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Hi, my name is Tim Tonsing and I have lived in the Santa Cruz mountains for 35 years. I am married and have a 9 year old boy, I also live in a neighborhood zoned RA (residential agriculture).

I have had nothing but negative experiences with dope (marijuana) growers in my area, especially in the last 4 years. I have been shot at, harassed and made to feel uncomfortable in my own neighborhood. Dope cultivation has made many areas in the county into "THE WILD WEST"!! The San Lorenzo Valley is a very large rural/urban neighborhood with families and children. The S.L.V. is an unacceptable area for dope production period. It is my understanding that supervisor Zach Friend understands the issues with dope cultivation and manufacturing in neighborhoods, and has banned it from S.U. and R.A. zoning in his district. Allowing dope cultivation in S.L.V. is the same as locating a petrochemical plant in a poor minority neighborhood. The county planning department is purposely victimizing the citizens of the San Lorenzo Valley.

I find this E.I.R. incomplete, speculative, damaging to the environment and full of inaccuracies with non-scientific conclusions.

- 1) Tree cutting - There is no law that forbids a landowner from cutting down almost all trees their parcel, the E.I.R. does not address this issue. Dope needs a lot of sun, at least 12 hours per day. That's a terribly large amount of logging!
- 2) Zoning - R.A and S.U. are 1-10 acre lots and are mostly in urban corridor of the San Lorenzo Valley. Industrial dope cultivation and manufacturing is unacceptable, it's not the central valley.
- 3) Code Enforcement - The E.I.R. states that the planning department is not liable to enforcement (last page of the E.I.R.). It is common knowledge that the planning department has an abysmal enforcement record; thinking that the planning department will "rise from the ashes" and step up to the plate, is utter fantasy and an insult to the law abiding citizens of county.
- 4) Quantity - the document states that Santa Cruz county will produce 26,000,000 lbs. of dope. Well the census states there are 270,000 people in the county, that equals 96.3lbs per person (including children). That's a lot of dope for just Santa Cruz county! WOW the planning department has really drank the Kool-Aid on this one.
- 5) water use - The E.I.R. states that one square foot of canopy of outdoor dope (marijuana) plant uses only 0.03 gallons of water per day. This is utterly a lie and non-scientific. Water use can not be based on this fake data.

I'm not a scientist, but even I can tell this is a unprofessional document. This document falsely misleads the public into thinking it safeguards public health and safety. This document would also be the biggest land use change since county codes began in the 1950's!! This document also would be death warrant for our threatened Steelhead and Coho salmon. Just the errors that I've pointed out should be enough to have county supervisors throw out this incomplete E.I.R.

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