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 Subject: Comment on Cannabis plan

Hello,

As a more-than-40-year resident and property owner in Santa Cruz County I would like to comment on the draft EIR for cannabis cultivation in Santa Cruz County. It is my understanding that this document does not sufficiently address major environmental concerns for our increasingly densely-populated County. Some of these concerns are:

- Loss of wildlife habitat
- Wide and under-controlled use of rodenticide, which can have a devastating collateral effect on wildlife that feed on poisoned rodents
- Land use in undeveloped areas
- Insufficient ability to enforce regulations

I believe that it would be prudent to start with a very limited scope of approval to ensure the County is not suddenly flooded with a host of problems it isn't equipped to address. Perhaps beginning with indoor cultivation only, which would help minimize the effect on wildlife and natural habitat, would be the right way to ease into this new paradigm.

Just to note: I am not against Cannabis or its cultivation in any way, in fact I am strongly in favor of recreational and medicinal use. But I am very concerned that the County not act too quickly and without sufficient caution. It's likely much easier to add more permissive regulations later than it would be to try to roll back overly-permissive ones after people have invested significant resources into their businesses.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Sincerely,

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"The real index of civilization is when people are kinder than they need to be."
-Louis de Bernieres, novelist (b. 1954)