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Comment submitted for review: Draft EIR county of Santa Cruz commercial cannabis cultivation

I live in Corralitos and have been exposed to diesel exhaust for approximately two years now due to a large cannabis operation next door.

Although I had had a cordial relationship with my very large commercial farmer neighbors for 15 years prior to their cannabis undertakings, they have continued to use an enormous diesel generator for their huge warehouse of cannabis over the past two years, despite my complaints. I have to assume they are burning more fuel than the filter they finally installed a year ago (after my repeated phone calls) to mitigate the fumes, can handle.

My neighbors keep telling me they are awaiting PG&E to be hooked up to the grid. I've waited a year now. Months ago, I contacted the Sheriff's dept. twice to no avail, before educating myself at the public meeting in September about the draft EIR and about the status of the licensing process. At one point my neighbors informed me they were already licensed and permitted. Guess not!

However, even when the EIR is finally passed, I have considerable concern about the level of actual enforcement of regulations for both licensed and un-licensed growers. I think it's great the EIR does not propose for generators to be used, but it's the enforcement I'm worried about. If my neighbors do not qualify for licensing, will I have to helplessly endure this situation for the rest of my life?

The stress of fumes entering into the back of our home, breathing fumes while trying to work in my garden, or tending to property maintenance or my chickens, has been impacting my life and health for far too long. I suffered five months of shingles disease and loss of wages this summer, and I squarely place the blame for succumbing to this stress induced disease on this toxic situation.

I couldn't care less about the weed, just the exposure to toxic fumes. I also highly resent being put in a position for this long of a time to be a neighbor who constantly feels the need to harangue their neighbor, whether I do or not. I am not a person who likes to complain and I feel everyone needs to make an honest effort to get along with ones neighbors. However, I cannot deal with the stress anymore, and as it is obviously useless to try and negotiate with these greedy neighbors, I've given up.

My only hope is for an EIR that has sufficient regulation with enforcement built into it to enable and encourage compliance. I would favor a more "helpful" approach, rather than punitive, as I am

not a fan of heavy policing in general. However, on the other hand, I would want gross offenders to be penalized, as I have suffered greatly in my situation, as I'm sure many others have. And, as an environmentalist, I have grave concern for our environment due to those farming illegally in the mountains and elsewhere, and the damage being done to the land, water, and wildlife. It's a very serious situation.

Therefore, I have enormous appreciation and admiration for the team of people who are working so hard to tackle this huge topic of regulating cannabis cultivation. As a person who has always supported the legalization of marijuana, I now feel somewhat hypocritical for having such doubt in a permissive approach to licensing the commercial growing of this crop, but that is how I currently view the situation.

Thank you for your consideration and hard work,

Sincerely,

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