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LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DEPT.

COUNTY OF LAKE
CORRECTION OF NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION -

Project Title: Derum; Use Permit (UP 18-20); Initial Study (IS 18-24); Early Activation (EA 18-13)

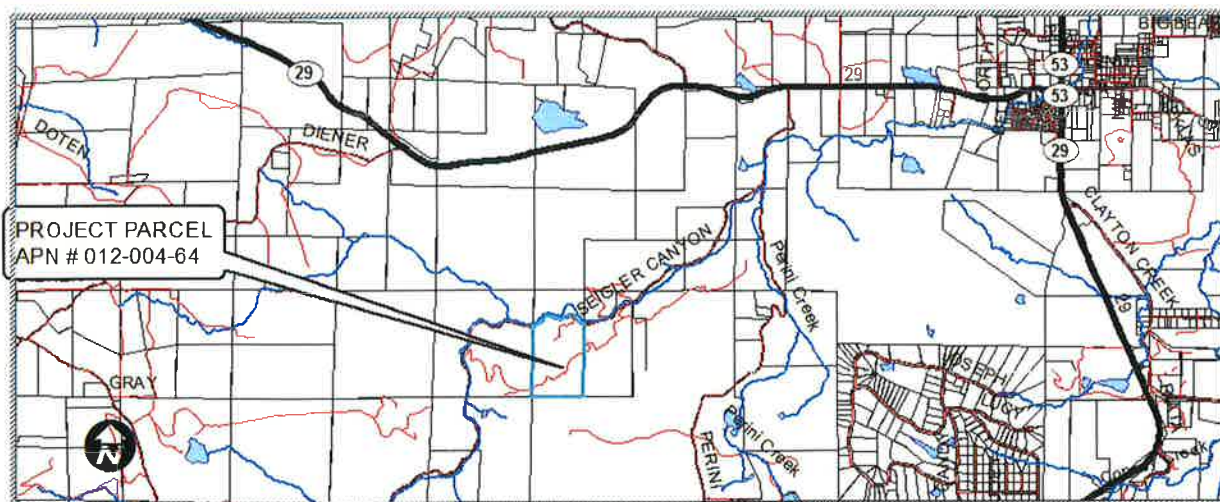
Project Location: 13505 & 13605 Seigler Canyon Road, Lower Lake, CA

CORRECTION: *Original Notice of Intent erroneously included APN 012-004-28. This Notice Of Intent ONLY applies to APN 012-004-64.*

APN No.: 012-004-~~28~~ and 64

Project Description: Approval of up to 22,000 s.f. of outdoor Commercial Cannabis grow site via Use Permit (UP) 18-20; Initial Study (IS) 18-24, and Early Activations (EA) 18-13. The parcel contains one dwelling unit, a 20' x 20' building to be used for drying the plants post-harvest; two 2500 gallon water tanks, and several smaller out buildings. Annual water use is estimated to be 1,600,000 gallons according to the applicant. The parcel is accessible through an existing unimproved County road, Seigler Canyon Drive. In addition to the dwelling, the project site is currently developed with a graveled access road, a site for medicinal cannabis cultivation enclosed by a 6 foot chain link fence and steel gate with a combination lock. There are no mapped sensitive species on the site. The site is not in a flood plain.

The public review period for the respective proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration based on Initial Study IS 18-24 will begin on October 18, 2018 and end on November 17, 2018. You are encouraged to submit written comments regarding the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. You may do so by submitting written comments to the Planning Division prior to the end of the review period. Copies of the application, environmental documents, and all reference documents associated with the project are available for review through the **Community Development Department, Planning Division; telephone (707) 263-2221**. Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Division or via email at eric.porter@lakecountycalifornia.gov.



Marijuana is already being grown on parcel # APN 012-004-64. The proposed enlargement of the grow site is alarming because its current size has already greatly impacted our home. The site is in a canyon that's walls are confining. The wind is consistently blowing from the grow site to our home a little more than 1,000 feet away. The confining canyon walls hold in the stink and the wind funnels it right to us. We take the brunt of the obnoxious stink. This has caused sharp headaches, watering eyes and, most disruptive of all, nausea, from the strong invasive and persistent stink that we can't get away from short of evacuating our home.

We have tried to block off our entire ventilation system with sheet plastic and plywood but it seeps in and permeates our home of 35 years anyway. We can no longer open our windows to cool fresh air day or night because there is NO fresh air. We've resorted to electric fans to circulate the air, and as a result, our PGE bill has risen considerably.

We and our nearby neighbors in this canyon should not have to tolerate this major disruption and degradation of our lives just because we chose years ago to live outside town limits. Our homes are just as valuable and important to us as those in town.

* We burn drought-killed brush and trees on our land several times in winter. The burn permits we purchase strongly stress "Do not cause a smoke nuisance for your neighbor." How is the stink of a marijuana grow any different? Do my taxes not afford me the protection by the county to be free of a different kind of nuisance from my neighbor? We did not choose to design, develop and build our home 35 years ago next to a sewage plant, toxic dump, or livestock fecal lot. We chose the clean fresh mountain air Lake County is so famous for and highlights often to attract tourists.

This would not be permitted within any town limits and our rural home should be afforded the same consideration. My rural canyon neighbors are retired U.S. Forest Service, teacher, writer,

nurse and retired U.S. military. They are not in favor of this within our confining canyon walls, though only our family was tasked with speaking out because we received the only notice of intent letter.

Our long time use of telescopes to stargaze is over because the warm nights are ruined. We enjoyed this with our grandchildren but they are no longer allowed to spend time in our home because their parents fear the awful stink will lead the criminal element up our driveway and into our home to harm us and steal marijuana. We regrettably agree with them and live with this concern.

Will approval of 22,000 square feet of marijuana become the approval of every expansion the grower applies for over time? The groundwater has lowered over the drought years, drying up Seigler Creek and killing many trees. Wine grape growers use root stock that adapts to dry conditions. Marijuana does not adapt. Will the 1,600,000 gallons become 3,200,000 gallons with the next permit ad-infinitum until it's all gone. It's like playing

the lottery because the jackpot gets bigger and bigger. Then it's gone — and everybody loses.

And in this home, we almost lost to a stage-three cancer.

A cancer survivor does not want to be sick another day in their lives, not from cancer and not from the overpowering stink of marijuana day after day, night after night, week after week, month after month.

Planning Division, try to imagine for a moment that it is next to your home, your family.

Jim and Joellen Crouch

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Eric Porter

From: Jim Crouch <jimcjh1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 10:57 AM
To: Eric Porter
Subject: RE: marijuana grow

Were the last five or more years of growing legal?

Jim Crouch
jimcjh1@gmail.com

From: Eric Porter [mailto:Eric.Porter@lakecountyca.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 11:24 AM
To: Jim Crouch
Subject: RE: marijuana grow

Yes sir, I have received it. It's date-stamped October 26, 2018, and is part of the record for Use Permit file no. UP 18-20.

You will be receiving a public hearing notice several weeks before the hearing. As of now, the tentative hearing date is January 10, 2019.

As for the existing growing that had been occurring, the applicant had applied for and received 'Early Activation', which enabled him to grow cannabis while the Use Permit was under review with the County.

Take care,
Eric Porter

From: Jim Crouch [mailto:jimcjh1@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2018 11:13 AM
To: Eric Porter <Eric.Porter@lakecountyca.gov>
Subject: marijuana grow

I would like to verify that you have recieved the letter from Jim and Joellen Crouch concerning the permitting of a marijuana grow for Derum, use permit UP18-20.

Jim Crouch
jimcjh1@gmail.com