possibility of animals being impeded by the security fencing is a possibility, but I saw a recent hole from a rodent dug under the security fence and there was an obvious presence of birds. The eBird list, started from my home (2 hours) of 46 species and 240 birds, to the project site (.5 miles straight across). The list would be larger if done earlier in the morning with binoculars.

Species Count: 46, 240 birds

Canada Goose (<i>Branta canadensis</i>)	58
Mallard (<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>)	14
Common Merganser (<i>Mergus merganser</i>)	3
Pied-billed Grebe (<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>)	2
Eurasian Collared-Dove (<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>)	2
Mourning Dove (<i>Zenaida macroura</i>)	1
Anna's Hummingbird (<i>Calypte anna</i>)	9
American Coot (<i>Fulica americana</i>)	14
Killdeer (<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>)	2
California Gull (<i>Larus californicus</i>)	1



Double-crested Cormorant (<i>Nannopterum auritum</i>)	4
American White Pelican (<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>)	17
Great Blue Heron (<i>Ardea herodias</i>)	2
Great Egret (<i>Ardea alba</i>)	1
Turkey Vulture (<i>Cathartes aura</i>)	2
Bald Eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>)	1
Red-shouldered Hawk (<i>Buteo lineatus</i>)	1
Red-tailed Hawk (<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>)	1
Belted Kingfisher (<i>Megasceryle alcyon</i>)	2
Acorn Woodpecker (<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>)	6
Downy Woodpecker (<i>Dryobates pubescens</i>)	2
Nuttall's Woodpecker (<i>Dryobates nuttallii</i>)	1
Northern Flicker (<i>Colaptes auratus</i>)	1
Prairie Falcon (<i>Falco mexicanus</i>)	1
Black Phoebe (<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>)	2
Say's Phoebe (<i>Sayornis saya</i>)	1
California Scrub-Jay (<i>Aphelocoma californica</i>)	1
American Crow (<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>)	1
Oak Titmouse (<i>Baeolophus inornatus</i>)	1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (<i>Corthylio calendula</i>)	6
White-breasted Nuthatch (<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>)	3
Bewick's Wren (<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>)	1
European Starling (<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>)	1
Northern Mockingbird (<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>)	2
American Robin (<i>Turdus migratorius</i>)	1
Phainopepla (<i>Phainopepla nitens</i>)	1
House Sparrow (<i>Passer domesticus</i>)	5
House Finch (<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>)	2
Pine Siskin (<i>Spinus pinus</i>)	2

American Goldfinch (<i>Spinus tristis</i>)	14	
Dark-eyed Junco (<i>Junco hyemalis</i>)	8	
White-crowned Sparrow (<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>)	11	
Savannah Sparrow (<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>)	1	
California Towhee (<i>Melospiza crissalis</i>)	8	
Spotted Towhee (<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>)	1	
Brewer's Blackbird (<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>)	8	
Yellow-rumped Warbler (<i>Setophaga coronata</i>)	8	
Townsend's Warbler (<i>Setophaga townsendi</i>)	3	

Bird photos: Townsend's Warbler and Turkey Vulture

