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| 1 | https://www.saveoursonoma.com/ | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Cannabis cultivation and related structures and development cannot be located within the Biotic Habitat Combining Zone, pursuant to Section 26-66, of Chapter 26 of the Sonoma County Code. (Chapter 38) | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | This is a long timeline. What happens to applications already in the pipeline? | Leona Judson | Hi Leona! Thank you for joining us tonight. Feel free to email the County at Cannabis@sonoma-county.org regarding your question. | 80 year old pothole lawyers will shut everything down | | | | | |
| 4 | I've heard from friends that crystal acker is very good at her job. i hope cannabis operators can be treated fairly without devoting so much time to this redo. Chapter 38 was a good start but needs to add tasting rooms and full year long hoop houses for many reasons. paying attn to 75 year old POTHOLE LAWYERS and folks that may pass away before this ordinance is apporved is ludacris. lets not make monsters out of these folks like harrison anymore. permits need to be ministerial. if not the cannabis operators will be tormented for years to come. sorry for any frustrations but this is a nightmare having to chat w manipulting nimbys twice a day for days in a row to defend ourselves from lies and scare tactics. great job to staff and i pray you understand how overrepresented the boomernimbies are. please give this young industry and young family farmers a chance to thrive and enjoy their lives. why do 75 year old POTHOLE LAWYER HACKS get to fling mud at this process for 3 years. how do you defend from lies?! | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Wetlands Setbacks. Outdoor and hoop house canopy must comply with the wetlands setbacks in Section 36-16-120, of Chapter 36, of the Sonoma County Code. All other development must comply with the wetlands setbacks in Section 11-14-110, of Chapter 11, of the Sonoma County Code. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Riparian Corridor Setbacks. New permanent structures must be located outside the Riparian Corridor Steam Conservation Area, Section 25-65. Outdoor and hoop house cultivation canopy must conform to the agricultural setback set forth in Section 26-65-040. Cannabis cultivation and related structures and development must comply with all provisions of the Riparian Corridor combining zone district, pursuant to Section 26-65, of Chapter 26 of the Sonoma County Code, including setback requirements. C. Biotic Habitat Areas. Cannabis cultivation and related structures and development cannot be located within the Biotic Habitat Combining Zone, pursuant to Section 26-66, of Chapter 26 of the Sonoma County Code. D. Wetlands Setbacks. Outdoor and hoop house canopy must comply with the wetlands setbacks in Section 36-16-120, of Chapter 36, of the Sonoma County Code. All other development must comply with the wetlands setbacks in Section 11-14-110, of Chapter 11, of the Sonoma County Code. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |

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| 7 | Habitat and Special Status Species. 1. An application under this chapter shall include a biotic resource assessment prepared by a qualified biologist that demonstrates concludes that the cannabis cultivation site area and related structures and development will not impact sensitive or special status species habitat; and 2. If the cannabis cultivation site is area and related structures and development are located within a designated critical habitat area, then one of the following criteria must be met: a. The biotic assessment concludes that "take" of a listed species within the meaning of the federal and California Endangered Species Acts is not reasonably foreseeable; or b. Applicant obtains all appropriate permits from the applicable state and federal agencies with jurisdiction over the listed species. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Creeks, rivers, water table, Esteros, wells, the ocean. | Valorie Dallas | | | | | | | |
| 9 | protect the creeks and waterways the exact same as other crops | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 10 | With the Governor calling for all Californians to reduce our water by 15%, how can you allow for continued growth of Cannabis growth? Whether outdoors or indoors, vineyards, orchards, residential developments, or cannabis, all use water and to increase ANY development is an increase, when we've been asked to decrease. | Victoria De Crescenzo | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Treat cannabis the same as any other agricultural use | Joanna Cedar | | | | | | | |
| 12 | There are several studies that have been recently conducted and published around Cannabis water use compared to other crops. It is far less water intensive across the board. | Sam De La Paz | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Don't forget the at risk aquifers | Leona Judson | | | | | | | |
| 14 | protect cannabis farms and their wells from 80 year olds pharmaceutical poisons they pee in the water table. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 15 | The impact of grapes on water is actually far greater when you actually factor in processing to make a bottle of wine. | Dr. Natasha Khallouf | Show us your data. | https://issuu.com/metrosiliconvalley/docs/north_bay_cannabis_gatefold_2021 | | | | | |
| 16 | Have the cannabis farms lead in water conservation projects | Valorie Dallas | | | | | | | |
| 17 | A major goal of the EIR: protect our water resources on a sustainable yield basis and avoid long term decline. | Brantly Richardson | I agree | | | | | | |
| 18 | Cannabis should not be considered an agricultural crop | Carol Bokaie.com | | | 2.0 acre feet of water is still three times the use as grapes for just one crop. The county proposes 65000 acreage of cannabis. so that's 3 times for 65000 acres. | | | | |
| 19 | The 2.0 acre feet of water mentioned that cannabis uses. Is that for one harvest? | rachel zierdt | good question! | Excellent question. I believe that rate assumes one harvest. | | | | | |
| 20 | cannabis farmers cannot use toxic pesticides and poisons. cannabis is the most tested crop their is. the cleanest farms you have in the whole county are cannabis farms | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |

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| 21 | Please address the decrease that has been asked via the governor | Victoria De Crescenzo | Thanks for joining us! We are in the start of a three year process, feel free to send us an email Cannabis@sonoma-county.org. You can also learn more about the process here and timeline: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/ | | | | | | |
| 22 | the point of the EIR is to take away the ability for 80 year old LAWYERS to appeal the adoption of CHAPTER 38+ | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | the county wants to increase it to be 65000 acres. this is unsustainable | | | | |
| 23 | Cannabis is a relatively high water use product: Why does Sonoma assume 2.0 AFY per harvest when Napa assumes 3.38 AFY - | judith olney | Both yours and Napa county's numbers are incorrect...Cannabis uses a lot less water than other crops and has a MUCH smaller canopy...Grapes - 65,000 acres. Cannabis <40 | It is all dependant on temperature, hydrologic state and farming practices. I am unsure how Napa could have any data on Cannabis as they have restricted cultivation in Napa. I am sorry, but unless we are going to focus on water use of 65,000 acres of grapes... this is a moot point. | agree | yes, indeed | | | |
| 24 | Sonoma County is in the middle of a historic drought. While it is possible that we will get rain this year, I believe that it is clear that significant drought years will be our reality for the foreseeable future. There is no question that we do not have adequate water this year for existing uses in the county, including residential uses, grapes, etc. Unfortunately Sonoma County's groundwater map is also quite old, meaning that there isn't adequate information about our water future. Going forward, we are expected to building in excess of 20,000 homes in the County (Generation H states we need to build 58,000 homes), on top of new agricultural demands, and cannabis cultivation. There is no way we can know whether there is adequate water available for all of these new uses, and we will not know any answers until completion of the cannabis EIR. The EIR will evaluate how much water is available and where it is, about groundwater recharge needs, etc. | Sonia Taylor | I agree. We need more data and figure out water use for everyone as climate changes | agree! | | | | | |
| 25 | We need to encourage rainwater catchment/storage across the State and as constituents we all need to REALLY understand where are water is going... Mendocino being pumped to Sonoma, Sonoma pumped to Marin and then we have large bottled water Corps selling our own water back to us. | Sam De La Paz | | | | | | | |
| 26 | Groundwater, for sure! | Caroline Koss | | | | | | | |
| 27 | Mr. Kuszmar's comments regarding different water demand of uses are helpful. However, when we evaluate new water demands, we need to evaluate our limited water sources perhaps in a worse case scenario of multiple consecutive years of drought. This would apply for any new development/project. Cannabis as a new project may displace agriculture, then if winegrapes, for example, then the outcome may be less water usage. | Arthur Deicke | I agree | It is not new in this county just now regulated. | | | | | |

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| 28 | Average per acres production for canabis: 5.7 million cultivation tax on total production: 4.1 million VERSUS Grapes Average per acre production for wine grapes: \$11,000 Cultivation tax: ZERO SOURCE: https://issuu.com/metrosiliconvalley/docs/north_bay_cannabis_gatefold_2021 | Dr. Natasha Khallouf | I am beginning to understand the real issue here is trust. How do we build trust? | Instead of this vocal and at times hostile opposition let's build a bridge. Those of us that have entered the regulated market are trying to do the right thing. I welcome anyone to my farm where I have increased biodiversity with an abundance of wildlife; birds, insects and even endangered species. | | | | | |
| 29 | The county has not reassessed the four water availability zones in recent years. This is a critical issue for Sonoma County, especially with the drought we are currently in. There needs to be a detailed study of the zones as part of the EIR. In the meantime until water availability is reassessed there should be a moratorium on all permits – including those currently in pipeline. | Becky Evenich | Building trust requires that the county act in good faith and enforce what it passes. Too many operators have been allowed to flaunt the rules and get away with it. Also trust requires that the growers understand that the process of permitting in anything in the county is hard...try getting a permit for a generator...its a big deal...so yes, a product such as cannabis needs regulation since it affects the quality of life here in the county. | | | | | | |
| 30 | Do a baseline analysis and determine all current and projected water usage needs in the County. Include all uses (residential, agricultural, commercial and industrial) then determine the amount of water available for new uses under 1. drought conditions and 2. historical averages. | Brantly Richardson | Agree | as long as that baseline includes pre 2018 cannabis farms | | | | | |
| 31 | While you may not be addressing policy, the governor has addressed the drought. Therefore, you should put a moratorium on all development until we address the drought. Sonya's comments are spot on-drought is the issue! | Victoria De Crescenzo | The suggestion by some in the industry is follow the state...why reinvent...so we should therefore follow the state in calling for a decrease in use.... | | | | | | |
| 32 | Both State of Calif Fish and Game and NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE pointed out in their comments to the recent draft that surface water and well water are linked! Cannabis grower can't use one without affecting all water sources. We are in a drought | Bill Krawetz | agree | | | | | | |
| 33 | the average age of the anti cannabis folks is like 75-85 years old. they are using facts and stats from the 80s. they have no interest to learn the new facts. its so funny and maddening how these bommernimby's get to steal our life energy in this way on their way out of this world. why do they feel entitled to do this to this beautiful young industry that can keep this county thriving for generation past the age of these 80 year old lawyers? | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | negative energy here | | | | | | |
| 34 | Net Zero Water Plans and the viability of catchment basins have not been adequately studied – they may interfere with groundwater recharge and impact neighboring wells: | judith olney | More data needed! | "Net zero" should be dropped as a term. Who decided they have a net zero impact? | | | | | |
| 35 | Cannabis "development" is not new development...and its water use is not new use...just new permitted use. Also, Sonoma County has a hemp program that is not required to meter and measure their water use. Stop scapegrating cannabis farmers. | Joanna Cedar | | | | | | | |
| 36 | Projection is for a La Nina next year=less rainfall. | Ann Storms | | | | | | | |

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| 37 | Prohibit cultivation in the already impaired watersheds. Water intensive use will further exacerbate conditions. | Brantly Richardson | | | | | | | |
| 38 | i like lenny kravitz | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 39 | Align the water requirements with the state water board requirements | Joanna Cedar | | | with more than 60,000 acres of grapes cannabis is not the problem. | | | | |
| 40 | I am very concerned about ground water in residential parts of unincorporated Sonoma County where we depend on wells to survive. Thousands of residents will be impacted if the aquifer water levels are drawn down to the point wells can no longer produce water. | Jeff McConathy | I agree | '+1 | | | | | |
| 41 | All uses should have their water use metered and monitored, and publicly available. | Sonia Taylor | Why do we allow cannabis growers (or anyone else) to read their own meters and report their own usage? Require smart meters and send the information to the cloud. No cheating allowed. Our mutual wate company invested in smart meters and they alert us to a leak. | | agree | | | | |
| 42 | Prohibit cultivation in groundwater availability zones 3 and 4 and other areas where groundwater supplies are limited, uncertain and vulnerable to overdraft and reduced water recharge. | Brantly Richardson | I agree | agree | | | | | |
| 43 | Water would not be allowed to be trucked into a grow site. | Virginia Hair | Why when all other crops or agriculture can? Please provide unbiased reasoning. | | Trucking of recycled water risks contamination of confined aquifers - especially related to nitrogen and organic chemicals | | | | |
| 44 | No trucking of water or recycled wasterwater under all circumstances | Brantly Richardson | trucking water is currently not allowed ut should be in emergencies | Why this bias only toward Cannabis. Emergency crop loss is serious in ALL agricultural practices. | agree | | | | |
| 45 | Water demand is based on inches of irrigation/ year or acre-feet – water should never be allocated based on the profitability of the product produced. | judith olney | Agree! | Yes. Otherwise we would only have wine and pot and no lettuce! | | | | | |
| 46 | Cannabis is highly regulated and pesticide, heavy metal testing is mandated by the state. Even if we had 5k acres of Cannabis in our county, it would not touch the 65,000 of comparitvely unregulated pesticide and fertalizer use. | Sam De La Paz | We also need to focus on runoff from ALL agriculture, not just Cannabis. | | | | | | |
| 47 | Dry farm for all growing from tomatoes to cannabis | Valorie Dallas | agree - we all need to further explore dry farming techniques! Our apples are totally dry farmed. | | | | | | |
| 48 | setbacks the same as other crops. organic farms get better tax rates | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 49 | water trucks help for fire prevention | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | carbon footprint from trucking water... be real | | | | | | |

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| 50 | Water impacts of cannabis production are quite different in upland aquifers than in groundwater basins. Water use in the groundwater basins is subject to the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Groundwater basins are alluvial and store significant amounts of water available for use year round. The SGMA is intended to allocate water among users so that cumulative withdrawals from the basin do not exceed seasonal recharge. Streamflow impacts are managed by assuring that the basin is not overdrawn. Water use impacts of cannabis production in ground water basins should be adequately mitigated by compliance with the requirements of the SGMA. | Harriet Buckwalter | Upland aquifers are not subject to SGMA and are generally fractured rock aquifers with highly variable storage and yields from area to area depending upon the underlying geology. Upland fractured rock aquifers store accumulated winter rain which is gradually released into streams thus maintaining the year round streamflow necessary to sustain the migration and reproduction of rare and endangered salmon. Monitoring and modeling hydrology studies have shown that upland waters are already over allocated and the stream flows are marginal at best for salmon survival. | agree | | | | | |
| 51 | Have the cannabis farms lead in water conservation projects. That will create trust in our community. | Valorie Dallas | Yes most of us have BMPs with conservation in mind. | | There are also regenerative methods that can be used to reduce water use heavily, as Natasha stated above. These solutions should be explored and even incentivized. In hopes to encourage ALL ag practices to consider these solutions. | | | | |
| 52 | Grants for rainwater catchment. Best managment practices such as mulching, automated irrigation and the additon of benefical plants | Dr. Natasha Khallouf | agree | Yesss | | | | | |
| 53 | fire trucks if you can get them on the single narrow country roads, not paid for by the county | Victoria De Crescenzo | | | | | | | |
| 54 | you want to have me as a neighbor. i have a big filled water truck and i have hosed down before fires. i would help save my 80 year old neighbors houses too. no one but the old generation around because they made the rules different so that they will be the last rich and free generation. thanmks grandpa. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 55 | no more limiting cannabis by stupid boomer spiteful suggestions. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 56 | W | Mandy Clendenen | | | | | | | |
| 57 | no poison pesticides at vinbeyard or cannabis operators can sue | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |

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| 58 | <p>Five upland watersheds in Sonoma County are designated as "impaired" for stream flow and have been targeted by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the State Water Resources Control Board for improved protections and management in order to maintain and restore salmon habitat.</p> <p>The State has invested significant amounts of public funds to study and to manage and restore these watersheds. Most recently, the State Wildlife Conservation Board funded the Sonoma RCD to assist private landowners in the Mark West Watershed to build rain water capture and storage systems in order to reduce late season ground use and help maintain stream flow. To date, nearly 500,000 gallons of capture and storage has been built at a public cost of half a million dollars.</p> | Harriet Buckwalter | <p>Monitoring and modeling studies on the Mark West and Green Valley watersheds demonstrate that current flows are critically low in the fall of the year can be adversely impact by the extraction of additional ground water in the amounts required for cannabis production. Cannabis production, based on actual measurements, consumes between 1.5 and 3 million gallons of water per year per acre with the heaviest using coming late in the year when stream flows are at their lowest. Even one such operation would more than offset the water savings accomplished to date and reduce late season stream flows below critical levels.</p> <p>It is strongly recommended that no cannabis production operations be allowed in</p> | No cultivation in the impaired watersheds. Period. | | | | |
| 59 | Who would then monitor all these regulations? | Mandy Clendenen | <p>Thanks for joining us Mandy! We will be talking about accountability later in the session!</p> | | | | | |
| 60 | <p>Dry farming, also called Dryland Farming, the cultivation of crops without irrigation in regions of limited moisture, typically less than 20 inches (50 centimetres) of precipitation annually. Dry farming depends upon efficient storage of the limited moisture in the soil and the selection of crops and growing methods that make the best use of this moisture. Tilling the land shortly after harvest and keeping it free from weeds are typical methods, but in certain latitudes stubble is left in the fields after harvest to trap snow. Moisture control during crop growing consists largely of destruction of weeds and prevention of runoff. The ideal soil surface is free of weeds but has enough clods or dead vegetable matter to hinder runoff and prevent erosion.</p> | Carol Bokaie.com | Agree. | | | | | |
| 61 | <p>Test of wells of adjacent neighbors in water zones 1 and 2 should be current. Stop accepting tests that are 30 years old. Yield and water levels may have changed.</p> | Brantly Richardson | <p>Must be adequate protection against well interference. Deny a new use permit if the hydrogeology report demonstrates the project water demands draw from the zone of influence of neighboring wells or if there is any drawdown on neighboring wells.</p> | | | | | |
| 62 | <p>In drought years, cannabis operators (and others) should have as a condition of their permits that they could lose their rights to water, if necessary to protect our rivers, streams, habitats, groundwater, etc.</p> | Sonia Taylor | <p>This is exactly what happened to current water rights along Russian River watershed</p> | | | | | |

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| 64 | Crops adapted to dry farming may be either drought resistant or drought evasive. Drought-resistant crops, such as sorghum, are able to reduce transpiration (emission of moisture) and may nearly cease growing during periods of moisture shortage, resuming growth when conditions again become favourable. Drought-evasive crops achieve their main growth during times of year when heat and drought conditions are not severe. Crops adapted to dry farming are usually smaller and quicker to mature than those grown under more humid conditions and are usually allotted more space. https://www.britannica.com/topic/dry-farming How is cannabis drought resistant or drought evasive? | Carol Bokaie.com | Cannabis cannot be dry farmed | | | | | | |
| 65 | Allow operators to manage their farms with more flexibility for best water management. Flexibility means rotation, smaller setbacks | Joanna Cedar | | | | | | | |
| 66 | 38 was a great start. we do want to look at that | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 67 | Sonoma County residents are taking "boat showers", i.e. 3 minutes, for the foreseeable future. Should we seriously be considering a water-thirsty plant like pot? | Ann Storms | Cannabis is considered a medicine by many including children not a luxury such as wine with little medicinal value. The people of sonoma would like access to locally grown cannabis. https://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/news/santa-rosa-girl-who-takes-medical-cannabis-to-treat-seizures-attends-her-fi/ | | | | | | |
| 68 | andrew and his office worked on that for years. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 69 | Cultivators as well as other Ag should not only be limited to groundwater use. Catchment is a major solution and provides wildfire preparedness storage. | Sam De La Paz | | | | | | | |
| 70 | Evaluation of water use by cannabis operators should include evaluation of water needed for each expected crop, to ensure that there is water available for up to four crops a year. | Sonia Taylor | Our water is monitored and reported annually. | Only the water sources declared on the application - not all sources on the parcel. And it's self-reported, which leaves it vulnerable to dishonesty. | | | | | |
| 71 | the supervisors want a new bill attached to an EIR request and budget. START with the approvable CHAPTER 38. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 72 | For ideas, please make sure that you look at the massive amount of work product that came out of the Cannabis Advisory Group. | Joanna Cedar | | | | | | | |
| 73 | protect farmers from new onerous regs that the insatiable opposition may pull out of their.... | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |

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| 74 | It is strongly recommended that no cannabis production operations be allowed in upland watersheds (County Water Availability Zones 3 and 4) and in particular watersheds already designated as impaired. | Harriet Buckwalter | | | | | | | |
| 75 | Study rainwater catchment reservoirs (net zero water plans) and determine if they interfere with groundwater recharge of the aquifers and/or downstream flow. The term, "net zero" is a euphemism until scientific studies are conducted. | Brantly Richardson | Agree with studies and data being necessary. While we are at it, let us look at the heavy traditional Ag uses and pumping of water from Sonoma to Marin. There is some serious data there that can surface more of our water than anyone may realize. | I agree | | | | | |
| 76 | cannabis farmers love the environment and polute it less than any other industry. look at the testing standards. they are the strictest. the cleanest farm you can have in your neighborhood is a cannbabis farm. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | Agreed | | | | | | |
| 77 | Agree with CDFW - carrying capacity analysis is required with a limit on density or acreage of cultivation sites | judith olney | | | | | | | |
| 78 | Thank you Mia! | Valorie Dallas | | | | | | | |
| 79 | The worst thing to put in a region with limited water is a house. It's also the last thing that will ever be planted on a parcel. Cannabis is an annual plant, unlike grapes. Any disussion of drought mitigation and economic conversion due to climate change should centrally include cannabis as its flexible and provides significant tax revenue per acre. | Joanna Cedar | | | | | | | |
| 80 | Can cannabis be dryfarmed if it is grown in bags?Dryfarming conserves the water in the ground after the rainy season by weeding so the water does not go into the weeds. | Carol Bokaie.com | | | | | | | |
| 81 | Agree that we should look at all water use in the impaired watersheds. Water use should be prioritized for people and fish. Water for any commercial use whould be limited. Big residential use should also be limited. | Harriet Buckwalter | | | | | | | |
| 82 | A "successfully protecting natural habitats and species" program would look better than we found it. We must acknowledge that most of these areas have been compromised over the years by human activities. | Bill Krawetz | I agree | | | | | | |
| 83 | Exclude all cannabis production in impaired watersheds. | Harriet Buckwalter | | | | | | | |
| 84 | EIR or CEQA to protect species. | Valorie Dallas | | | | | | | |
| 85 | LOVE sarah and BJ are great at this format. quite enjoyable. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 86 | Protect all aquatic species in rivers, streams, water sheds. | Valorie Dallas | | | | | | | |
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| 88 | Put water planning on the front burner. Share the environmental technical studies in the cannabis EIR with the required update of the General Plan. The EIR for the General Plan was completed in the year 2000. The tech studies and analyses relating to water are also out of date (by 40 years?). If those tech studies are not brought upto date, they should not be used in the cannabis EIR. Otherwise the the cannabis EIR will not be based on current facts. Why do all this work with out-of-date figures? | Brantly Richardson | | | | | | | |

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| 89 | lenny kravitz | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 90 | Thank you Mia! Compared to every other type of agricultural practice conducted in Sonoma County, or in California for that matter. It is the cleanest and least pollutive ever to be seen. Cannabis the most transparent testing and pollution aversion of any farming practice and has more regenerative farmers than any industry to date. | Sam De La Paz | | | | | | | |
| 91 | Education on what that is. The cannabis growers by me plowed up all the badger holes of their property and probably had no idea they were. I imagine they did not do this on purpose. | Valorie Dallas | I will assure you those neighbors were also not "permitted" to do so... | | | | | | |
| 92 | As an annual plant - then during drought the permit renewal should be denied | judith olney | Why would grapes be allowed then? | Grape vines or orchards are not annual - must lower irrigation but do not kill the plant | I agree | sensitive habitats identified by biologists are prohibited from being eligible for cultivation. However, I will say that through my cultivation methods and stewarding of the land I have actually supported wildlife including endangered species such as the monarch butterfly by providing a food source such as milkweed and other nectar bearing flowers. | thank you for providing food for monarchs. | | |
| 93 | Protect parcels identified with sensitive habitats and/or special status species. Follow the CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife recommendation to use Geo Spatial analysis to map boundariies at parcel scale. | judith olney | I agree | agree | have to AGREE here | | | | |
| 94 | treat cannabis like any other crop in the county. this is sonoma county. our seal has AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, RECREATION. it doesnt say retired residential 80 year old hack pothole lawyers. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | I disagree | about what? | | | | | |
| 95 | Cannabis does not pollute the waterways with pesticides...unlike vineyards | Joanna Cedar | | | | | | | |
| 96 | Mia did a great job in listing possible inclusion in an ordenance: * Adequate water storage approved by an expert, * Setbacks to avoid run off of pestisides, and other erosion. * No diversion during low water flows, which will come every summer. | Leona Judson | I agree | Yes to no diversions during low water flow | | | | | |
| 97 | dumb question: can indoor-grown cannabis be grown as a perennial, since climate can be controlled? would that reduce water use? | Caroline Koss | no | It's a great question! While cannabis cannot be grown as a perennial, multiple crops (i.e., harvests) per year are possible when using mixed-light and indoor growing methods. This may explain why the County assumes 2.0 acre-ft/acre/yr for outdoor grows, and 4.0 acre-ft/acre/yr for indoor grows. | | | | | |
| 98 | the strictest attn to details with farming is with cannabis already. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 99 | perenial. that is dumb | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | tomatoes can be grown as a perenial in a greenhouse. | as can peppers. | | | | | |
| 100 | Require setbacks at least to the level required for vineyards and orchards in non-sensitive areas. Prohibit growing in sensitive/protected habitat areas. | Michele Parr | As long as it is treated in parody with other Ag practices and/or all Ag practices are accountable are held to an improved enviromental impact mitigation, I am all for it. | | | | | | |

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| 101 | Riparian Corridor Setbacks. New permanent structures must be located outside the Riparian Corridor Steam Conservation Area, Section 25-65. Outdoor and hoop house cultivation canopy must conform to the agricultural setback set forth in Section 26-65-040. Cannabis cultivation and related structures and development must comply with all provisions of the Riparian Corridor combining zone district, pursuant to Section 26-65, of Chapter 26 of the Sonoma County Code, including setback requirements. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | We will! Just research cannabis's impact on the reduction of opiod use in states that allow it. | | | | |
| 102 | Cannabis will continue to set the accountability and transparency standards for all of agriculture. This industry cares about the environment, honorable stewardship of the land it' s inhabitants. Can we name another industry that has this level of respect or accountability? Why, other than antiquated bias, are we chastising Cannabis alone? | Sam De La Paz | agree | I hope to see the cannabis industry lead the way to a better world! | | | | | |
| 103 | Thank you Robert | Carol Bokaie.com | | | | | | | |
| 104 | Whatever decisions are made with regard to protecting riparian corridors should be applied to all agriculture | Joanna Cedar | Agreed! | Agree! | | | | | |
| 105 | Protect the larger riparian corridor setbacks defined by the State Water Resources Control Board Cannabis Policy, follow additional protections of the Ca Department of Fish and Wildlife mitigation measures and all other state requirements. | judith olney | | | | | | | |
| 106 | chapter 38 really did all this work for us. we spent years ging back and forth to settle on the redlined chapter 38 that finally made it through planning after a huge amount of work. why are we disrespecting that work by not working from it? we compromised enough already. we had a deal and we won. if the supervisors want an EIR thats cool. we should have done that years ago. what a crafty way to spitefully penalize growers! as of this point we have damaged so many farmers and great families who brought vibrant culture to this county. they are being extincted along with the culture. all beacuse we want to appease the unappeasable POTHOLE LAWYER and the personal vendettas of these 80 year old hateful grandmas. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | Chapter 38 did not meet State law and has been set aside. There will be a new ordinance that meets state law and CEQA | | | | | | |
| 107 | Again, align with state law | Joanna Cedar | Agree | | | | | | |
| 108 | do we have to give grandma this much attn? cant yo all see this is a ploy to suck us into their pathetic boring old world chasing bicycle accidents and bullying cannabis families. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 109 | STATE LAW | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 110 | give cannabis farmers a chance to thrive | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 111 | Is anyone going to address the disrespectful comments regarding the age of lawyers? | Victoria De Crescenzo | just consider the source... | I was called "you ladies" yesterday. Go high when they go low! It's not everyone. Bad look for them. | | | | | |
| 112 | its a generation gap. it is relevant | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 113 | Since the county gets tax money from the cannabis industry, what about some of that tax money go toward the county folks that help to maintain a healthy riparian cooridor | Leona Judson | That would be great but the county has not provided enough reasonable pathways to permitting to afford the staff to develop and maintain the programs that would make the cannabis industry successful | Sure! With an actual functioning Cannabis sector, I am sure this would be welcomed by all. But we are about to lose the entire market here if we are forced to wait 2 more years to farm. | | | | | |

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| 114 | do we still go by our grandparents rules for how many genders and what marriage is? no we dont. there is a clear divide between the old retiring folks who wont be around much longer anyway. usually in past generation the old grandmas and grandpas would lean back and let the younger generations move forward in their own way. whay is it not relevant to mention the age of the meddling dishonest opposition?> | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 115 | i agree fully with emitter instead of hand in general but dont want to add more regs to restrict this exciting new industry that can help the county so much if it is allowed to thrive. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 116 | If every proposed cannabis cultivation project that is in the county pipline, were to be permitted it would be less than 40 acres. The canopy is so small that some of these discussions seem obtuse in the face of 65,000 acres of grapes | Joanna Cedar | | | | | | | |
| 117 | What is normal? When was the last time we had a normal year? When will we get one again? | Mandy Clendenen | | | | | | | |
| 118 | Indoor cannabis grows with soil probes will limit water use. | judith olney | | | | | | | |
| 119 | keep the weather out of it and the govt out of it. these older folks will want test the rainfall until they can use it to shut down farms | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 120 | Impaired watersheds were overdrafted before the drought. | Harriet Buckwalter | And before any permitted cannabis. | | | | | | |
| 121 | Have a plan where we understand how much water our county can devote to cannabis and then allow that. | Valorie Dallas | | | | | | | |
| 122 | How does cannabis qualify as drought resistant or drought evasive plant to be used successfully in dryfarming when it uses so much water? | Carol Bokaie.com | it doesn't use that much water...you are mistaken | | | | | | |
| 123 | metered wells on Cannabis farms in rural areas | Forest Houtz | already the case on all legal farms. | | | | | | |
| 124 | Grapes can be dry farmed and have been. Can cannabis? | Victoria De Crescenzo | | | | | | | |
| 125 | BJ - The comments by this "real" person, who had a different name last night and the night before, continues to be insulting, rude and very off topic. It is distracting and offensive. | Dani La Noire | | | | | | | |
| 126 | We are about to lose much traction in the Cannabis market, as Sonoma County productions. Operations need to be allowed immediately. If we are forced to wait 2yrs after falling behind by 4yrs, we are screwed. Taxes from these operations could be allocated to these water and regenerative farming solutions right NOW. | Sam De La Paz | | | agreed | Agreed - in places where it's been demonstrated that there are enough water resources to support it! | We have solutions that no other industry has ever implmented to conserve water and reduce environmental impact. We have to be allowed to be a part of the conversation with the county to introduce these solutions. Not trailing behind at BOS meetings to submit public comment. | | |
| 127 | Encouragment of in-ground planting Mulching Automated irrigation Incentivizing the cultivation of a cover crop during the down time | Dr. Natasha Khallouf | I agree. | YES!! | | | | | |
| 128 | my nieghbors decades ago drained creeks to make private lakes. seems like it must have been nice living in the world when grandpa 80 year old was in his prime building his business with relatively no givernment meddling and harrasment from guys like him. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | New Frontier study looks at the profitability - not actual water use. Water should never be allocated to the highest bidder | | | | |
| 129 | Napa did an assessment that shows that 32 to 64 acres of cannabis cultivation would result in new water demands of 108.16-to-216.32-acre feet/year (AFY). This is 5 times more water use than 32 to 64 acres of vineyards. | judith olney | and New Froteir data and UC Berkeley did a study on this as well and put the use at 1.3 | Thank you, Judith! | I agree | agree | | | |
| 130 | We have a drought, so how about a moratarium? | Victoria De Crescenzo | Totally agree | Yes!! | | | | | |

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| 131 | Wetlands Setbacks. Outdoor and hoop house canopy must comply with the wetlands setbacks in Section 36-16-120, of Chapter 36, of the Sonoma County Code. All other development must comply with the wetlands setbacks in Section 11-14-110, of Chapter 11, of the Sonoma County Code. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | Yes!!! Why are we trying to take more water! Agree | | | | |
| 132 | You ask what "a successful cannabis operation" looks like: 1) Caps on permits 2) Moratorium on new permits until the extent of Climate Change, i.e., water supply can be adequately assessed. | Ann Storms | I agree | I agree | | | | | |
| 133 | let operators get lower taxes for keeping water trucks in the neighborhood to help the fire forces | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | Yes. Any commercial/large use of water impacts our water resources. | Very much agree. | | thats correct HOWEVER one has currently over 60k acres in production and little medicinal value and the other approximately 40 acres with proven scientific medicinal value that improves the quality of life for many | OK. But this is about a cannabis ordinance, which is a new use. Agree we should look at water use across the board. |
| 134 | It's not about Cannabis vs. Grapes, it's about the health of Sonoma County in total. | Victoria De Crescenzo | totally agree! | Yes! | | | | | |
| 135 | There is way too much scapegoating of cannabis farmers | Joanna Cedar | | | agree | Not more esesntial than food and water | You can get it from a state that has water | Yes, we get medicine from all over. Medical cannabis can also be grown where there is more water. | |
| 136 | We are in a historic drought. We are all restricting our own personal water usage. It is essential during this time that we carefully preserve water for human consumption as well as for crops and animals that provide us with food. It's irresponsible of the county to even consider approving a commercial cannabis permit during such a critical time. | Becky Evenich | Agree! | cannabis medicine is ESSENTIAL | | | | | |
| 137 | MINISTERIAL is the only succesful ordinance. or else you will have these same old folks get more and more restrictive and pushy. who put these old timers in control? isnt it a new generation and isnt this california? | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | Thank you! We will be implementing an EIR. You can read the timeline here: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/ | | | | |
| 138 | You are asking us to tell you what Cannabis regulations should look like, but how can we do that with limited information and a looming drought, climate chage, etc? | Victoria De Crescenzo | The EIR is critical. Without that, how can anyone move forward? | I agree | | | | | |
| 139 | STATE LAW. not more restrictive. land owners have RIHGTS!!! | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | Absolutely! regulated farms are trying to do the right thing! | | | | |
| 140 | Cannabis is a legal crop. Don't forget illegal grows are more likely to be wasteful of water and other resources. | Leona Judson | trueness | and the more farmers who have a pathway to permitting, the more responsible water use we encourage | I agree | | | | |
| 141 | We really need a detailed study of water by area to know what's there before going forward with more water uses (Ag, housing, etc) | Bill Krawetz | are you gunna go my way? | Agree | | | | | |
| 142 | The County must conduct an independent Water Resource Availability Study for each groundwater basin or watershed, ensuring supply for all current permitted uses, setting acreage caps and other measures to protect against continued groundwater overdraft. | judith olney | This should apply to ALL agricultural practices as well | | Agree that cannabis farmers should be heard, and would love to hear about innovative water-saving ideas that can be leveraged by other crops, too! | | | | |

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| 143 | Cannabis has solutions that no other industry has ever implemented to conserve water and reduce environmental impact. We have to be allowed to be a part of the conversation with the county to introduce these solutions. Not trailing behind at BOS meetings to submit public comment. | Sam De La Paz | agreed | Hopefully this can be understood by the community. The first step is to educate and not scapegoat. Thanks you | Cannabis has medicinal value that has been scientifically proven in addition its use lowers opiod usage in states dealing with epidemics that allow it in their state. are you just a proponent of opdioids and alternatives ? | https://www.sonomacountygalette.com/sonoma-county-news/could-your-cannabis-be-cleaner-than-your-organic-produce/ | https://www.fundacion-canna.es/en/routes-administration-and-cannabis-products-therapeutic-purposes | | |
| 144 | You can call anything a medicine...marijuana is not a medicine. Food is a medicine. | Ann Storms | This is erroneous...alcohol kills | That is some bias sounding rhetoric Ann... I am sorry, but a centuries old medicinal practice. What would your input be on Cannabis testing standards testing cleaner than your Whole Foods Organic produce? | | | | | |
| 145 | 3. Agricultural Production. An application for a cannabis cultivation site that is located within an agricultural zone (LIA, LEA, DA) must be consistent with General Plan Policy AR-4a, in that the primary use of the parcel shall be agricultural production and related processing, support services, and visitor serving uses | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 146 | lower tax break for cannabis landowners to keep water reserves for local drinkingf water fountains for old folks, | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 147 | Agree, Judith. | Michele Parr | | | | | | | |
| 148 | monitoring is already required for county permits. wells already need to have meters for this reporting. maybe we can start w chapter 38 and ask the folks who spent years working on it. or is this groundhog year again? | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 149 | Dept Water Resources: Petaluma current GSA study/ model assumes zero cannabis when it's kown that cannabis applications are in process in this area. | judith olney | | | '+1 | Agree | I agree | Why not let these poor Mom and Pop Cannabis farmers through the permit program and require vinyards to curb water use or acreage to compensate?? The double standards are very exhaustive. | |
| 150 | Wait to authorize any permits for cannabis, grapes etc until water becomes less of a scarcity and there is a scientific understanding of the water requirements. Also, the entire county needs to be remapped as it relates to water scarcity zones. Those zones were created a VERY long time ago and it would be very beneficial to understand the groundwater limitations in all of the county. | Dani La Noire | Agree! It seems pretty simple, but.... | ABSOLUTELY! | | | | | |
| 151 | I'm going to re-iterate, we are in a drought. The Govenor has asked us to lessen our usage by 15%. Folks have removed lawns, upgraded irrigation, removed crops, etc. We need to enact a moratorium on all development while we are in this situation. Until we are out of the drought, we cannot allow any deveopment with a clear consience. | Victoria De Crescenzo | I agree | | | | | | |
| 152 | Do everything Andy Casarez suggested | Carol Bokaie.com | | | | | | | |
| 153 | Have a clear idea how much water is being used - meter water and learn about water use. | Valorie Dallas | yes! | | | | | | |

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| 154 | For new cannabis permits in ALL groundwater zones, use permit conditions must follow the State Agency requirement that hydrogeologist reports, in addition to well pumping tests, are necessary to determine long-term water availability. All tests and reports are to meet industry standards and performed under the direction of licensed professionals. | judith olney | this is state law | | | | | | |
| 155 | When was the last time zones were assessed | Mandy Clendenen | | | | | | | |
| 156 | Conversion is part of agriculture, when I first moved to this county we grew apples and pears; many of the orchards were pulled in favor of grapes, now we have to make decisions as to how we will use our water resources in times of drought. It's time to incentivize pulling those thirsty grapes and permitting cannabis cultivation with it's small canopy and higher economic yield per acre foot | Joanna Cedar | all crops are thirsty, limit all crops and any development until we are out of the drought! | | | | | | |
| 157 | The new ordinance should include a provision for restriction of water use under special circumstances. We are now experiencing a "special circumstance": a historic drought. The County should reserve the right to reduce the extent of ANY permitted activity including but not limited to the area of cultivation allowed under any issued permit in the event that environmental conditions, (such as a sustained drought or low flows) where commercial cannabis activity (or any other activity) is located and will not support water withdrawals without substantially and adversely affecting existing fish and wildlife resources. | Brantly Richardson | I agree | | | | | | |
| 158 | these folks want all the restriction they can dream up in their authoritarian imagination. how did the flower children generation turn into this? | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 159 | The EIR must evaluate the amount and availability of treated wastewater for all uses, including cannabis, including how to get it to properties needing it. Trucking shouldn't be permitted. Remember, Santa Rosa has no treated wastewater available for sale/use -- it's all already spoken for. | Sonia Taylor | | | | | | | |
| 160 | joanna=nice one | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 161 | Waste Water Discharge. Applicant must submit a wastewater management plan that complies with the department's best management practices and the following requirements: 1. Identify the estimated amount and disposal of waste water, excess irrigation and domestic wastewater, and provide data to support the estimate; 2. Include verification of compliance with or waiver from the waste discharge requirements of the state water resource control board; 3. Direct excess irrigation water or effluent to a sanitary sewer, septic, irrigation, graywater or bio-retention treatment system; 4. If discharging excess irrigation to a septic system, include a system capacity evaluation by a qualified sanitary engineer that demonstrates the system has adequate capacity; 5. Dispose of domestic wastewater discharge from employees in a permanent sanitary sewer or on-site septic system demonstrated by a system capacity evaluation by a qualified sanitary engineer to have adequate capacity. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 162 | Whether marijuana is a "medicine" or not has NO bearing on whether Sonoma County should be degraded with pot grows. It is a water/resource issue. | Ann Storms | careful, your irrational bias is showing | | | | | | |

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| 163 | Orchards and cannabis use 2 - 3 AFY while grapes are water efficient, using only 0.6 AFY ... 7 inches of water/ acre vs 2 to 3 feet per acre | judith olney | how many acres are required though ? Grapes-\$2500 per acre and no tax revenue. Cannabis - \$500K per acre and its taxed | | | | | | |
| 164 | too bad they cant rip the plants out of the ground themselves. you would never see fat grandpa and angry abusive grama move so fast. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 165 | Sec. 38.16.010. – Purpose. This article establishes provisions that are intended to ensure compliance with the requirements of this chapter and permits issued pursuant to this chapter, and provide for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare of the county. Sec. 38.16.020. – Decisions in Compliance with Chapter. All departments, officials, and employees of the county assigned the authority or duty to issue permits shall comply with the provisions of this chapter. A. Permits in conflict with chapter. Permits that would be in conflict with the provisions of this chapter shall not be issued. B. Permits deemed void. Any permit issued in conflict with the provisions of this chapter, or in error, shall be void and of no effect. C. County may refuse to issue permits. The county shall not issue any permit sought pursuant to this chapter where the property upon which the activity is proposed is in violation of this code. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 166 | Enforcement responsibility. The Agricultural Commissioner is authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter and permits issued pursuant to this chapter. The Agricultural Commissioner may initiate proceedings to suspend, revoke, or modify permits issued pursuant to this chapter, act as enforcing officer for the purposes of exercising the authority provided in Sections 1-7.1, 1-7.3, and 1-7.6 of this code, and issue letters of correction, notices of violation, notices of proposed action, stop work orders, and citations for any violations of this chapter or any permit issued pursuant to this chapter. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | Accountability is great, Cannabis is the most accountable. Can we say the same about much more impactful industries in our County? I think neighbors should be talking to neighbors and these operators are neighbors. | What do you suggest? we already undergo routine inspection by AG. department as well as state officials including waterboard AND must report water use annually. | | | Agree natasha |
| 167 | Accountability needs to be built into the ordinance. We shouldn't be relying on neighbors to turn in neighbors who are violating their permits. | Harriet Buckwalter | I agree. Pitting neighbor against neighbor, and making cannabis farmers feel that they are not part of the "neighborhood" is the county's fault and has poisoned our community discourse | I agree | | | | | |
| 168 | Why not let these poor Mom and Pop Cannabis farmers through the permit program and require vinyards to curb water use or acreage to compensate?? All of these double standards in the comments and the erroneous focus on Cannabis are very exhaustive. | Sam De La Paz | I disagree | Could you please provide any reason that you disagree, Carol? Or do you have an implicit bias toward Cannabis? | | | | | |
| 169 | cannabis should be treated like any other crop. the cannabis industry has already endured the strictest permit approval and inspections by far. minimize regs to state law and dont apply penalizing pet projects from tormenting dishonest neighbors who already have the sites in mind they want to shut down for any reason you allow. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | I disagree cannabis should be considered an agricultural crop. | | | | | | |

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| 170 | Cannabis crops are more accountable than all other farmers combined. | Joanna Cedar | Agreed | | | | | | |
| 171 | There should be financial protection if wells in rural areas dry up when Cannabis farms, who drop deeper wells and suck the more shallow wells dry. Cannabis growers need to post a bond or some insurance to protect rural neighbors! | Forest Houtz | good idea | | Cannabis has been growing in SoCO for 50 years...we have this data. Many are just choosing not to see it | I agree | Excellent suggestion - Practice farms pending an in-depth science-based EIR. | | |
| 172 | Build trust and learn -- Have a few "practice farms" - use the farms already permitted - and monitor them to see how it goes - almost like how a franchise is created. We need more data before we can make such important decisions. Meter their water, disclose all complaints and solutions, have a person on both the county-side and the cannabis farm side who communicate about the issues and have them steward the way forward for others. This can begin now and hopefully help provide data and trust over the next 3 years as the ordinance is developed. | Valorie Dallas | +1 | agree | | | | | |
| 173 | how can you have small children and get morning unannounced inspection? we are ok with that but it is really unfair to be traumatic inspections that feel like raids | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 174 | ministerial is the only way to keep neighbors from each others throats. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 175 | chapter 38 had that in mind but for some reason we are subjected to this dishonest abuse from old folks who are set in their ways. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 176 | The county needs more staff to ensure accountability | Carol Bokaie.com | absolutely | | Our mutual water company (80,homes) invested in smart meters when our meter reaper volunteer decided to retire. it's great and they let you know if you have a leak | | | | |
| 177 | Water metering should be done using tamper proof smart meters that are inspected instead of relying on self reporting. | Jeff McConathy | Agree | yes yes yes! | | | | | |
| 178 | Violators do not get permit renewed | judith olney | I agree | | Then maybe the county needs to not allow permits near neighborhoods where children and family's grow. | the restrictive permitting process is eliminating the mom and pops from having a chance increasing the cost of entry and thus in turn making it so only larger entities can survive such hostile circumstances | Outside money has moved in and taken over. LLCs are the norm with a local as the "front". | Small business is an issue in our country. Are we are being naive enough to think that this county won't be covered in commercial LARGE SCALE grows ?we will all be proved wrong ... soon! | |
| 179 | Does anyone truly think that the "mom and pop" farms are going to the real issue? The commercial grows are the issues when it comes to all of these issues | Mandy Clendenen | agree | the mom and pop farms have no pathway to a permit | | | | | |
| 180 | They only way the county can afford more staff is if there is a robust permitting program | Joanna Cedar | They can't seem to afford it it now. Is it because it is so labor intensive for a permit? | | | | | | |
| 181 | use cannabis permit fees/tax revenue to fund any accountability measures, so it's self-funding. | Caroline Koss | there have to be enough farms for this. There is no reasonable pathway to a permit for the vast majority of parcels | | | | | | |
| 182 | ask enforcement to be nicer to farms that have earned the respect from passing grades. maybe a little less shock and awe. in general the ag dept is fair and good folks and are just adhering to the ordinance 6245. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 183 | County needs more enforcement staff - more Sheriff resources and fire protection. This new commercial use increases the public costs of public services | judith olney | this is a legal crop. The sheriff should nt be involved | Not all operators are following the law - and the value of the crop can cause crime with remote locations are not protected by sheriff resources | | | | | |

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| 184 | I think neighborhood focused Comm-Unity meetings are in order and our Hessel Farmers Grange would be honored to host an educated, civil, meaningful and informed meeting. www.hessselfarmersgrange.com Please reach out. We are open books! | Sam De La Paz | Please, lets focus on SOLUTIONS and let us do it TOGETHER without bias or aggravation!! Nobody in the Cannabis community I am here for wants to see Santa Barbara commercaillization. | Maybe you are, but that does not mean all of the other grwoers are open books, Sam. You make it sound like these are all a bunch of angels starting these businesses, when we know that is just not the case. Let us know when your house is right next to a grow that is being run but some really scary groups who also run aggressive and active drug businesses in the east bay. Or your kids. Or your wife. When there are gun shots throughout the night and sketchy people driving up and down our roads. If you would just focus on appropriate, industrial areas that many of us have agreed with, much of this opposition would go away. You make fun of us, saying we are old, out of touch and not in our back yards, but none of you have seen the people being really affected by this. | | | | | |
| 185 | too many potholes on hessel. POTHOLE LAWYERS may sue. or some boomer generation lady will fall in a pothole and take the county for 1.6M | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 186 | Permits should expire annually subject to renewal if compliance has been met in the last year in order to avoid long legal proceedings to abate non-compliant operator. | Harriet Buckwalter | Agree. With Global warming, every year is different, so we can't assume a prior water right/use would be ok in a future year | agree | | | | | |
| 187 | Set criteria for Inclusion and Exclusion Zones based on water data | Valorie Dallas | | | You betcha! | | | | |
| 188 | You are missing the big picture-we are out of water, for everyone! No one, big developments (Bennett Valley Golf Course), low water areas, grape growers, cannabis farmers, etc. It's that simple! | Victoria De Crescenzo | Yes. We do have a problem we don't seem to be recognizing. | Drought is the bottom line issue - all must reduce their water use by a significant percentage. | | | | | |
| 189 | permits should be 5 years to deactivate these people who harras pot farms | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | Why do they refuse to address the drought and perils ahead? | | | | |
| 190 | Water use shouldn't just focus on cannabis industry - it should be all crops. Droughts are our future, and we all need to focus on reducing water, regardless of the crop or industry. | Caroline Koss | Agree! | Caroline, this is correct! Big development, all crops, etc. I don't know why they keep asking us for ideas, when they refuse to address the issue. | I value water for everyone and we don't have it! | Sam, thank you for not being rude. It's been great reading you comments | | | |
| 191 | Please, lets focus on SOLUTIONS and let us do it TOGETHER without bias or resentments!! Nobody in the Cannabis community I am here for wants to see Santa Barbara commercaillization. | Sam De La Paz | agreed | agreed | | | | | |
| 192 | why are the old folk opposition such control freaks. is there an opposition in here less than 70? just curious. leave the next generation have the same freedoms you had. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 193 | my values are anti-communist | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |

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| 194 | We have solutions that can help many farming practices prevail in environmental considerations. Like methods that can save up to 75% water. Please, again, reach out anytime! | Sam De La Paz | | | include AR/RR zones | Great question, but with no operations we don't have an example to set. I would logve to discuss this further Harriet! | | | |
| 195 | Lowering restrictions won't necessarily discourage large industrial operations. How can ordinance language encourage smaller operations? | Harriet Buckwalter | Allow cottage license farmers on rural lands. VERY small canopy | reduce the cost of entry. | | | | | |
| 196 | how to defend yourself with a bully empowered by a broken government? 2016 was 5 years ago. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |
| 197 | Thank you staff for facilitating dialogue. | Dr. Natasha Khallouf | agreed | | | | | | |
| 198 | great work staff. nothing but respect. | The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918 | | | | | | | |