

Public Comment
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Myrna Tow Ag Commission

RE: Input regarding File#4-25-1271 & 5-25-1720 Ag Commission and Planning Today's hearing Oct 8, 2025

To whom it may concern,

My name is James Rusty Vardy : 7600 Serene Springs Road, Somerset, California 95684. Phone 530-417-7044. I've lived at this address since 1983. I intended this information to arrive before your hearing today. I was accidently given the incorrect email address prior to the meeting. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the hearing today due to the fact that I was on duty at Pioneer School District where I was serving as a substitute school site administrator today. I called the BOS office and the phone attendant accidently gave me the wrong email address which resulted in a DAEMailer alert. So.... Here is my input for your consideration.

I would like to give public input regarding a proposed Commercial Cannabis grow near the intersection Omo Ranch Road and Fair Play Road in Somerset, California. This is regarding File#4-25-1271 &5-25-1720 Ag Commission and Planning -Today's hearing Oct 8, 2025. I have concerns regarding 1) Smell that would be generated by such an operation 2) Waste, that would be sent into our Watershed thus resulting in Ground water contamination. 3) The depletion (draw down) of ground water supply. All of us out here are dependent upon groundwater for our residences and businesses. We have already been impacted by Vineyard Draw-downs. 4) Light pollution which has occurred in the past from illegal grows in the immediate area. There is a record with the EDSO when I reported an illegal grow on Myrick Road a few years ago about a close grow. They were aware of the grow due to light pollution and other factors. 5) Illegal criminal behavior as people may cross my property in order to steal Cannabis crops from a commercial operation. We are located within 1 mile of the proposed establishment.

As a local resident in this area for 47 years, I know that a commercial grow in our part of the county is not congruent with the values of El Dorado South County residents or government. Finally, as a retired educator, I am concerned about this proposed facility being located so close to school bus stops. School bus stops in rural areas are dependent upon who has children attending school in certain locations. It changes from time to time depending on the demographics. If you want further information from me please feel free to Contact me. Sincerely, James Rusty Vardy