

TC 3/28/2024  
ITEM # 2

## Proposed Commercial Cannabis Grow at 4941 D'Agostini Dr., Somerset, Ca 95684

Nancy Fry <nancyfry@hotmail.com>

Wed 3/27/2024 4:27 PM

To: Planning Department <planning@edcgov.us>

When we purchased our home in 2011, we were required to confirm that we'd read the neighborhood CR&Rs. We were warned that we would not be allowed to open a commercial enterprise and we were comforted to know that the CR&Rs would protect us from those kind of sound, odor, light and traffic intrusions in the future. This neighborhood is an established setting of family residences where people simply want to live our lives in peace. Most of us are not wealthy, we've worked very hard to make our properties our own slice of heaven, often using our own labor to make the improvements. A commercial cannabis grow is not consistent with the residential setting of this neighborhood. Mr. Pinnette had to be aware of this fact when he purchased the property as were we all.

My property was listed as having a 64 gpm well (installed in 2003); but it only produced 4 gpm when tested for the mortgage in 2011. We were told that the vineyard at 4941 D'Agostini Dr. had been in place for years, therefore our well production was stable. I am deeply concerned that the proposed cannabis grow at that location does not cite the amount of water they expect to use. Cannabis is much thirstier plant than grape vines, and the number of plants and grow cycles proposed could require 1,000 gallons of water daily. Their existing well can't provide that amount. Any action Mr. Pinnette must take to water his plants could likely affect many of the neighborhood residences. This issue is not addressed in the proposal or the environmental study.

The environmental study presented is deeply flawed for other reasons. It was conducted in December, when the bears who are documented as active at that very site are hibernating. Other mammals such as mountain lions, bobcats, deer and coyotes are also known to use that ravine for travel and shelter would be less active and easily hidden for the inspector's hour long viewing. All other wild life such as birds, rodents or amphibians are also less active and not likely measurable in the winter.

The Sound and odor reviews are also deeply flawed by failing to address the level of impact during the harvesting and processing stages of the grow. No mitigation is proposed to correct for the noise or odor of the processes even though a legitimate assessment demonstrates that the effect to the environment is significant and will be intrusive to residents and wildlife.

I respectfully Request that the project proposal for a commercial cannabis grow within the River Pines Estates neighborhood be denied.

There is substantial evidence that a commercial cannabis grow at this location will have a significant environmental impact. If you are unable to deny the proposal outright, please protect afford the wildlife, our valley and our water the necessary protection of an environmental impact review.

Nancy Fry  
4600 D'Agostini Dr.  
Somerset, Ca. 95684

**Comment on "CCUP21-0004"**

lancej@roselan.com <lancej@roselan.com>

Wed 3/27/2024 9:49 PM

To: Planning Department <planning@edcgov.us>

Cc: nopotfarm@gmail.com <nopotfarm@gmail.com>

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 1 attachments (114 KB)

Letter to Planning Commision Cannibis Grow.docx;

Please see attached letter commenting on the above referenced project.

Thank You  
Lance Jensen

Lance Jensen  
Rosemary Nakamiyo  
PO Box 559  
Mount Aukum, CA 95656



El Dorado County Planning Commission

Re: CCUP21-0004/Single Source

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Honorable Members of the Planning Commission:

As a resident of River Pines Estates with property adjacent to the property in the above referenced project, I must strenuously object to the approval of this Cannabis Grow Operation without properly addressing resident's concerns.

Of particular concern is:

1. Odor mitigation. Both during the growing operations and processing operations. Unlike most "farming" practices, Cannabis has a strong, and relatively unpleasant odor throughout its entire production that can seriously impact the ability of resident's use of their outdoor spaces.
2. There appears to be little, or no heed given to setbacks or other land use regulations. While not following land use regulations seems to be common practice with the planning commission, it would be nice if more than lip service were paid.
3. Water use impact is not being properly studied. River Pines Estates residents are 100% reliant on well water. Overdrawing the aquifer would be extremely detrimental to residents. Further, many of the residents of River Pines Estates are on fixed incomes. Losing access to water from their wells by a Cannabis Operation overdrawing the aquifer would be devastating.
4. Inadequate attention to security concerns. A Cannabis Grow Operation is at a minimum an "Attractive Nuisance". Unprocessed plants grown outdoors will be a magnet for "pot thieves". Processing product onsite without proper security is a recipe for "smash and grab" type robberies. Coupling this "Grow Operation" with an onsite dispensary will significantly increase traffic of an unsavory nature if significant attention to security is ignored.
5. An Environmental Impact Review is needed, and mitigation met before such a project is allowed to go forward in what is ostensibly a residential subdivision.

In River Pines Estates, residents live by the idea that "When trouble arises it is good to know the sheriff is only a few hours away". An improperly secured and unmitigated Cannabis Grow is immediate trouble. Where is the help?

Lance Jensen  
Rosemary Nakamiyo  
PO Box 559  
Mount Aukum, CA 95656



Sincerely,

Lance Jensen



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Re: Fw: CCUP-21-004/Single Source-Letter from Neighbor

Krista Brox <krista.brox@gmail.com>

Thu 3/28/2024 7:21 AM

To: Planning Department <planning@edcgov.us>

Oh boy ,I sent my letter after I proofread it!

Looks like I missed a line or two but the point is I believe there will be a greater impact then previously proposed and an Environmental Impact Review should be done. Or better yet ..consider not approving this project !

Thank you  
Krista Brox

Krista Brox

On Wed, Mar 27, 2024 at 3:45 PM Planning Department <[planning@edcgov.us](mailto:planning@edcgov.us)> wrote:

Your public comment sent on 03/27/2024 at 3:08 PM has been received for Single Source Solutions (Commercial Cannabis Use Permit CCUP21-0004) that is on the agenda for the Planning Commission's Meeting on 3/28/2024.

Thank you.

**County of El Dorado**

Planning and Building Department (Planning Services)

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**From:** Krista Brox <[krista.brox@gmail.com](mailto:krista.brox@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 27, 2024 3:08 PM

**To:** Planning Department <[planning@edcgov.us](mailto:planning@edcgov.us)>

**Subject:** CCUP-21-004/Single Source-Letter from Neighbor

Hello,

I would like to submit this letter in Regards to the Planning Commission meeting to be held tomorrow about the proposed Marijuana Grow Facility in my neighborhood.  
I will also attend the meeting.

Thank you,  
Krista Brox

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Krista Brox

Rod Miller  
Executive Director of El Dorado Growers Alliance  
and Business Owner of Earth Groovy Products

3/27/2024

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## **Rod Miller - Legislative Director**

[rod@eldoradogrowersalliance.org](mailto:rod@eldoradogrowersalliance.org)

Relying on 30 years of government relations, community relations and political experience, Rod is committed to seeing commercial cannabis businesses get their full civil rights similar to any other agricultural business. El Dorado County is taking the first steps at allowing commercial cannabis licenses. He was the campaign chairperson for the successful EDC ballot measures N, P, Q, R & S.

Cannabis growers have taken the risk while medical patients have gotten their medicine. Cannabis growers deserve to find their safe place in the legal market.



<https://www.linkedin.com/in/rodney-miller-a286a212/>



## Rodney Miller · 3rd

Business Owner at Earth Groovy Products LLC, assisting communities with transitioning to the future economy.

El Dorado, California, United States [Contact info](#)

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Earth Groovy Products



Allegheny College

## About

Former Legislative Director, Californians Against Waste, Sacramento, CA and Senior Environmental Specialist at the City of Folsom. Helping the cannabis industry with government relations, community relations and environmental compliance through earthgroovy.com. Currently representing the El Dorado County Growers Advocacy Alliance.

## Activity

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Rodney hasn't posted yet

Recent posts Rodney shares will be displayed here.



## Experience



### Business Owner

Earth Groovy Products

Oct 2016 - Present - 7 yrs 6 mos

El Dorado, CA

My current business provides wholesale products, environmental compliance consulting, and government relations consulting. Earthgroovy.com Currently representing commercial cannabis cultivators in El Do [see more](#)



### Senior Environmental Specialist

City of Folsom

1995 - 2014 - 19 yrs

Folsom, CA

Responsible for implementing and promoting city programs and services, including nation's first door to door household hazardous waste collection service. Performed contracting function for Public Works Dept. [see more](#)



### President

Greener Futures

1992 - 1996 - 4 yrs

Sacramento, California Area

Greener Futures was a firm marketing "green" products and consulting in legislative relations, public policy research, and environmentally responsible business practices.



### Environmental Policy Analyst

National Environmental Law Center

1991 - 1992 - 1 yr

Sacramento, California Area

Responsible for developing legislative policy through issue research and providing legislative advocacy on a variety of environmental issues, including solid waste, pesticide regulation and toxics use reduction. R [see more](#)



## Legislative Director

Californians Against Waste

1997 - 1999 - 4 yrs

Sacramento, California Area

Coordinated legislative advocacy for 40,000-member public interest group, including drafting, reviewing and analyzing state legislation. Researched support information on legislative policy issues. Conducted ne [see more](#)

## Education



### Allegheny College

BS, Environmental Management

## Recommendations

Received

Given



### Angela Bosley [3rd](#)

Building a winning team in an industry measured in trillions creates the kind of money that impacts & changes the world!

January 11, 2015 Angela worked with Rodney on the same team

One of the absolute best mentors both professionally & personally. I would not hold myself accountable to my success the way I do without having known Rod. His talents, skills, products & company, are aligned with strong integrity & I am honored to any & all opportunities of learning from all he knows & working with him directly.

## Interests

Top Voices

Companies

Schools



### Gary Vaynerchuk [in](#) [3rd](#)

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from 01/21/2024  
through 02/17/2024

Date of election if applicable:  
(Month, Day, Year)

03/05/2024

1. Type of Recipient Committee: All Committees – Complete Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

☒ Officeholder, Candidate Controlled Committee

☐ State Candidate Election Committee

☐ Recall

(Also Complete Part 5)

☐ General Purpose Committee

☐ Sponsored

☐ Small Contributor Committee

☐ Political Party/Central Committee

☐ Primarily Formed Ballot Measure  
Committee

☐ Controlled

☐ Sponsored

(Also Complete Part 6)

☐ Primarily Formed Candidate/  
Officeholder Committee

(Also Complete Part 7)

2. Type of Statement:

☒ Preelection Statement

☐ Semi-annual Statement

☐ Termination Statement

(Also file a Form 410 Termination)

☐ Amendment (Explain below)

☐ Quarterly Statement

☐ Special Odd-Year Report

3. Committee Information

I.D. NUMBER 1480904

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Lexi Boeger for Supervisor 2024

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4. Verification

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing and reviewing this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in the attached schedules is true and complete. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 02/22/2024  
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Date

By Denise Lewis  
Signature of Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer

By Lexi Boeger  
Signature of Controlling Officeholder, Candidate, State Measure Proponent or Responsible Officer of Sponsor

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Controlling Officeholder, Candidate, State Measure Proponent

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Controlling Officeholder, Candidate, State Measure Proponent

**Schedule A (Continuation Sheet)**  
**Monetary Contributions Received**

Amounts may be rounded  
to whole dollars.

SCHEDULE A (CONT.)

Statement covers period		<b>CALIFORNIA FORM 460</b>
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NAME OF FILER Lexi Boeger for Supervisor 2024		I.D. NUMBER 1460904

DATE RECEIVED	FULL NAME, STREET ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE OF CONTRIBUTOR (IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER)	CONTRIBUTOR CODE *	IF AN INDIVIDUAL, ENTER OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER (IF SELF-EMPLOYED, ENTER NAME OF BUSINESS)	AMOUNT RECEIVED THIS PERIOD	CUMULATIVE TO DATE CALENDAR YEAR (JAN. 1 - DEC. 31)	PER ELECTION TO DATE (IF REQUIRED)
1/23/2024	Rodney Miller 6170 Oak Ridge Circle El Dorado CA 95623	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> COM <input type="checkbox"/> OTH <input type="checkbox"/> PTY <input type="checkbox"/> SCC	Retired n/a	300.00	300.00	519.00 P-24
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2/9/2024	Shanna L Payne 856 Tombstone Ct Oakland CA 94619	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> COM <input type="checkbox"/> OTH <input type="checkbox"/> PTY <input type="checkbox"/> SCC	Retired n/a	100.00	100.00	100.00 P-24
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<b>SUBTOTAL \$</b>				1,500.00		

\*Contributor Codes  
IND - Individual  
COM - Recipient Committee  
(other than PTY or SCC)  
OTH - Other (e.g., business entity)  
PTY - Political Party  
SCC - Small Contributor Committee



Michael Gorvad  
6804 Flat Creek Drive  
Somerset, CA 95684  
March 27, 2024

**Via Email**

El Dorado County Planning Commission  
Evan Mattes, Planner  
2850 Fairlane Court  
Placerville, CA 95667  
planning@edcgov.us

Re: CCUP21-004/Single Source (the "Project")

Honorable Members of the Planning Commission:

I live in River Pines Estates at 6804 Flat Creek Drive, Somerset, CA 95684. My property lies within 1000 feet of the boundary of the property on which the proposed project will be implemented. There is substantial evidence to support a fair argument that the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Project does not adequately cover the environmental impacts of the Project. I will address the shortcomings of the MND below. I am therefore asking that the Project be required to submit an Environmental Impact Review (EIR).

There are at least four areas in which the MND is lacking: 1) Water Usage; 2) Odor Control; 3) Biological Resources 4) Acoustic and Air Quality Studies. Discussion of these areas of concern follow. Additional details to support the discussion may be given in presentations today and emails to the Planning Commission by other members of the Committee To Protect River Pines Estates.

Two additional points I wish to present to the Planning Commission are 5) Character of the River Pines Estates Community and 6) Safety Issues Associated With The Project.

1) Water Usage

The applicant claims the well to be used for the Project produces 35 gallons per minute (gpm) and that this will not impact the wells on other properties near the Project. The MND does not take into account the amount of water used for the remaining 8 acre vineyard on the applicant's parcel, nor does it include the water used for the applicant's

residence and landscaping. Water usage for growing cannabis has been studied by various sources, and is estimated to be 9583 gallons per acre per day. Estimated water usage for residential use and landscaping for the parcel in question is 1,594 gallons per day. Estimates for wine grapes are 3944 gallons per acre per day. When all these factors are taken into account, the daily draw on this well far exceeds its capacity. Table 1 below summarizes this information and shows that the proposed well will not produce enough water to meet the needs of the cannabis farm and the rest of the site parcel. The Project must address this shortcoming.

<b>Table 1: Project and Site Parcel Water Usage</b>		
	Daily Usage	Reference
Existing 8 Acre Vineyard	36,000-40,000 gallons [3,500-4,000 gal./day/day]	Reference 1
Outdoor Cannabis Cultivation (2 acres)	19,166 gallons [9,583 gal./acre/day]	Reference 2
Single Family Home w/ landscaping	1,594 gallons	Reference 3
Total	56,760-60,760 gallons/day	
Well Production	50,400 gal./day	
Deficit	-6,760 to -10,760 gal./day	

Note that Table 1 does not include water that may be used for the misters that are proposed as part of the Project's odor mitigation measures.

## 2) Odor Control

The review by Paul Schafer of SCS Engineers (Reference 4) shows the odor sources given by the applicant are not accurate and underestimate the amount of odor-causing elements that the Project will produce. The Project Odor Study is based on flawed measurements and flawed assumptions and does not take into account odors produced by the on-site processing and drying operations. In addition, the SCS report indicates mitigation measures proposed by the Project will not be effective in controlling the noxious odors that will affect neighbors. Part of the mitigation measures proposed by the Project include the use of chemicals sprayed into the air via misters to mask the cannabis odors. The MND does not specify the masking chemical(s) to be used, so the effect of the chemical(s) on people and the environment is unknown. The masking chemical(s) need(s) to be specified and the effect on people and the environment detailed. The proposed odor mitigation measures neglect to take into account shifts in wind direction. They also neglect to account for noise from the fans as well as runoff from the misters.

### 3) Biological Resources

The Initial Study supporting the Draft MND was performed during December when many plants are dormant and many animals and birds are not present. This time of the year is clearly not representative of the wildlife, including birds, that frequent the woods near the grow site at various times of the year.

### 4) Acoustic and Air Quality Studies

The Acoustic and Air Quality Studies used to support the Draft MND were performed by Earth Groovy Products. Based on California Secretary of State Records (Reference 5), Rod Miller is a principal of the company. Mr. Miller is also one of the applicants of the Project. This is clearly a conflict of interest and an independent company or consultant should conduct these analyses.

### 5) Character of the River Pines Estates Community

River Pines Estates (RPE) was established as a residential community. It consists mainly of single family residences, some with small private vineyards. It was never intended to have commercial activities such as the Proposed Project. The Project is completely out of character with the RPE community.

### 6) Safety Issues Associated With The Project

The Project will potentially be an attractive nuisance at the least, and more probably, a criminal magnet. If the project is so innocuous, why does it require security lights, fences, cameras, and sensors? It also potentially puts an additional burden on the sheriff's department.

A common (spurious) argument for legalizing cannabis growing and legalizing cannabis farming has been that such activities will be "safer". I list below five references (Reference 6 – Reference 10) of articles easily found on the internet that contradict this argument. They all reference strong arm robberies at legal cannabis Farms. This list is not exhaustive. Please do not subject the RPE Community to similar criminal activities.

Respectfully,

/s/ Michael R. Gorvad

Michael R. Gorvad



## References

- Reference 1 Zheng Z, Fiddes K, Yang L. A narrative review of environmental impacts of cannabis cultivation, J Cannabis Res. 2021; 3:35;  
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8349047/>  
Attached File: A narrative review on environmental impacts of cannabis cultivation Journal of Cannabis Research Full Text.pdf
- Reference 2 Wilson H, Bodwitch H, Carah J. First known survey of cannabis production practices in California. California Agricul. 2019;73(3):119–27.  
<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0120016>  
Attached File: First known survey of cannabis production practices in California.pdf
- Reference 3 EID estimates homes in the County use .56 acre feet per year, or 1,594 gallons per day, on average, Mountain Democrat  
Armed [https://www.mtdemocrat.com/news/eid-reviews-consumption/article\\_f9e6dd8c-16a1-5bc4-bd02-2186c30d8840.html](https://www.mtdemocrat.com/news/eid-reviews-consumption/article_f9e6dd8c-16a1-5bc4-bd02-2186c30d8840.html)  
Attached File: EID reviews consumption \_ News \_ mtdemocrat.com.pdf
- Reference 4 Odor Study; Paul Schafer of SCS Engineers & Environmental Consultants  
Attached File: Assessment of Odor Report\_CEQA MND\_032524\_Draft.pdf
- Reference 5 California Secretary of State Statement of Information Earth Groovy Products, LLC  
Attached File: earthgroovy.pdf
- Reference 6 Armed Robbery at Miranda Cannabis Farm  
<https://humboldt.gov.org/civicalerts.aspx?AID=5253>  
July 25, 2023  
Attached File: News Flash • Armed robbery at Miranda cannabis farm.pdf
- Reference 7 OVER 700 POUNDS OF CANNABIS STOLEN FROM LEGAL FARM  
<https://kymkemp.com/2022/02/05/over-700-pounds-of-cannabis-stole-from-legal-farm-near-hayfork-by-trusted-workedr/>  
Saturday, 5 February 2022  
Attached File: Over 700 Pounds of Cannabis Stolen from Legal Farm Near Hayfork by Trusted Worker, Alleges Law Enforcement and Property Owner - Redheaded Blackbelt.pdf
- Reference 8 Four arrested after burglary on legal California pot grow farm  
<https://original.newsbreak.com/@golden-gate-media-1351221/3216712566028-four-arrested-after-burglary-on-legal-california-pot-grow-farm-one-suspect-climbed-tree-to-hide>  
2023-11-03  
Attached File: Four arrested after burglary on legal California pot grow farm; One



suspect climbed tree to hide \_ Golden Gate Media \_ NewsBreak Original.pdf

Reference 9 ARMED ROBBERY WITH SHOTS FIRED AT PERMITTED CANNABIS FARM

<https://kymkemp.com/2019/10/10/armed-robbery-with-shots-fired-at-permitted-cannabis-farm-this-morning/>

10 October, 2019

Attached File: Armed Robbery With Shots Fired at Permitted Cannabis Farm - Redheaded Blackbelt.pdf

Reference 10 One Shot at Cannabis Farm Robbery

<https://www.northcoastjournal.com/NewsBlog/archives/2019/10/07/one-shot-at-cannabis-farm-robbery>

Oct 7, 2019

Attached File: One Shot at Cannabis Farm Robbery \_ News Blog.pdf

Planning department,

In addition to the other concerns addressed:

HAWKS and OWLS loosing nesting and foraging areas:

During the initial construction phase, habitat destruction occurs as land is cleared for development. Raptors may lose their nesting sites, foraging areas, and shelter, leading to displacement or abandonment of their territories. Construction activities such as heavy machinery, excavation, and noise can disturb raptors and disrupt their breeding behaviors. Increased human presence may cause stress and avoidance behaviors in raptors, impacting their ability to successfully breed and rear young. Construction activities can destroy or fragment owl habitats. Raptors may have active nests in trees or structures within the construction site.

Without proper mitigation measures, these nests can be accidentally destroyed during construction, leading to loss of eggs, chicks, or even adult birds. Loss of nesting sites and foraging areas can negatively impact owl populations. Urban development can also lead to light pollution, which may disrupt owl nesting and hunting behaviors. Owls may be less successful at hunting in well-lit areas, affecting their ability to feed themselves and their chicks. With the possibility of future cannabis grow area development there would be continued habitat loss. Once the initial construction phase is complete, the development of a cannabis grow area may further contribute to habitat loss for raptors. Additional land clearing and infrastructure development may fragment habitats and decrease available nesting and foraging areas for raptors.

Chemical Exposure:

Pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers commonly used in cannabis cultivation can pose risks to raptors and their prey. Raptors may be exposed to these chemicals directly through ingestion or indirectly through contaminated prey, leading to health issues and reduced reproductive success.

Increased Human Activity:

The establishment of a cannabis grow area may attract increased human activity, including workers, visitors, and potential trespassers. Raptors may perceive human presence as a threat and abandon nearby nesting sites, disrupting breeding behaviors and population dynamics.

Conclusion:

~~TOBY~~ considering the potential impacts of construction activity and cannabis cultivation on raptor nesting. It's essential to prioritize habitat protection and responsible land management to ensure the long-term survival of raptor populations in the area. A person who intentionally disturbs these raptors may possibly be in violation of Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations section 2.2 (a)(2) The feeding, touching, teasing FRIGHTENING or INTENTIONAL disturbing of wildlife nesting, breeding, or other activities. This cannabis grow not only poses potential harm to human populations but also the wildlife and protected raptors. I strongly urge the Planning Commission to consider NOT APPROVING the project.

Regards,

Michael Scully

Fairplay resident

more studies to evaluate Cannabis water  
X 10 of grapes