

My name is Michael Castro. I work at a legal cannabis company and I support phase 3 and the 10% expansion. I am an ag professional bring over 40 years of leadership and technical skills to this industry, 30 years of which includes certified organic production.

We have several initiatives we are passionate about, but by far, being water wise is at the forefront. We use water from rain catchment sources and are deploying some of the latest innovations such as deep root irrigation and moisture sensing which will give us 50% savings of water that would normally be used in a typical grow without the runoff.

We are also big believers that less is more when it comes to the use of pesticides. We use an Integrated Pest Management strategy using Beneficial Insects as natural predators. The materials we use are “beyond organic” standards and are exempt from requiring a tolerance level and can be used up to the day of harvest. We have Standard Operating Procedures and training we have provided to our employees for safe application.

We are using good agricultural practices in our native grows practicing cover cropping to build soil life and natural and organic fertilizers that will produce a positive long-term effect without the pollution. We strive to be good stewards of the land.

We provide good safe jobs with good wages and our vendors are mostly local so our investments are filtering throughout the community where we operate, and will grow even more with adoption of the expansion.

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