

From: Joan Makley

Ms. Huchingson,

I emailed the letter below to all members of the Board of Supervisors on June 2, 2021 because my voice deserves to be heard.

Why was my email not included in the Public Comments section of the Agenda Item 6.6, Appeal AB 21-01, UP 20-22 for the meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021?

I look forward to your reply.

Joan Makley
Rim Rock Ranch Subdivision
17275 Ranch Rd., Middletown, CA

Begin forwarded message:

From: Joan Makley

Subject: Appeal to BOS, AB 21-01 for Major Use Permit, UP 20-22 and IS / MND 20-25, We Grow LLC, Zarina Otchkova

Date: June 2, 2021 at 4:01:32 PM PDT

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Dear Lake County Board of Supervisors,

The Redwood Valley Band of Pomo expressed concerns over water usage associated with this Major Use Permit due to drought conditions. Since their concerns were expressed the Governor of California has declared a drought emergency in Lake County. Middletown-Diamond D has had total rainfall of 11.05 inches since July 1, 2020, season to date, according to Western Weather Group Meteorologist Brad Wilmont. For a period of record from 1/1/**1893** to 5/31/2016, the average total annual precipitation for Middletown is 44.11 inches according to the Western Regional Climate Center. Unfortunately, rainfall this season is down a devastating 75% from historical average. The County could not have anticipated the severity of this drought when the cannabis permit regulations were written, but now the residents are counting on The Board of Supervisors to protect our precious water resource for household use, drinking water and personal hygiene. We ask you as elected representatives to support the Appeal AB 21-02.

This is not the time to allow a commercial cannabis grow to pump millions of gallons of water from our common ground water supply, a dwindling natural resource. Residential wells in the immediate vicinity of this proposed project have gone dry and others are suffering. Currently flushing our toilets is a luxury. Please consider the impact on residents in the area who need water to survive.

Please note Policy LU-1.3 - The County shall prevent the intrusion of new incompatible land uses into existing community areas.

The above noted application is clearly incompatible use in our community. It is the wrong project at the wrong place. It would be an intrusion of incompatible land use and would negatively impact residents in Hidden Valley Lake, the Ranchos and surrounding subdivisions.

Thank you for listening to the residents and property owners in the vicinity who support the appeal of AB 21-02, Herrington Rd, Middletown. Please deny the Commercial Cannabis Application for We Grow LLC, Zarina Otchkova.

Sincerely,
Joan Makley
Rim Rock Ranch Subdivision