

Dear MCBOS,

The situation is extremely urgent. The scale of blatant, large, illegal, cultivation sites is unbelievable in Redwood Valley. The County could immediately use low technology solutions such as staffing field personnel to inspect the out in the open, obvious greenhouses mushroomed across the lands.

There is publicly available imagery from last year that can be readily compared to applicant data.

It would be wise for the County to move towards a geo-referenced form of data storage that would be accessible in map form to personnel in the field, such as ESRI's collector application. Before outsourcing, reach out to local firms. We can do this, but it cannot wait.

Structure the penalties to pay for the program and warn the growers you are coming out in force.

Trees are being cut, hills graded, wells drilled, fields rocked, all within plain view of public roads. It is open season for lawless developers. Within the last two years the zero enforcement approach has accelerated and now exploded into unrecognizable landscapes. Appalled neighbors are moving and making way for more illegal developments. It is all so blatantly obvious to believe the County has waited this long. Help! Take action immediately. We love the trees, despise the grading and plastic, worry for our wells, and have lost the ability to walk safely in our rural neighborhood.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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