

Public Comment Regarding Cannabis Ordinance and
Program Update

March 2023 (Excluding NOP Comment Period)

From: [Maira Jacobs](#)
To: [Crystal Acker](#); [Cannabis](#)
Subject: Fwd: Please study indoor air controlled commercial marijuana production
Date: Friday, March 24, 2023 3:42:22 PM

Good afternoon Crystal,

I know your published deadline was yesterday, however I wanted to be sure you added below to items that need to be studied in the EIR scoping process.

I hope you could please include a study on the indoor air controlled alternative and the second issue of all the potential harms of outdoor cannabis operations on other Ag operations, as well as nearby residential homes and neighborhoods.

As far as Ag operations go, there's a complication regarding the liabilities cannabis producers can have with fungus/mold or drift of pesticides, these liabilities can cause serious conflicts, including legal conflicts, between cannabis and other Ag (such as vineyards).

This needs careful study in Sonoma County.

Thank you,
Maira

Begin forwarded message:

From: Maira Jacobs <moiraajacobs@comcast.net>
Date: March 24, 2023 at 3:21:15 PM PDT
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Cc: Susan Gorin <Susan.Gorin@sonoma-county.org>, Tennis Wick <Tennis.Wick@sonoma-county.org>
Subject: **Please study indoor air controlled commercial marijuana production**

Good afternoon Andrew,

Could you please tell me status of your ministerial licensing plans in Bennett Valley for any commercial marijuana facilities?

Have you approved any new outdoor or indoor marijuana operations in Bennett Valley since January of 2022? Do you have any pending requests in your department for Bennett Valley? If so please share the information about the applications and status.

I once again urge your department to immediately cease and desist with granting anymore permits for commercial marijuana production operations in Bennett

Valley. As I've communicated many times, your providing such permits are a violation of the Bennett Valley Area Plan, which prohibits commercial operations out here and includes strict view shed protections which the current Wellspring operation violates.

It's imperative Sonoma County immediately research and analyze the option of marijuana production facilities with indoor controlled air, placed in appropriate industrial/commercial areas, as many residents have requested multiple times since at least 2017. Furthermore, all the potential damage which commercial outdoor marijuana operations can cause other Ag operations and nearby residential properties must also be studied and evaluated. As you know many residents have requested this be done going back to 2017 or earlier, yet nothing has ever been done by the county to fully and scientifically study any of these real and potential harms.

It's my understanding that no such studies or alternatives have ever been looked into by your department or any other county department. Is that correct? If you have conducted such research or studies, please share them with me.

Thank you,
Maira

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From: [Kim Roberts-Gutzman](#)
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Subject: EIR
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 8:31:41 AM



To Whom it may Concern

At 1700 Barlow Lane the cannabis grow is flooded and now is part of the creek. What chemicals are now flowing into the creek? Is a flood plain an appropriate place for cannabis production?

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