

Dear Supervisors,

This communication will be much shorter than my comments to item 6B. I also wish, however, to address proposed items 5H, 6A and 4O.

Item 4O:

I support MCA's comments pertaining to this item and have a specific situation to describe that could deny permits to cultivators if the County does not better address applicant needs.

I am in full support of enforcement where enforcement is required. I am concerned, however, that County department are unable to adequately access internal information and resolve presumed deficiencies regarding permits, inspections, assessments and cannabis compliance issues. My personal case in point that could potentially cause my permit renewal to be denied or at least delayed follows and is most likely not unique to me. Hence, enforcement must be conducted with flexibility and inter department timely communication.

In October of 2020, I received a letter from the Tax Collector showing two \$10,000 assessments that I did not understand. I went into the Tax Collector's office and they said they could not determine why the assessments were made and referred me to the Assessor's office for more information.

I contacted Jeanette in the Assessor's office who looked up my property and explained that one assessment was for putting in my well, as I had listed pumping water as a need for my PG&E service installed in 2018. The Assessor assumed, in error, that the well was new, when actually the well log on file with the County PBS/HES indicates the well was installed in 2012 and on site, though undeveloped, when I bought the property. So that explained one \$10,000 assessment.

Janette said she would submit a reevaluation request to remove the assessment for the well. She said that she could not determine the reason for the second assessment. I explained I had constructed a metal building for residential storage, commencing in 2019 and finishing in 2020. She said she could not see that the metal building would trigger an assessment because it had not yet been finalized by PBS. I told her I thought the building had been inspected but she could not verify completion which could have triggered the second assessment. Jeanette suggested I contact PBS and confirm the metal building had been finalized.

I called PBS three times, twice to describe the need to verify if my metal building was still in need of a final inspection, explaining that the Assessor's Office was unable to identify need for an assessment. I left two messages to this effect on the "other questions" option line. I received no return call from PBS. I called a third time, directly to the inspection request message line, left all pertinent information pertaining to my metal building permit, requesting an inspection. I did not receive a return call from PBS.

I called a forth time and actually connected with a real human rather than going through the PBS message system. I asked staff on the phone to look up my permit. She reported that the permit was incomplete because my permit had expired and I would need to reapply for another \$1,500 or so. To this news I objected as her rationale for another expensive process was that I had revised my plans. I explained to her that yes, due to a measuring error by the concrete contractor, he erroneously built the slab one foot wider than original engineering reflected and was previously approved. I explained I had resubmitted engineered plans to PBS which are duly stamped and approved and represent the as built dimensions of 25'x50', not the originally approved 24'x50'. PBS staff then insisted that I need to pay new fees for the expanded square footage of the building assuming it was much larger revision than 50 sf. I told her I had the revisions approved and have a second receipt for the additional \$415.00 fees. She then told me she could not find that information and would call me back. I have received no return call regarding the requirement of a final inspection, which I thought was previously performed when the building was completed last spring.

Because I cannot get a clear answer from PBS, I went into the Tax Collector in late December, but after the 10th. I consulted with Connie and Sherrie Shapmire and explained my problems with assessments and finalized permit questions. I told them I wanted to close out taxes for 2020 but had no corrected amount to pay. Connie confirmed our mutual emails between the Tax Collector and Assessors office and software upload delays that still exist. I told them I had not been able to get a straight answer re: my metal building status and still have not after four specific calls. I paid my original tax due, and submitted a form stating the assessments and any adjustments were under review. There was no time know as to when that form could be processed.

As I've mentioned earlier, my cultivation permit renewal is due the end of this month. I don't want to be denied because I can't get PBS to return a request for information or inspection. I need to know that this process, out of my control, will not cause my renewal to be denied. Please discuss the applicants' needs in the meeting tomorrow and extract assurance from PBS and Enforcement that County inaction, delay or lack of communication, cannot be used against an applicant or permittee in securing permit renewals.

I need immediate closure to prepare my various County paperwork. I will be listening tomorrow and speak to this issue if not discussed.

Thanks you for your consideration of this mess!

Sincerely,

Corinne Powell