

August 14, 2020

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RE: Major Use Permit, UP 20-49; Initial Study IS 20-60; Early Activation EA 20-65. Pavel Pavlov

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The Lake County Farm Bureau (LCFB) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed major use permits to allow Type 3B and Type 1C cannabis permits on the parcels 007-010-20 and 007-010-54 located at 6890 Boggs Lane and 1579 Leslie Lane, Kelseyville CA. LCFB acknowledges policies set forth by the California Farm Bureau Federation (CFBF) based on direction that begins at the local level to support agriculture and to address issues as they relate to impacts on farm land.

This project proposes outdoor cultivation as part of an early activation permit as well as greenhouse cultivation. The parcel on Leslie Lane (007-010-54) currently sits on unique farmland and is within a mile of a broad network of agricultural lands in one of Lake County's primary agricultural areas. Outdoor cultivation in prime farmland are not allowed under Section 1.vi of Article 27 (Ord. No. 3084, 05/21/2019).

"Within areas designated as prime farmland, farmland of statewide importance, unique farmland, and farmland of local importance as 27-121 depicted on the current Lake County Important Farmland prepared by the State of California Department of Conservation Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program commercial cannabis cultivation shall be limited to indoor, mixed light, and greenhouses that are equipped with filtrations systems that prevents the movement of odors, pesticides, and other air borne contaminates out of or into the structure."

If ultimately, this project proposes cultivation inside structured greenhouses equipped with filtration systems (not hoop houses), then LCFB does not object to that goal. However, LCFB is opposed to the outdoor cultivation early activation permit. Cannabis and traditional agriculture are conflicting land-uses due to lack of EPA regulation and resulting liability issues. The Lake County Cannabis Ordinance addressed these issues by requiring cannabis in prime farmland, farmland of state and local significance and unique farmland to be grown in greenhouses with filtration systems. This protects the cannabis farmer from pesticide drift and the traditional farmer from liability in standard farming practices. Since 2018, there has been negligible conflict between these groups as a result. Cannabis greenhouse projects have been approved in the middle of agricultural land with little opposition and minimal ongoing issues due to the protective nature of the greenhouse provision.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact LCFB with any questions.

Regards,

Brenna Sullivan Executive Director

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#### **Eric Porter**

From: Lori Baca

**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2021 10:15 AM

To: Eric Porter

Subject: RE: Lake County - Notice of Intent (CEQA) file no. UP 20-49, VP Estates

Eric,

Parcels 007-010-20 and -54 is outside of any Special Districts service area, no impact.

Happy Friday!

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Hi All,

The attached Initial Study was sent to the State Clearinghouse this morning. The review period is Feb 1 through March 5. Please provide any comments you have to me on or before March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you, Eric Porter



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There is a recorded parcel map on one parcel but not sure about legal lot status for APN 007-010-20. A survey should be required if the operation is close to any setbacks or adjoiners and by "close" I mean if there's any question at all. You can't rely on the GIS aerial.

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