



Comment on Agenda Item #4 (20-0537) on April 23, 2020

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Hello

I am a Meyers homeowner and I oppose approval of commercial cannabis facilities in Meyers without adequate community outreach and assessment of potential impacts. I followed the development of the Meyers Area Plan and am generally in agreement with current zoning regulations. I have the additional comments on the proposed rezoning.

1. Inadequate public noticing. The majority of the single family homeowners/property tax payers in Meyers are part-time residents. Publication in the local printed newspapers is not an adequate measure to insure noticing particularly in a period when the County has prohibited vacation homeowners from visiting the area. A notice should be mailed to all property owners in Meyers.
2. Failure to consider utilities, environmental and public safety impacts:
 - Marijuana growing is water and power consumptive. An analysis should be conducted to assess whether Meyers has adequate water and power supplies to serve this new use.
 - Marijuana cultivation may also involve use of fertilizers that could enter the storm drain, sewer, surface water and soil in a highly sensitive area draining to Lake Tahoe. The potential impacts on water quality and special status native plant communities should also be subject to an independent scientific assessment.
 - Indoor marijuana cultivation has been associated with many structure fires in California and a fire risk assessment should be prepared.
 - THESE POTENTIAL IMPACTS WERE NOT CONSIDERED IN THE MEYERS AREA PLAN EIR. You cannot rely on the Area Plan EIR as a basis for your findings.

It may be that with adequate regulation and enforcement these businesses can be safely accommodated within the Meyers Area Plan district. But nothing I've seen so far suggests that this is ready for your review and approval. Please do not rush to approve this without serious consideration of potential impacts and community sentiment. Meyers is a beautiful, friendly family community that deserves serious outreach and consideration.

Thank you for your consideration

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