

All surrounding properties are rural land, Ag preserve or Williamson act property.

Issues this poses:

- Excessive Water Use asking for approximate 1,780 gallons per day
  - o This Puts neighboring properties at risk for losing what water they have as many properties struggle with well water availability
  - o No hydrology studies have been done on the well they plan to use, its impact on other wells or ground water in the area
- Safety concerns – with minimal sheriff patrols in this area and long response times, having such a high dollar relatively unsecured controversial cash crop close to families and homes poses huge safety concerns. That have not been addressed.
- Fire concerns, this is proposed in a moderate fire risk area and they are asking to chip all cannabis waste and spread the chips around the property. Use of Wood & vegetation chips are against fire wise recommendations according to the state & federal fire wise guideline's
- Many of the neighboring properties are used for both youth 4H, high school Ag and even pre-school educational fieldtrips on a regular basis.
  - o Due the proximity of this operation, increases in employee traffic it will increase the exposure and risk to youth to a controversial substance
- With rural residences surrounding this property the increase in people with a lack of ties to the community farming a large cash crop causes safety concerns. with especially with the neighboring children riding bikes and horses freely to and from neighbors property or to the bus stop
- Waste disposal concerns – there has not been enough studies or information on how the waste disposal from not only the commercial operation but the increase in housing and employees will be handled.
  - o This same property is also used for dog training for search & rescue with the increase in a large-scale operation with the unnatural increase of light, smells and sounds can severely interrupt this training or make it an unsuitable location
- Negative impact on Agri tourism – with already a number of commercial cannabis operations for sale in Lake county approving one at the gateway to Middletown and lake

county from Napa county will damage its agri- tourism image. This industrial facility will be out of place and stand out amongst the untouched rural lands.

Why remove land from rural land use to put in a commercial industrial operation when there are a number of already existing ones for sale within the county

More information on cannabis regulations, zoning and concerns is available at the Lake County Ca website [www.lakecountyca.gov](http://www.lakecountyca.gov)

below is a link to ordinance 3073 which diss uses some of the concerns large scale commercial cannabis operations pose

<http://www.lakecountyca.gov/Assets/Departments/CDD/ORD+3073+signed.pdf>

Please join the neighbors of Butts Canyon Road in opposing Major Use permit 18-43 for Sunny S Farms LLC

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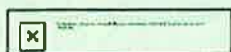
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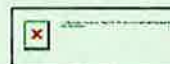
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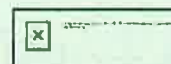
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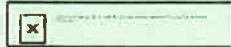
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Planning Commission

Board of Supervisors

My name is Debra Bottoms I am writing this letter on behalf of my husband Jose Contreras and myself. I live at 18307, 18695 & 18975 Butts Canyon Road Middletown also known as the 7M Ranch encompassing approximately 2,500 acres along Butts Canyon Rd. The 7M Ranch has been in my family for 70 years as a rural beacon and landmark of lake county's ranching & rural heritage. We have made it our mission to preserve the ecology, landscape and open space in our corner of beautiful Middletown & Old Long Valley. We are writing this letter to voice our objection & concerns in regards to the major Use permit application UP18-43 at 19424 Butts Canyon Rd, Middletown APN# 014-004-20.

We have numerous concerns in regards to this use permit:

- Proximity & exposure to youth
  - We host a number of youth activities on our property for the local 4H clubs, High School and FFA programs. These programs hike throughout our ranch learning about agriculture, ecology and science on a regular basis throughout the year. With the proximity of the commercial grow being across the street within 1,000 feet of our property this would put local youth who utilize our property to further their education at risk of being exposed unnecessarily to the commercial grow site and its activities
- Water & hydrology issues
  - This area of Butts canyon is prone to water shortages and issues.
  - There has been no hydrology or Draw down studies done in association with this use permit.
  - This use permit requires approx. 716,872 gallons of water per year or 6 gallons per day per plant. This water will also be taken out of the environment as it will be not returned to the watershed as they are asking to use raised beds and fertilizer
  - This amount of water far exceeds the current uses in the area especially without returning it to the watershed
  - There were no hydrology studies done with this permit we ask at the very minimum a full hydrology study & draw down study be done to better gauge the effects of the water use on not only the immediate neighbors but the valley as a whole.
- Safety
  - With the size of the proposed grow there is an increased safety risk by having millions of dollars of cash crop being stored in a location within a rural neighborhood



- According to the sheriff's department, Butts canyon rd is not patrolled by the sheriffs department from 2am to 6pm there is also a lack of resources and only 2 sheriff's patrol all of lake county.
  - This is a cause for concern with this size operation and volume of cash crop
- There are numerous families and neighbors ourselves included who would not feel safe unless something is done to mitigate this safety concern.
- At The very least the community and neighbor's ask that the permit applicant be required to pay for and provide a dedicated Sherriff for regular patrols in the area.
- In researching criminal statistics surrounding commercial and industrial growth of cannabis, it is hard to find exact facts as it is not tracked by a lot of agencies. However we need to only look at our neighbors to the north in Humboldt & Mendocino county for insight. There are numerous interviews and statements by law enforcement stating the increase in criminal activity surrounding the legal and large-scale cannabis farms. There was also a series just aired on these issues called Murder Mountain.
- There are also a number of articles that discuss the increase in violent crimes associated with commercial cannabis production sited here:
  - <https://thehill.com/opinion/criminal-justice/430551-is-marijuana-legalization-driving-increases-in-violent-crime>
  - <http://www.forbes.com/sites/mikeadams/2018/03/28/california-officals-say-marijuana-legalization-causing-more-violent-crime/>
- Dam Failure Inundation area
  - The 7M ranch has a state size pond approx. 350 acre feet. This pond is regulated by the state and 7M is required to have dam failure protocol. In the use permit this is overlooked on item 14 of the environmental checklist
- Runoff & flood Plain
  - This property is located in a flood plain with a perennial stream.
  - The run off fertilizer and other chemical's have not been explored thoroughly enough in the environmental report. They have not stated how they will dispose of irrigation water that is used and how they will handle the flooding other than raising buildings. Furthermore they still plan to chip any cannabis waste and spread across the property in an event of a flood this waste will be washed throughout the surrounding areas.
  - Cannabis waste is extremely toxic to wildlife & domestic pets according to numerous vets within the county who treat animal cannabis toxicity on a regular basis
- Increase in traffic and employees
  - With changing the use of this property form a single-family ranch to a commercial cannabis grow with an absentee owner and numerous employees there will be an increase in traffic and waste
  - With delivery trucks averaging 10 trips a day and employees coming & going on 24 hr shifts this will cause undue traffic and noise for all land owners in the area along with other safety concerns.
- Interferes with existing neighboring property uses & enjoyment
  - Currently not only is the 7M Ranch used to promote youth agriculture, it is also used as the natural disaster helitack base for both state and federal agencies. The runway is a

state permitted, permit #LAK-005 and is 5,825 feet in length. Regulated by both the State and Federal Aviation Administration.

- By having such a large-scale operation so close to a large airport that is utilized during natural disasters it impacts the community with the unnatural light, noise & odor in such proximity
- The 7M Ranch is also used for training search & rescue dogs with the federal wildlife department. By having such a large source of unnatural sounds, lights and odor it will greatly impact the ability of this ranch to provide a place for training.

We would like to thank the Community development department for taking the time to read through our comments, concerns and objections. In short, we feel that by granting this use permit it would greatly affect not just our rights but our neighbor's rights as property owners. My husband and I are long standing members of the community who donate money, time and the use of our ranch to help better our community and youth as well as protect our community. By allowing this rural parcel to be used for a commercial industrial cannabis operation which is not regulated under the department of agriculture, it will destroy our way of life, and impact the beauty of the area when entering Lake county from the south. We feel there are much better locations for an operation of this size, to which other operations, are already operating that will not jeopardize, youth, wildlife or our agriculture lands and disrupt our rural neighborhood.

Sincerely,

*Debra Bottoms Contreras*  
Debra Bottoms & Jose Contereas

7M Ranch

18307,18695 & 18975 Butts Canyon Road

Middletown Ca 95461

ITEM 2  
9:05 AM  
JUNE 27, 2019

County of Lake

June 21, 2019

Community Development Department

255 N. Forbes Street

Lakeport, CA. 95453

Reference: Use Permit application 18-43, 19424 Butts Canyon Road, Middletown, Ca.

Attn: Eric Porter

Mr. Porter, I am writing you to formally express my opposition to the referenced use permit above. I am a local resident of the area and feel the implementation of this commercial use plan will negatively impact my family, neighbors, visitors of the area and local government infrastructure. My primary areas of concern are outlined below, however at a minimum a full scope EIR should be a requirement of this plan and not simply downgraded to a mitigated EIR.

#### **Commercial Operation**

The application generically outlines plans for a commercial operation for production and processing and employee housing. This type of agriculture at the suggested volume requires a significant amount of chemicals, fertilizers, processing equipment and material to produce. Materials are needed on a regular basis, which cause large delivery trucks and expanded vehicle use to the local roads, which impact asphalt deterioration, traffic flow and increase in ingress/egress to the property entrance. All traffic turning across the opposing lane of traffic creates a safety issue at specific times of the day when commute traffic is very high. Large, weighted trucks deteriorate roads at a higher rate than standard vehicle use, however the increased volume alone of employees/residents of the site will impact this at a higher rate as well. A traffic study needs to be ordered for this project at a minimum. The study would analyze traffic flow, additional signage, speed limit study, need for a turn lane and calculations by public works as to how the added cost of road repair would be impacted by taxpayers. The entrance to this property is located near a hair pin curve where accidents routinely occur and has a school bus stop located at the base of the curve. These factors all add to safety concerns.

### **Water Use**

It indicates the business plan intends to store 20,000 gallons of water and use 1,780 gallons per day. The surrounding residents for several miles all operate on well water, where typical storage for single residence units is 5,000 gallons. This huge draw of increased water will significantly and negatively impact immediate residents in the area with low water levels. This draw down on the aqua plane creates an unequal use for residents who depend on water for drinking, irrigation, fire suppression and support of animals. A water study included with the complete EIR would establish projections on the viability of this use and the impact on surrounding residents.

The process for hydroponics and liquid fertilization of marijuana plants often involves the injection of fertilizer components being supplied to the plants. Where will the byproduct of this water source end up? It returns to the eco-system and back into the ground water source through gravity and other means. The chemically altered water returned to the original source may be pulled from by immediate residents' well supplies and can have dramatic effects on health conditions.

### **Security**

Marijuana is a high value cash crop and is subject to theft by criminals. The media is covered with stories of high crime, assaults, murder, theft of marijuana operations. The local jurisdictions within Lake County, Sonoma and Solano Counties have numerous reports of theft from purveyors who sell Marijuana. One does not have to search long to find media accounts of these crimes. Because of this, a requirement would need to be professional security, mitigation payments to the county for law enforcement response, and significant investment to insure public safety in addition to that of the project.

The crime from these operations are not isolated to the individual operate. It spreads into the community from criminals fleeing the scene, robbing the wrong house, etc. These operations significantly pose a threat to the community, it is not just about the individual business.

### **Quality of Life**

The operation described in this use permit is extremely large. The plants emit an offensive odor that are disturbing to residents in residential areas. This type of operation is more appropriate in a commercial business area and not directly embedded amongst residential neighborhoods. The increased traffic and noise pollution from commercial operations do not belong within

residential areas, which is specifically why there is a division of Commercial and Residential zoning rules.

This use permit should not be allowed to move forward and public comment is necessary. A full EIR needs to be required for this project that address all community concerns. This is not the proper area for this type of business and is strongly opposed.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris Carlisle", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Carlisle

Middletown, Ca.