

I am writing to express my 100% opposition to the 10% expansion and encroachment into rangeland.

Myself and my neighbors have been negatively impacted by the permitted grow in our neighborhood since 2017. We live on a private narrow one lane dirt road. We have cooperatively maintained our road and bridge since I bought my property in 1975. Always working together to do maintenance, sharing the physical work and the costs associated. Beginning in 2016 the cultivation activity of the newest neighbor began doing more road damage than all the rest of us. Having far more traffic than the road could handle. Not once have they initiated road or bridge repairs. Water trucks weighing in excess of 55,000 lbs crossed our posted weight limit bridge of 30,000 lbs as many as 6 to 8 times per week. But that represents a minimum of 12 trips over the bridge. Our bridge after an inspection by an engineer in it's damaged state now cannot support more than 5 tons. Now can not support firetrucks. This does not just jeopardize our homes. The cultivator has been fully aware of problems created by him, and has done nothing. He cares not, since he lives in Rohnert Park and is not traveling on our damaged road and bridge. His family found our town to "funky" to live here. Not to "funky" to mine our resources though.

He has overdrafted his well. In 2019 drawing it down to dry. This well has never ran out of water since I have lived here. At least one other neighborhood they have impacted with low water levels also.

After reading the many letters written in opposition it is obvious that many are experiencing the water issues, and damage to roads. Excessive traffic including non stop water trucks. Non resident traffic bringing with them the roadside garbage, Unsightly hoopouses with immense amounts of plastic. Aggressive roaming guard dogs, The pop up trailer parks at grow sites. The light pollution and whirrrrrrr of fans. You have reduced our property values by allowing this to happen. When the ordinance was first introduced the pitch was it is not just written for cultivators but for all county residents. That is not and never was the case. Our needs have been completely ignored. To this day, even after all those letters you are still considering expansion. We can not help but wonder who you are representing. Certainly not the majority of county residents.

Even CDFW pointed out some of your promises are not backed up with what is the actual language of the ordinance. Adequate water supply must be proven, with no specifics of who or what determines water supply. Water supply verified in spring is not accurate once they start drafting the water.

Ted sitting in his chair , after saying the water situation was "terrifying" looking out from his window, expressed concern about the water supply at his home. Ted what would you say if from your chair you could see grading and dozens of hoopouses being constructed, cargo containers, porta potties and ramshackled travel trailers? Water thirsty infrastructure for non residents. I single you out because you are supporting this expansion. You are talking to us like we just do not understand, when you seem to not understand.

Behind every single letter writer there are 10 who did not email that feel the same way.

Please quit talking and listen.

We do not want expanded grows . Allow us to vote on this or take it out of the ordinance. The former and current sheriffs, the local LAMACS , the local water districts, small farmers and residents do not want this, we have had enough.

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