

Carly Sherman

Dear Supervisor Pyska,

We are writing to ask that you DENY the cannabis cultivation permit for We Grow LLC on June 8, that is located next to the Hidden Valley Lake subdivision. As homeowners in the Ranchos not only will we be directly affected, but an entire community will be.

While we realize you are not our district's supervisor, we are well aware of your long term planning and care for the community. As someone who values Lake County, we are confident you will vote no and protect this beautiful land.

With the current drought, having any kind of a farm taking water from a community is unjustifiable. The county is already allowing them to drill additional wells, which is unbelievable. The water reports were never done so you have no idea which underground streams this grow will pull from or how much of Hidden Valley's water will be wasted.

You have experienced the Valley Fire and have held many meetings for disaster preparedness, there should be no question that wasting millions of gallons of precious water is not safe in such a high fire zone.

What happens when the Hidden Valley well (just below the farm), or the many personal wells surrounding it, run dry? Will you be the one paying for potable water delivery? Will the county truck in water during a fire to ensure there's the ability to save life? Doubtful.

Aside from the water, county regulations say that a felony is an automatic denial for a cannabis permit. The owner had stolen heavy equipment on their property but was not required to produce the CHP report. How is this legal?

This grow will add a few low paying jobs and most likely not with benefits. Our county has plenty of these kind of jobs and tons of unfilled openings. This grow will only tarnish the current gorgeous surrounding neighborhoods.

This does not even take into consideration the large impact on residential roads, huge (yet undetermined) energy use, noise, smell & VOC pollution, or the devastation of one more natural area filled with old oak trees.

You talked in April about your priorities being long range planning, housing, and disaster prevention. This farm is in direct opposition to all.

Long range planning- use of residential roads that will deteriorate, use of the community's water, adding chemicals into the native land, removing oak trees and other plants, and adding low wage jobs that people don't want. Nothing but poor planning for the future.

Housing-Where will the seasonal trimming employees live? Trailers? That should be great for the environment. This only takes away hundreds of acres that could be used for single family units and makes the current subdivisions less attractive.

Disaster Preparedness- The waste of water was already previously mentioned. The chemicals added into the groundwater could be another disaster waiting to happen.

This farm will only cause environmental and community harm. There are no benefits to this grow as it is located too close to residential areas and in a high natural resource area. At the

very least a complete Environmental Impact Report needs to be required as the CEQA is unmet with the biological study report being outdated and missing the seasonal survey.

Save our community as you were put in office to do. As a former garden teacher, you are aware of the importance of children growing up in nature and without added pollution. Vote NO for We Grow LLC.

Sincerely,

Kenneth & Carly Sherman

Hello,

We are writing to find out why our public comment was not included on the agenda for item 6.6 the cannabis grow appeal. We emailed each supervisor and were told by your office that would be sufficient for public comment.

Please let us know why ours was withheld.

Additionally we have included our letter below.

Dear Supervisor Simon,

We are writing to ask that you DENY the cannabis cultivation permit for We Grow LLC that is located next to the Hidden Valley Lake subdivision. As homeowners in the Ranchos not only will we be directly negatively affected, but an entire community will be.

As our elected representative you must stand up for the people who have voted you into office and say no to this terrible idea.

You have hosted Wildfire preparedness events and seen the devastation of the Valley Fire first hand. With the current drought having any kind of a farm taking water from a community is unjustifiable. The county has already allowed them to drill additional wells, completely unreasonable. The water reports were never done so you have no idea which underground streams this grow will pull from or how much of Hidden Valley's water will be wasted.

What happens when the Hidden Valley well (just below the farm) or the many personal wells surrounding it run dry? Will you be the one paying for potable water delivery? Will the county be trucking in enough water during a fire to protect life's? Doubtful.

Aside from the water, county regulations say that a felony is an automatic denial for a cannabis permit. The owner had stolen heavy equipment on their property but was not required to produce the CHP report. How is this legal?

You said as a priority you want to grow our county workforce. This grow will add a few low paying jobs and most likely not with benefits. Our county has plenty of these kind of jobs and tons of openings. This is not what we need and is short sighted creating more low income jobs.

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