

I have attached a photo of the pot grower just to the south of our property. We have to deal with this light show every night, all night. We have had nothing but problems with this operation. The property owner lives in a mansion on a canal in Florida. Last Sunday, my In Laws, who are 80 years old, my Father In Law, dying from cancer, we ll went completely dry. They are just south of this grow. The person that owns the home directly south of this grow, well is now dry. Is this just because of a dry year? Or, pot in 11 hoop houses?

I don't know if they have permits, I don't know if they get "inspected" by Code Enforcement. What I do know is they do this every year. Every year they load up trailer load and trailer load of marijuana, and ship it to Florida. How much tax money are you collecting on that. I saw a Supervisor Ted Williams wrote a Facebook post about the pot industry brining in over 3 million, compared to the hotel industry who also brought in 3 million. Now I was confused as to if he thought that was a good thing or not. I don't see how they compare, as the pot industry requires much more enforcement and over sight then hotels. Hotels do not daily dump environmental hazards into our land, nor do they need lots of Code Enforcement.

We need to stop and take a deep breath before we proceed with a water guzzling, environmental disaster by expanding commercial grows. We demand more law enforcement for those who are not permitted. We demand the county streamline or fix their current permit process for those who are trying to do it right. We demand a better code enforcement response to complaints about grows and if determined not to be legal to be SHUT DOWN until they comply.

The BOS needs to take a close look at counties like Humboldt, who seem to have a better grasp on permit processing and enforcement. I think marijuana code enforcement should be under the Sheriff and coordinated through the sheriff. Illegal grows and grows without permits should be immediately shut down until the bring their operation under code.

What is going on in this county with the out of controlled grow operations is unacceptable.

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