

Sateur Ham

From: Sateur Ham
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 8:13 AM
To: Lori Bateman
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]Notice of Intent- Comment Letter

Good morning Lori,

I realized there are minor inconsistency in my check boxes, minor human error happens. One of the conditions that is REQUIRED is having a water monitoring meter installed in all the water well used for cannabis, this is in our zoning ordinance. Cannabis is fairly new and there is not much data to actually understand its' water use, the methods for water use for this project is a drip irrigation system. Please understand the permitted use would be tied to the land not the person, Ms. Herbert does not have any record that would make her an unqualified candidate. The applicant followed all rules and requirements to apply for the permit and will continue to comply to all federal, state, and local regulations if approved.

I understand you concerns in good faith and will include your comments in the project file. Thank you

Best,

From: Lori Bateman [mailto:bateman98@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 11:04 PM
To: Sateur Ham <Sateur.Ham@lakecountycalifornia.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]Notice of Intent- Comment Letter

Hello Sateur,

I thank you for your response and have reviewed the initial study. I did find concerns as to why 'Hydrology/Water Quality' was not checked off. How is this Project consistent with any and all plans to manage groundwater resource sustainability? How are the mitigation's going to be enforced? How much water was used prior to initial project? What insurance do you have in place for adjacent land owners? My entire southern and eastern border are replaced with two separate large commercial cannabis cultivation grows. This is a year-around business, drawing out millions and millions of gallons of groundwater. I don't see any plan to monitor either 'grow' in regards to groundwater overdraw. What happens when we are in a drought? Furthermore, The land owner of said Property '1020 Junction Plaza, Clearlake, CA 95422' is a convicted felon. Last time I checked "Timothy John Finley " is the land owner. He was arrested on 12/8/2014 for Possession of Marijuana For Sale as a convicted felon(booking #57344). He has many,many priors including Force/ADW Not Firearm:GBI Likely and Poss. of Controlled Substance.Yet, your allowing his girlfriend, Rebecca Herbert to sponsor the grow. How is this possible? Do you really think this is good for our community? I am really,really concerned and scared for what it is going to bring to our area.I'm scared to walk my own property without the fear of being shot.

Please see attachment for further comments. I would like to request confirmation you received attachment.

With Respect,
Lori Bateman

On Wed, Apr 22, 2020 at 5:13 PM Sateur Ham <Sateur.Ham@lakecountyca.gov> wrote:

Hello Lori,

I thank you for addressing your concerns and your input is very important. If you reviewed the initial study mitigation measures, there are mitigation measures that the applicant will meet that will address your concerns. You may also call me with the contact information provided in the letter as well. Thank you

Best,

From: Lori Bateman [mailto:bateman98@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 11:45 AM
To: Sateur Ham <Sateur.Ham@lakecountyca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Notice of Intent- Comment Letter

Hello,

I am submitting my comments regarding a Mitigated Negative Declaration on Property location: 1020 Junction Plaza, Clearlake, CA. 95422

APN: 010-055-45

Please read and consider my concerns and proposals for review. Please see attached comment letter.

With Respect,

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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Letter

RE: 1020 Junction Plaza, Clearlake, CA 95422: APN 010-055-45

I received a letter regarding a proposed development for a commercial cannabis cultivation operation located adjacent to my property at 1950 Ogulin Canyon Road, Clearlake, CA. 95422. Thank you for sending a letter informing me on the proposal. I do have several concerns regarding this proposal and am glad that I have been given the opportunity to submit my comments.

The Bateman family has lived here for many years and endured many changes to the nearby community. But this is an exceeding unfair process and harming other people's way of living. I own the last piece of property, owned by my late father who passed in 2005. We have been working, raising livestock, and living off our own land ever since I can remember. Unfortunately, my livelihood is being over-powered and forcefully altered by such proposals. Since the sale of 1020 Junction Plaza, I've had so many issues and strain with dust storms due to excessive and speeding vehicles, loss of livestock due to left opened gates through my property and people congregating on my property as if it is their right. I have already had to temporally move my goats due to the excessive traffic through a section that caused the ground to sink and the goats can now crawl under and get out. I would corner off part of the property, but I need the use of my land for grazing purposes. This such development must go through **three** gates to access their property and have no consideration on the environmental impacts on my own land and livelihood.

Understand this is going to impact me environmentally and my livelihood. I have lived here most of my life and live off my land for food and lifestyle. I am seeing unfair advantages by people who do not care about my property or my way of life.

I want you to consider reviewing the impact on my property as well, due to the access through my property. I hope you understand respectively this is a huge impact on myself and my land. They are using access through my land to have a **commercial** cannabis cultivation operation. I will not be able to fully have use of my property without any type of proposals in place to secure the safety, usage, and livelihood of my home. Please consider any or all my proposals and concerns.

My Proposals and Concerns regarding the commercial grow.

- **Security and safety of livestock:** Install cattle guards and proper gates to prevent the loss, injury, and liability of my livestock and to have full use of my property for grazing.
- **Dust control and road maintenance:** install dust free, compacted gravel or have road paved and have speed limits to control the impact of dust and road maintenance.
- **Water usage:** monitor water usage to the area to insure the loss of water to adjacent properties from overdraw of wells. Cannabis grows need year-round excessive amount of water and has impacted groundwater.
- **Fire safety:** The easement through my southern property are not capable to withstand heavy traffic and to escape safely without proper turnouts. The easement states a 16ft. wide thoroughway only. Nothing states I need to provide of any turnouts for these types of emergency exits. This road was intended for residential use only when the easement was agreed upon. People may not be able to exit quickly during a fast-moving fire.
- **Odor control/ Odor free environment:** Do to the fact I will be sandwiched between two large commercial cannabis grows. I want to be able to freely enjoy my air space without being overwhelmed with intense cannabis fumes on my property.
- **Privacy and serenity:** Due to the closeness and area the commercial grow will be located, I will not be able to fully enjoy my own serenity and will be visually forced to see the mass grow so close, towering over my property. This has is sad to see so many oak trees and landscape ripped away to be placed with such ugly scenery and ongoing noises.
- **Loitering:** I propose no loitering or sale of any kind on or near my property, including the easement provided. All business and dealings should be held on there own property, not on mine. The easement was intended as a through road to access their property, not a place to congregate.
- **Loss of property value** due to excessive large grows in the area: I want an assessment in whether the grows will impact any loss of value to my home and property. I believe my land will only be useful to cannabis growers only versus residential. If my property is overwhelmed by grows, and without proposals in place, my property will be rendered useless and value will be lost. I'm afraid if it becomes too much, I will not be able to sell my property at the value to go elsewhere. I'm being displaced unfairly.

- **Chemicals:** I am very sensitive to the chemicals sprayed in agriculture fields. I became very ill every season when the Hops (Now, a soon to be a large commercial grow on 2050 Ogulin Canyon Rd.) were sprayed and at times, I had to stay elsewhere until the spraying was finished.
- **Safety and crime:** Due to the large commercial grows, I'm scared for my safety. Guns and cannabis do not mix well with society. It is already a scary thought knowing a consideration to such grow would be given to a convicted felon who has been arrested several times for various violations including the sale of cannabis and possession of controlled substance. I have major concerns with this fact.
- **My livelihood:** I have raised livestock and lived off my land for many years and I feel my livelihood is being altered unfairly by over-powering cannabis grows. This property was owned by my father for many years before he passed in 2005. I have taken over but have been overwhelmed by excessive road traffic and liability of my livestock due to left opened gates to my property. It has become a huge burden and stress on trying to maintain my roads and the loss of livestock. I could imagine it is going to get worse. The strain of it all has left me worried and displaced in my own home.