

Cannabis Visioning Session - Land Use - August 9, 2021 - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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1	Henry Burbank	go crystal!					
2	Henry Burbank	crystal is a pro					
3	Preston Smith	Most cannabis growers, manufacturers and distributors do not want to be located in the County due to the high tax structure.	Is the County going to reduce the tax structure in order to attract the cannabis industry?	Hi Preston! We're so glad you're part of the visioning session today! Today we are focused solely on land use and tax structures will not be discussed. Please send any questions, ideas, or thoughts to our email at cannabis@sonoma-county.org. Thank you!	Not where only wells are used to provide water for the residents and where water is already being used heavily for vineyards.		
4	Henry Burbank	where do you get that 'statistic'? it doesnt represent the growers i know.					
5	gail cafferata	Today's topic is siting not taxes.					
6	Henry Burbank	the chapter 38 that was rejected after years of work was a great step in the rihgt direction.					
7	gail cafferata	How are you proposing to protect the watershed with our current drought?	I have this SAME question!				
8	Marcy Greeley	Can you share how many public participants are online at this session? I only see 8 people...	Hi Marcy! We have 78 members of the public on at this time. A wonderful turn out. Thank you for joining us.	Thank you!			
9	Henry Burbank	FEW YEARS.... the opposition already won. the stakeholders spent 3 years working on chapter 38 only to be thrown out. this seems like a start to a losing battle. i wonder how many cannabis stakeholders will actualll involve themsleves in this process after the waste of time and energy from the last effort? and then the opposition gets an uneven amount of representation? this is torture and will be 3 years of neighbors telling lies and harrassing their neighbors. sad.	Absolutely	Yep			
10	Craig Litwin	An acre cap per parcel is too low.	I agree	agree			
11	Henry Burbank	ministerial permits is the only way to reduce the combative neighborhood battles.	Exactly				
12	gail cafferata	If you believe in respect, how are you going to control the odor from drifting to properties with children and people with respiratory issues? Rabbi Hillel says, "What is hateful to you, do not do to others." It is hateful to let odor drift to neighboring properties.	canabis odors have not been proven to irritate the respiraqatory tract.				
13	L Williams	Thoughts on lowering acrerage requirements for Cottage licenses, and would this be exempt from the EIR process?					
14	Henry Burbank	look at chapter 38. the work that was already done and vetted was a great start.					
15	AnnaRae Grabstein	Industrial zoned cultivation should be able to occupy and utilize the entirety of exisiting buildings for cultivation consistent with other areas like City of Santa Rosa.					
16	Steven Sommer	Have any of you read the Ag element of the General plan also ag marketing ?					

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17	gail cafferata	If you want to protect land boundaries, how are you going to keep the water drain from marijuana grows from impacting neighboring properties?	I worry about winery runoff. Cannabis does not use toxic sprays the way other ag does. So the water is clean.				
18	gail cafferata	The water table is shared!!					
19	Henry Burbank	how do we protect family farmers from harrassing neighbors with lies, menacing low-flying drones, intimidation, and threats? do we care about our young family farmers?					
20	Craig Harrison	The couaty would save everyone a lot of angst if you focused on allowing eclksuon zones and inclusion zones.					
21	gail cafferata	If you want to protect all citizens and landowners, how do you propose to make all raods safe for emergency vehicles and evacuation during fires?					
22	gail cafferata	Not good: 1. Not in water zones 3, 4, impaired watersheds or riparian corridors or where water must be trucked in, or where any catchment ponds will hamper groundwater replenishment 2. For outdoor grows the odor must stop at the property line. Setbacks from residential communities and hamlets or to adjacent Rural Residential or Agricultural Residential parcels in unincorporated areas must be increased to preserve the integrity of the community. 3. For indoor and greenhouse, setbacks from residential communities and hamlets must not produce odor or visually impair the integrity of the community. Adequate power supply and wastewater disposal capacity for the operations must be demonstrated. 4. Not on dead-end substandard roads over 1 mile long, or on roads less than 20 ft wide 5. Not on roads with existing evacuation issues or that would cause evacuation issues for the existing residents 6. Not in Rural and Residential Development zones 7. Not in voter approved Community Separators					
23	Anna Ransome	PLACES NOT A GOOD FIT: Where the project would require removal of oak woodlands or in heavily forested areas. Water zones 3 & 4 or any area where thirsty cannabis would make a hardship for residents who bought their properties before the new use was approved. This would eliminate trucking of water, cachment ponds under certain cirumstances (as when they would de-water an entire area), new deep wells, etc. Voter approved community separators and greenbelts. Where there is a concentration of other cannabis operations					

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24	Kelsey Nicholson	we do not want cannabis within or close to rural residential areas.	this practically eliminates the small family farmer encouraging out of town corpporte interests and not keeping money in local economies				
25	L Williams	Exclusion zones near high Residential areas could be identified. So cannabis near those areas would be off limits					
26	gail cafferata	8. Not on slopes over 15% 9. Not in forested areas or Oak-woodlands or anywhere where the operation will require removal of native trees 10. Not in high or very high fire zones 11. Not in areas with sheriff response time is inadequate 12. Not where visible from scenic roads, parks or public rights-of-way or any other identified scenic resource 13. Not in areas where overconcentration would be the result unless the area is designated as an inclusion zone 14. Not within community agreed Exclusion Zones	I agree with all of the above.				
27	Henry Burbank	DA, LEA, LIA should be ministerial to avoid the aggressive harrasing neighbors	yes sir!	Exactly			
28	Steven Sommer	Cannibus Should Be only ag zones and industrial only !					
29	katherine yates	Katherine. not close to residential neighborhoods					
30	Preston Smith	Residential may be the only area where cannabis should be limited.					
31	Grace Barresi	Not in close proximity to sensitive receptors: residential homes and other living facilities (eg, assisted living), schools/children, parks/recreation, class I bike trails					
32	Henry Burbank	protect family farmers from the aggressive opposition groups who resent cannabis operators for selfish reasons.					
33	Craig Harrison	In Bennett Valley we have literally hundreds of residents who signed a petition to make the geographical boundary of our area plan a commercial cannbis-free zone. Any grow that is ever proposed or implemented here will meet big resistance.					
34	Vi Strain	We request the Board prioritize neighborhood compatibility by limiting cannabis cultivation and processing to areas that do not crete noise and odor nuisnces for residents, are not in public view, are not in impaired watersheds or water scarce zones 3 & 4, are accessed by legal fire safe roads and do not impact public safety. No permitting in high fire risk zones or on remote roads with evacuation challenges. Permit cannabis processing only on designated commercial and industrial zoned land. A new ordinance must address neighborhood comptability and be science-based to ensure cannabis operation permitting does not create individual or cumulative impacts.	Agreed	A county that doesn't have water problems. Sonoma county does not qualify, Napa county figured that out. There are counties that could better handle the needs on cannabis.			
35	Jean Hegland	We don't want cannibus in areas where water is scarce, (zones 3 and 4), or in high fire risk areas with limited access, or areas with long response times for first responders, or where argiculture would damage exisiting wildlife					

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36	Craig Litwin	Cannabis should be allowed anywhere hemp is located. Same plant, should have same standards.	I agree	agreed	agree	Agreed	Agree
37	Kathy Pons	I don't think that cannabis should be grown in residential areas , close to schools or where children play.					
38	Henry Burbank	the opposition will try to make everything a residential zone.					
39	Richard Rudnansky	How can we provide our comments during this session?	live answered				
40	Joanna Cedar	The county should incentivize outdoor cultivation in all rural zones rather than push it into industrial zones because indoor cultivation is not environmentally sustainable.	Indeed				
41	katherine yates	recent research from the USGS shows zone 2 is not as water stable as the county thinks. So no grows in zone 2 without and EIR					
42	Marcy Greeley	NOT in Rural and Residential Development zones					
43	Mary Plimpton	Moratorium on all permitting pending conclusion of comprehensive science-based EIR (to include but not limited to) reliable on-going water resources; protection of riparian habitat; protection of air quality					
44	Kristen Decker	I think it shouldn't be just "residential" property, but away from residences regardless of the zoning. Adequate setbacks are super important to all homes.					
45	rachel zierdt	all permitting should not be done in a ministerial process.	all should be ministerial.				
46	Rebecca Bass	Areas close to rural residential areas where cultivation causes negative visual, odor, and traffic impacts and endangers water resources are NOT a good fit. There must be adequate set backs and visual screening, as well as a limit on the number of permits in an area.					
47	Craig Litwin	Any resident can grow six plants. Hemp can be grown en masse. Therefore odor is here to stay.	yep!				
48	Eric Sklar	Outdoor cultivation should only be in ag areas but "tasting rooms" should be allowed. These should be allowed in the LIA zone.					
49	Mary Plimpton	Site in Industrial Zones, eg Sonoma County Airport					
50	L Williams	Starting with California State laws first. Slope is controled by California Water Board, and determining if creek setbacks are not enough. So more than 100 plus feet.					
51	Kristen Decker	Limit cannabis cultivation and processing to areas that do not create noise and odor nuisances for residents, are not in public view, are not in impaired watersheds and do not impact wildfire or public safety such as high fire risk zones or areas without legal fire safe roads. Permit cannabis processing only on designated commercial and industrial zoned land. A new ordinance must be science-based to ensure cannabis operation permitting does not create individual or cumulative impacts.					
52	judith olney	Cannabis is a controled substance that requires fencing and security					
53	sue jackson	Not where there are vernal pools and protected wetlands	agree				
54	Lori Pascarella	Sonoma County should have a plan to restrict residential expansion onto agriclutlural zoned lands to help address residential concerns about agricultural operations and Ag zoned lands.	I agree	Agreed			
55	Henry Burbank	here we go/ 3 years of opposition scrare tactics. who is going to go thru this all again? CRAZY	yup				
56	sica Roman	zone 3 and 4 should be case by case. zones 4 has lots of water in plenty of areas	Correct!				

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57	rachel zierdt	adopt a moritorium until Sonoma County prepares an EIR to environmental conditions. By allowing continued permitting the environmental baseline keeps moving.					
58	Joanna Cedar	Hemp and cannabis have the same odor...they are the same plant...and should be permitable in all the same areas.					
59	Mary Plimpton	NO SITING in Water Zones 3 or 4; along scenic bi-ways; remote from less-than 15 min response times for law enforcement, fire, medical)					
60	Craig Litwin	Cannabis farming is safer for fire prevention than a home being planted in a rural area. It uses less water too. Perhaps rural homes are the issue versus farmers growing plants?					
61	Henry Burbank	LEA, DA, LIA should be allowed to do ministerial processing for new indoor buildings.					
62	L Williams	waivers for cannabis grows that have neighborhood approval. But making sure the community is always heard.					
63	Ann Storms	The Commercial Cannabis Ordinance, which was put in place before the true force and consequences of Climate Change was upon us, should be extremely scaled back.					
64	Craig Harrison	Bennett Valley has limited water (all is area zone 3). Matanzas Creek has 5-6 state or federal sensitive species. Protect our watershed from a thirsty crip before it becomes impaired. We have had wildfires go through here in 2017, losing 15% of our homes. This is not an area for pot	100% lot coverage with Grapes is sooo much better!!				
65	Nancy Richardson	Do not grow cannabis in the five impaired water sheds or riparian corridors. Not in community separators. Not in high fire zones. Not where visible from scenic roads, parks or public right of ways. Not in water zones 3 and 4. Not on slopes over 15%. Not on substandard dead end roads where evacuation issues would be exacerbated.	100% lot coverage with Grapes or Hemp must be the answer then.				
66	Henry Burbank	i wonder what the sonoma county wine industry would be like if this process was done?	Good point!!				
67	Joanna Cedar	Create a variance process to create a pathway for appropriate parcels in all rural zones.					
68	katherine yates	not in windy areas where odor can travel long distances					
69	Michael Ely	Please do not allow cannibis in Franz Valley or along Franz Valley School Road. Please limit cannibis to existing industrial and commercial zones					
70	Steven Sommer	Cannibus come under Cottage rules in ag zones					
71	Craig Harrison	Expand comemrcial oportunites near airport, and direct grows there.					
72	Henry Burbank	i think these moderators are fun. thats actually the best part. good luck ladies.					
73	Joanna Cedar	Cannabis is agriculture	The board of suerpviros rejected this in May,	That was the Planning Commission and it does not change the fact that cannabis and hemp are the same plant. Botany is real.			
74	MaryAnn Ciavonne	I agree in industrial zones not resource zones					

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75	Kristen Decker	the odor produced from 6 plants is significantly different than the concentration of 1 acre of plants and that distinction can't be ignored by the ordinance.	I visit farms everyday and there is no lingering odor.	Smelling a skunk in the distance is NOT the same as a dozen skunks spraying around your house. Madisen, I disagree. I had a grow 1/4 mile from my house and couldn't smell anything but the cannabis for long periods of time. Made it impossible for me to use my outdoor spaces at home.			
76	Henry Burbank	LEA, LIA, DA					
77	Vi Strain	We recommend County adopt a moratorium until Sonoma County prepares an EIR to determine environmental conditions and an Ordinance to set standards for the industry . Under the current ordinance we will have cannabis 100 feet from our property lines and 300 feet from our residential homes. We request the County stop accepting new cannabis applications and stop renewing ministerial permits until an environmental setting document is prepared and circulated which analysis the Count's wate resource capacity and calculates current water use by all know cannabis cultivation prlcessing and distribution facilities permits.					
78	Anna Ransome	PLACES THAT WOULD BE A GOOD FIT: Places with adequate water supply so operations do not deplete aquifers, surface waters, springs or artesian wells that others rely upon. Places that are sized and configured to allow 1000' setbacks to all sensitive uses, including residences and important biotic resources such as wetlands and riparian areas. If 10 acre parcels do not allow these setbacks, this minimum acreage is too small. Siting should be based on other criteria besides zoning which is too broad to use to determine impacts.					
79	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	Agricultural zones					
80	rachel zierdt	Family farmers are not who is currently growing. It appears most permits are being done with people who are renting land from others and are LLC's.					
81	Steven Sommer	Ag zones and industrial only					
82	Henry Burbank	ministerial process to allow families to avoid the harrassing opposition groups.					
83	Joanna Cedar	Cannabis belongs in all rural zones. The smallest legacy cultivators have had no pathway to permits because many of them are located in AR and RR zonng classifications. With appropriate parcel size, these farmers should be able to permit a cottage sized farm through a variance process.	totally agree				
84	judith olney	Cluster indoor grows, manuf, and processing in indusrtial zones. Retail and Events/ Tastign only in Commercial Zones.					

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85	Robert Guthrie	Together with proper setbacks (which need to extend), cannabis cultivation must not be on parcels which abut RR, AR, and other parcels with residents, schools, parks.					
86	Henry Burbank	licensed farms should be able to do tastings and events with use permits like wine and other agriculture.					
87	L Williams	Cottage licenses in the outskirts of community growth boundaries.					
88	gail cafferata	I value respect for the dignity of all rural and agricultural homeowners and landowners, and for all people who would be hurt but currently permitted siting of marijuana grows. This means: 1. All 3 ag zones: LEA, LIA, DA, on parcels 10 acres or greater 2. Industrial and commercial zones with adequate power and wastewater disposal capacity 3. Industrial/Commercial zones only for indoor and greenhouse (mixed light) with adequate power and wastewater disposal capacity 4. For outdoor, on large parcels where setbacks are sufficient for odor, adjacency and community integrity issues 5. For all, with confirmed water availability in conjunction with all other present and projected users (residential, commercial and industrial needs county wide) for the next 20 years 6. Within Cannabis Inclusion Zones	I mean "hurt by"				
89	katherine yates	if industrial zones can be made sustainable, this is the very best area					
90	Nancy Richardson	Do not grow cannabis anywhere where odor cannot be stopped at the property line. Residents have a right to enjoy their entire property. It is nonsense that vegetation absorbs odor. Use scientific analysis to measure odor.	hemp has the same odor and can be grown up to the property line.				
91	Jean Hegland	On designated commercial and industrial zoned lands					
92	Preston Smith	All commercial, Industrial and Ag lands should be ideal areas for Cannabis. Rural residential land encompasses a large variety of land types and therefore should also be allowed for cannabis,					
93	Lori Pascarella	Sonoma County should view cannabis the same as the wine industry, or any other agricultural industry, in terms of where cannabis fits in the county.	agreed	Agree			
94	Craig Litwin	AR zones includes Ag! The county should study AR zones for cottage grows. People can grow a small vineyard in AR. And alcohol uses more water per value than cannabis.	ABSOLUTELY!!				
95	ron ferraro	Lea, lia, da, 10-20 acre minimum	I agree				
96	Grace Barresi	Cannabis cultivation would be a good fit on large acreage parcels (20+) with adequate setbacks from neighbors of at least 1000 feet to property line where odor and noise nuisances can be adequately mitigated.	This is impractical and does not preserve the small family farmer culture that Sonoma county prides itself on.				
97	katherine yates	more remote areas, on large parcels, where the road use isnt through neighborhoods and the odor wont reach neighborhoods	impractical. Does not support the small family farmer				
98	Anna Ransome	Places that are accessible for emergency vehicles with adequate roads that allow for simultaneous emergency access and escape. Industrial and commercial zones where such a use with its necessary security features would be compatible and expected.					

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99	MaryAnn Ciavonne	Ag and industrial					
100	Joel Hoyt	Cannabis is agriculture and should be allowed everywhere grapes and other agriculture is performed	Agreed	agreed	agreed	The most logical conclusion.	Cannabis is not an agricultural crop
101	Dustin King	Clearly distinguish differences between cultivation and processing. All processing should be in commercial areas. Not every dairy farm processes milk products "on-site".	Wine processes onsite.	Most concerned with noise in rural areas surrounding any events, tasting, etc. Also processing and distribution			
102	sica Roman	zones 3 and 4 because of unique terroirs w good water quality sonoma county is known for unique terroirs which is very important	Agreed!				
103	Henry Burbank	LEA, DA LIA should be able to build new buildings for indoor grows. most nieghbors say they would prefer it grown indoors.	Indoor is energy heavy				
104	Vi Strain	Do not allow the use of existing permanent structures for indoor cultivation in proximity to rural residential uses.					
105	Anna Ransome	In designated cannabis cultivation zones which would be identified by the EIR process. Where power supply and wastewater disposal capacity is adequate and the new use won't burden the community with odors and truck traffic. On ag land that is already prepped for ag so that the project does not require massive alteration of the landscape.					
106	Kathy Pons	I think that cannabis should be grown and processed inside in the industrial zone for more control on the water use, electricity and security. Don't understand why it was considered unsustainable.	energy use.				
107	Sonia Taylor	The best thing the County could do would be to evaluate every parcel in the unincorporated County for suitability for cannabis cultivation, taking into account water availability, location very high/high fire danger zones, types of roads to the sites (no dead end narrow roads), in compliance with existing GP and zoning regulations (other than current prohibitions against growing cannabis at all), in locations with adequate power supply, places with adequate ability to dispose of wastewater, places away from sensative uses (including residential), NEVER on voter approved Community Separators, and more.					
108	Henry Burbank	i cant stop odor from my neighbors horse crap					
109	Nancy Richardson	Establish an Inclusion zone at the airport. it is an ideal location for clustered cultivation, processing, manufacturing. There could be cannabis specific wastewater disposal and treatment facilities.	100% agree with this idea about the SoCo Airport location!	Maxium size would be Basket Ball, 1/4 acre allowed per 10 acre of land no matter how many owners are involved.			
110	Anna Ransome	Imagine small scale, discreet operations set back at least 1000' from residences naturally screened from view with quiet operations, respectful to neighbors and minimal visible security features, including downward facing, warm spectrum, shielded motion detector lighting. Operations would be quiet and unobtrusive with minimal in and out traffic. Fencing would be the minumim needed for security to protect wildlife corridors.					

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111	Joanna Cedar	Cannabis setbacks should equal hemp setbacks					
112	sica Roman	zone 4 has plenty of water. clean air very few people nobody cares					
113	Michael Ely	Keep in Industrial and Commercial Zones					
114	Craig Harrison	Commercial cannabis should not be located on any deadend road that is shared by other residents. This would be disrespectful to other residents.					
115	L Williams	Ag zoned properties should be able to do a minimum of 2500 Squarefoot cottage licenses. farmers should be able to profit in this industry					
116	Henry Burbank	since gail can send long reports to be read in this forum why cant we send the chapter 38 that was worked on for years.					
117	Rebecca Bass	Qualities and characteristics that would be a good fit for cultivation: limited size areas on properties over 10 acres with adequate set backs and screening. For processing and distribution: commercial and industrial areas.					
118	Kelsey Nicholson	All processing and selling should happen within industrial and commercial areas only.					
119	rachel zierdt	it doesn't matter where we put or allow cannabis growing unless the county enforces what they mandate. "Staff discretion" doesn't work. A red light is a red light.					
120	judith olney	Parcels should be at least 20 acres for mitigation of noise and ordor nuisances					
121	Henry Burbank	CHAPTER 38. SHORT AND SWEET					
122	Craig Harrison	Selling should be in the cities					
123	Preston Smith	Cannabis grows can mitigate smell when properly managed and thereforte should be allowed Rural Residential and Ag zones.					
124	katherine yates	odor is a much bigger problem than has been discussed to date. So placements of grows need to have an EIR to look at wind patterns and intensity, and place them in places where the wind doesnt typically pass through rural neighborhoods					
125	Steven Sommer	should be grown in ag under the right to farm					
126	Stephanie Danaher	Because of my experience so far with my neighbor, John Lobro, at 1700 Barlow Lane in Sebastopol, I am against the growing of cannabis in any neighborhood. He has threatened neighbors and made comments about dead bodies all over llthe place, when he went into a rage after the last Zoom Supervisor meeting. It is not appropriate to allow grows in neighborhoods. Stephanie	I am sorry to hear this. However, most of us just woud like an opportunity to farm without harrasment. Our economy is suffering due to the loss of our small independent farmers.				
127	sica Roman	anywhere agriculture is allowed should be same as any other crop					
128	Nancy Richardson	An Inclusion Zone at the airport would be perfect for any canna-tourism	We already have 38+ retail marijuana stores in So Co, how many do we need??				
129	Henry Burbank	DA, LEA, LIA should be 5 acre minimum NOT 10 acre minimum.					

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130	Kristen Decker	Retail operations should be in commercial and industrial zones, in the city.	As well as processing given the chemicals involved in the process. Should be away from farmland, which is used by wildlife, farm animals and people.				
131	Vi Strain	Processing plants should only be allowed in Commercial and Industrial zones, not close to residential areas					
132	katherine yates	retail operations should be in commercial zones					
133	Preston Smith	Cannabis is no more dangerous than vinyards and therefore should be allowed in fire zones.					
134	Michael Ely	Yes—Keep it in the city where the largest group of buyers are.					
135	Michael Capp	Sonoma County is full of artisan farmers who want to grow the cottage industry. Why are indoor grows not sustainable. Cottage industry requires processing plants. Also, smell and noise needs to happen - whatever venture utilized					
136	Sonia Taylor	Sorry, wasn't done. Evaluation of all parcels would let everyone know where cannabis operations could take place, and where they shouldn't take place. Convert the Airport to a cannabis hub -- it's industrial already. Retail should only be within incorporated jurisdictions.					
137	Nancy Richardson	The airport is a good place for processing given the VMT issue and other impacts					
138	Henry Burbank	county and state enforcement is not a joke. any opposition who says it is not affective is out of touch and using the same oild scare tactics					
139	Dave Jefferson	The proposed Chapter 38 had very sensible water district rules that should be adopted.					
140	Robert Guthrie	With regards to livestock odor, even Section 26-08-010 in Chapter 26 of the Zoning Code states: "In the event that the confined animal use is proposed within five hundred feet (500') of a nonagricultural land use category, it shall require prior approval of a use permit." So even animals on DA parcels have strict limitations in effort to reduce odor impact on neighboring RR parcels.					
141	Lori Pasarella	Keep cannabis in Agricultural and Industrial zones and show good faith towards the county's motto of "Agriculture, Recreation, Industry"	agreed				
142	Craig Harrison	Processing should be in commercial and industrial zones where the risks of some of the chemcials can be used can be better manged due to wildland fire concerns.					
143	Gina Cloud	Allow cannabis growth in industrial,non residential areas only. Sell it in regulated dispensaries.					
144	rachel zierdt	An off topic question.....as part of the process you mentioned a county survey. How is that going happen? What is the process of this?					
145	Vi Strain	Locate cannabis operations close to wineries so all recreational drug and alcohol drinks are together for the consuming publics convenience.					

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146	Craig Harrison	The county should have a strict cap on total acreage and the total number of grows. This is common in other counties.	Hello Craig, Are you aware how few permitted/licenses have been issued in this county?	I agree with Craig. Dr. Khallouf, this process is not about what exists now but the plan for the county going forward and the impact on our environment.	I also agree 100%.		
147	Amber Morris	Size measurements should align with State licensing and be measured by canopy square footage with no limit to immature plant area.					
148	Anna Ransome	Limit on number and size of structures to preserve rural integrity & to prevent structures covering ag land - greenhouses and hoop houses should be limited. This should be determined in the EIR process.					
149	Kristen Decker	Hoop houses and greenhouses can easily turn into plastic and environmental debris. These should be limited to county residents with a vested interest in the health of Sonoma environment or come with debris removal requirements.					
150	judith olney	Outdoor: No larger than 1 acre on any one parcel, owned by one operator	Absolutely agree!				
151	ron ferraro	percentage of land, 10-20 percent,	agreed				
152	Lori Pascarella	Canopy taxes are a waste of the county's manpower and resources to measure each year. Tax should like on other Ag crops and be based upon the annual yield/production totals which are easily obtained through the stat.	I agree				
153	Henry Burbank	grows should be able to be 20% of the size of the parcel					
154	Vi Strain	Agree with Judith					
155	Eric Sklar	The size should be calcaulted by canopy and be consistant with State standards. For outdoor, in AG Zones, it should be related to lot zise with 1 acre allowed per 20 acres of land.					
156	katherine yates	Ideally, there would be multiple grows sharing 200 acre plus parcels, well removed from rural neighborhoods, and using roads that do not go through neighborhoods.	Agreed				
157	L Williams	Cottage licenses of 25 plants or 2500 squarefeet. initial studies at +10,000 Square feet. 2 acres EIR. Canopy not plant count. Follow State Guidlines on Canopy. dont Reinvent the book.					
158	Sonia Taylor	The EIR is long overdue. Before hoop houses are approved throughout the county (cannabis cultivation uses hoop houses much more than other uses), an evaluation needs to be conducted by the EIR to determine whether the County has the landfill capacity to dispose of the plastic necessary for hoop houses -- sheet plastic needs to be disposed of regularly to prevent it from entering the environment.					
159	Steven Sommer	Base on it on parcel acerage					
160	Preston Smith	In the rual and ag areas the County could allow 10,000 sf green houses on parcels of 2 acre parcels and 10% of parcels size on larger parcels.					
161	Craig Harrison	Size should be limited by the odor it produces so that neighbors don't have to smell the terpenes.	you do know that terpenese have therapuetic value if one could overcome cultural/personal biases?				
162	Henry Burbank	ideally the boomers who wanted free love and small government would stop acting like bolshevik control freaks.					

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163	Anna Ransome	One acre per approved parcel.					
164	MaryAnn Ciavonne	Agree with Judith					
165	rachel zierdt	This small family farmer is a myth in this county based on who is getting permits.	it is not a myth, I am a small family farmer with a permit.	Small family farmers are what the local Cannabis farming economy was founded on and needs to be prioritized. Legacy farmers and Social Equity ARE of the utmost importance going forward. With pressure to prioritize these operators from the State Level.			
166	Joanna Cedar	The size of a cannabis farms should be relative to what the parcel can sustain and aligned with stste law. The cottage license (25 plants) was introduced into the original state legaislation FOR Sonoma County because of the desire to provide a permitting and licensing pathway for Sonoma County farmers who were more likely to be on RR and AR parcels. Currently the minimum for hemp cultivation is 1/10 of an acre.					
167	Vi Strain	Hoop houses should not be visable in Scenic Corridors and scenic sonoma County county sides					
168	Gina Cloud	Allow rooftop hoophouse growing operations in industrial areas. Allow processing in the buildings below.	Interesting idea.	wont work, need to read building codes			
169	Henry Burbank	(see Ch. 38)					
170	Craig Litwin	Allow 10% -25% of parcel size. Allow same view shed as hemp. Study hemp impacts in EIR since it is the same plant as cannabis. Study how standards should be the same as hemp since federal cannabis legalization is coming soon. Study estimate of how many acres of cannabis were in production pre legalization as a baseline of impacts, size, visual, odor, etc.					
171	Michael Capp	What about Sonoma County architectural design criteria, this is all out of context with what we face in design concepts.					
172	Lori Pascarella	County permitting and update to cannabis ordinance should align directly with state licensing.					
173	Mary Plimpton	Clusters of 10,000 sq ft plots should be regarded as single entity and permitted accordingly, eg ineligible for ministerial permitting, instead CUP with public notices, public hearings, REQUIRED EIR	Agreed! Keep it simple!				
174	judith olney	Indoor grows: Greenhouses at 1/10th acre: Canopy total sq feet given tiered grows					
175	Nancy Richardson	Inclusion areas should be defined where there is adequate water and wastewater disposal and no impact on nearby residents and hamlets (such as Bloomfield, Glen Ellen, Glen Ellen, etc.) Size and clustering would depend on the size of the designated Inclusion Zone.					
176	Vi Strain	Limit cannabis production to make it exclusive rather than flood the market.					
177	Henry Burbank	i like sarah new hairstyle. i enjoy her lighthearted joy in moderating this difficult topic.					
178	Steven Sommer	How are we dealing ? vegitable Hoop houses they are every where					
179	Nancy Richardson	agree					

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180	Yoel Chetrit	10% of 100 acres would pay nearly \$1,000,000 in local taxes to the county each year that could go toward coimmunity development and education	Agreed	Yes!	I agree		
181	Rebecca Bass	outdoor plant canopy: limit to 1 acre bigger concern would be cultivation structures - these must be prohibited where they would cause negative visual impacts to other properties, and restricted to commercial and industrial areas					
182	Joel Hoyt	Indoor grows are not environmentally sustainable, so people should be allowed to grow in their backyards with no limit on acreage.					
183	katherine yates	the appropriate size will depend on the grow's impact on the adjacent lands. If it is in a windy area, the grow needs to have a much higher percentage of land to grow, with the hoop house or outdoor grow placed at the edge furthest away from adjacent neighborhoods. If it is in a water questionable area					
184	L Williams	10% rule if over 100 acres large. 20 Percent if under 100 acres.					
185	Henry Burbank	\$1M will help pay for the opposition's retirement. where is the new sonoma economy as wine industry goes down the drain.					
186	judith olney	Outdoor grows are not environmental sustainable given impacts on groundwater resources and wastewater discharge - which cannot go in septic systems per Water Quality Control Board	What factual information is your conclusion based on?				
187	Steven Sommer	Rememer then size should based economic feasibilty					
188	Kristen Decker	Here we are in a drought during fire season. These are real and life threatening factors that will only get worse with global warming. It seems critical to focus on water resources, reduced chemical storage in high fire zones and fire safe roads for evacuation.	We are not storing chemicals and canabis as well as hemp is considered a fire break.				
189	Nancy Richardson	Grow in the three Ag zones, LEA, LIA and DA on parcels 10 acres or greater where odor cn be stopped at the property line of nearby residents.					
190	judith olney	Detrimental Concentration is a key concern of the General Plan Ag Resource element - thank you for noting this!					
191	Yoel Chetrit	with the landuse requirements proposed there is not more than 3000 permissible acres in the county there is not need to limit acreage caps in the county beyond the land use requirements already proposed	definitely agree				
192	Craig Harrison	The larger growers such as Cannacraft and SPARC should focus on other counties (Santa Barbara, Riverside, Imperial) or other states. Large grows are inappropriate and are not environmentally sustainable in this county.					
193	Anna Ransome	Avoid the complete alteration of the rural landscape that has taken place in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties. Don't sacrifice what brought many of us to the county in the first place – our rural beauty and natural landscape.	agreed	Agreed			
194	Steven Sommer	how man acres of grapes should be planted					
195	Henry Burbank	neighbors call on odor when they hear about a grow and before any cannabis is on the site. there is absolutely zero integrity and honesty to the baby boomers battle against cannabis. will nayoine ever challenge their lies and manipulation? or will we just focus on "how ugly" agricultural grows are?	This is 100% accurate and ocured to me before I even put a shovel in the ground.				
196	Sonia Taylor	Retail should only be in incorporated jurisdictions. Or at the Airport.					

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197	L Williams	Sonoma has 50,000 acres of Vines. A 1 percent rule would be resonable. 500 acres of cannabis					
198	Lori Pascarella	A successful distribution operation would be one that is both sourcing and branding Sonoma County grown cannabis!!!	agreed				
199	Anna Ransome	Avoid the proliferation of non-permeable surfaces that increase flooding and lessen infiltration that replenishes water tables.					
200	Preston Smith	Micro Licenses that allow small growers to grow, manufacture and distribute their product is very important to keep the small growerers alive.	Agreed				
201	AnnaRae Grabstein	There should not be a cap on retail operations. The market will correct. Without easy access to retail the illicit market steps in.					
202	judith olney	Cluster in industrial zones - manuf and processing . In Ag lands are prime soils and there is little police and fire support.					
203	katherine yates	it is extremely important to recognize that cannabis is much more an industrial product than an agricultural product. No other ag product creates the level of traffic, smell, crime, visual damage, and water demand as cannabis. So operations need to be very very limited, ideally to commercial zones	It is a plant grown in the dirt.	the value invites violent crime..			
204	L Williams	Keep Retails open. But micro licenses have a farm to retail that would be needed					
205	Eric Sklar	For outdoor and greenhouse in AG, there shouldn't be a limit. There isn's on grapes, but setbacks between gardens is reasonable					
206	Joanna Cedar	Cannabis is NOT a new land use application...it is a new permitted use. The county should not limit on the number of permits...the process of permitting and licensing at the state level will cull the numbers because of the costs of compliance.					
207	Kristen Decker	What are sales in our county? Doesn't seem like Sonoma County should pay the environmental and standard of living costs for residents outside the county. Each county or other state can grow their own.					
208	Nancy Richardson	Do an economic report and ascertain how much cannabis is being grown in the state and how much more can be grown in Sonoma which can legally be sold. Set the acreage limit so as not to supply the black market. Econmic analysis should be peer reviewed.	Good idea				
209	Henry Burbank	DA LEA LA land should be able to sell their products wholesale from the property					
210	Ann Storms	No! We need retail caps. Other counties have very stringent caps on marijuana stores.					
211	Joel Hoyt	The operations should be as close to each other as possible. Five miles max.					
212	CECILE ISAACS	Intangible costs of new commercial facilities need to be captured. Smell, crime, noise, excessive water use, night light: Few complaints to enforcement means lower county costs to process and respond.					
213	Steven Sommer	Should fit in with Wine tourism rules					
214	Sam De La Paz	Cultivation Concentration needs to be developed by the Cannabis farming community and based around appellations. With a focus on small farmers and environmentally friendly farming techniques.					

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215	Vi Strain	We are not part of the cannabis community. We are local residents who are concerned how cannabis is now handled and want the County to consider neighborhood compatibility as the County has promised to do since the beginning of cannabis permitting.	Cannabis has been part of Sonoma County. We are local residents concerned about our livelihood.				
216	MaryAnn Ciavonne	All I can think of is my last visit to Denver. Total nightmare where every other store was selling cannabis. So depressing	How about completely shut down storefronts and towns?? is that not more depressing?? please take a drive through Laytonville... the town once booming now almost dead because the impact of over regulation				
217	judith olney	Put a cap on Permits or acreage by watershed - water availability will be impacted by concentrated uses					
218	Michael Ely	The premise that cannabis is acceptable is a false premise for a large number of us in agricultural zoned areas					
219	Kristen Decker	Retail operations should be nowhere near schools, parks and homes.					
220	Henry Burbank	there should not be a limit. anyone can plant help right up to the property line. smell is the same.					
221	L Williams	Micro licenses could help tourism. Farmers should have tasting room abilities like vineyards					
222	Jeremy Freitas	manage what you have now and what is in the pipeline. Then go from there					
223	Joanna Cedar	Retail caps keep the illicit market going					
224	Henry Burbank	every store in Sebastopol sells tourist trinkets.					
225	Jonathan Saler	Limit manufacturing and distribution to cities and industrial areas where taxes are collected and monitored	Grow only indoors.	Odors from chicken farms are food production related. Cannabis is not a food and not really a necessary crop.			
226	Mary Plimpton	Moratorium on all permitting pending conclusion of EIR					
227	katherine yates	This question is difficult to answer in the abstract, as the where and the how many is so dependent on location. In general, dont put them where they adversely affect the legendary bucolic beauty of sonoma county					
228	judith olney	To answer these questions we need to know the size, intensity and location of EXISTING PERMITS					
229	Sonia Taylor	How much cannabis does Sonoma County need for consumption? How much cannabis is needed for state consumption? Clearly we should not be allowing more cannabis to be grown/processed in Sonoma County than is needed for the state need total (which require evaluating how much cannabis is currently already being grown/processed state-wide). This information would help determine numbers.					
230	L Williams	San Francisco has a distance between dispensary rule					

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231	CECILE ISAACS	Healdsburg has developed methods to keep the entire commercial district becoming tasting rooms. Cannabis will be even more of a problem and needs to be evaluated in advance.					
232	Joel Hoyt	Retail should be allowed like any other stores, ie: car dealerships, clothes, wineries, grocery stores.					
233	Michael Ely	I personally do not want cannabis growing in Sonoma County. If not permitted on the coast, why not elsewhere					
234	Gina Cloud	Distribution from grow sites, many of which are in or near residential areas, is not a good idea. Just because wine has tasting rooms everywhere, does not mean the cannabis should follow suit. It's hard to spit out a sample of cannabis.					
235	Henry Burbank	the parcels that abut agriculture zones were once broken off of the agriculture properties. and now the small houses on small land are trying to stop the large ag lands from doing what they want.					
236	Craig Harrison	We need an economic analysis of grows of various sizes to help estimate of the number of acres or projects that might be permitted (outdoor; indoor; mixed light). Growers claim that some consumers prefer pot grown in Sonoma County. Under Bus. & Prof Code § 26063(c), an appellation of origin "requires the practice of planting in the ground in the canopy area and excludes the practices of using structures, including a greenhouse, hoop house, glasshouse, conservatory, hothouse, and any similar structure, and any artificial light in the canopy area." Can we force an estimate of the acreage of plants that currently qualify for an appellation of origin?					
237	Nancy Richardson	The County should entertain a pause in applications of all sorts of commercial applications during this drought. Not just cannabis. How can the County do a baseline analysis if more permits continue to be issued?	Nancy, The golf club in Sonoma is very green. I spoke to the manager about it and he defended it by saying they have their own well. Our precious water resource should be for food, medicine and animals not for golf clubs. Cannabis is medicine for many of us.				

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238	Henry Burbank	odor for agriculture crops is a ridiculous thing to discuss. what about the smell from chicken farms, horse farms, etc? the smell is terrible and it makes a horesfly problem. or is it only cannabis smell that matters?	With regards to livestock odor, even Section 26-08-010 in Chapter 26 of the Zoning Code states: "In the event that the confined animal use is proposed within five hundred feet (500') of a nonagricultural land use category, it shall require prior approval of a use permit." So even animals on DA parcels have strict limitations in effort to reduce odor impact on neighboring RR parcels.				
239	Anna Ransome	County should establish a complaint line with an inspection automatically generated when there are three complaints from different parties who live adjacent to the operation. The inspection should include Nasal Ranger readings on three different occasions to take weather conditions into consideration. Fines and clean-up orders should be used to assure compliance.					
240	rachel zierdt	Odor should stop at the property line	Impractical.				
241	Yoel Chetrit	Odor is a joke, in the middle of harvesting an acre (when its supposed to smell the worst) our landlord asked me when it's going to start smelling and chuckled when i told her this is bad as it gets					
242	Lori Pascarella	Agriculture of any form has odor associated with at some point in the process. Cow poop, chicken maneur, winery pomace piles all smell worse! Trying to regulate smell simply stinks!					
243	Joel Hoyt	Wineries don't worry about odor so why should cannabis. It smells beautiful.					
244	CECILE ISAACS	Outdoor plants for most ag is seasonal. Cannabis is not, so requires more rules; more enforcement. Enforcement of all cannabis rules needs to be handled by a dedicated unit, not relying on neighbors.					
245	Preston Smith	Oder can be mitigatigated by filtration in green houses. You may want to require green houses for larger grows.	Agree - by law, we need to mitigate these impacts...not rationalize them away				
246	judith olney	Canna is not an agricultural crop and is regulated separately					
247	Eric Sklar	For outdoor and greenhouse operations, there should be setbacks from sensitive uses - like homes, schools, hospitality ect.					
248	Steven Sommer	Industrial and indoor can be mitagated					
249	katherine yates	Nina did not mention the number one source of odor: harvesting! Grow operators harvest four times a year, and the odor goes on 24/7 for a month. That means 4 solid months of odor. NO OTHER ANIMAL FARM PRODUCES THIS INTENSITY AND DURATION OF ODOR IN THIS COUNTY	Not True. Most outdoor operators are harvesting once and twice max				
250	Lindsay Blyth	There are setbacks.					

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251	Joanna Cedar	Hemp and cannabis are the same plant. They smell the same. The setbacks should be the same. They are agriculture which is a vital sector in the local economy.					
252	Anna Ransome	Low odor terpene varieties should be planted.	You do know that terpenes have therapeutic value?	This is a non starter as the terpenes are a major component of the medicinal value			
253	rachel zierdt	There are strains that do not smell as bad. Why aren't they considered?					
254	Henry Burbank	you cannot control odor. the more you allow it to be an issue that is taken seriously the more you activate spoiled boomer haters to harrass and waste thier lives opposing cannabis. maybe they should try to solve the homeless problem?					
255	Grace Barresi	The county should increase setbacks to mitigate odor. We know, as was just stated by Nina, that odor dissipates with distance. Increase the distance to neighboring properties.					
256	Nancy Richardson	Odor should stop at the property line. There are even setbacks in the code for pig farms. Distance solves the problem.					
257	L Williams	Carbon filters on Small greenhouses operations that are on smaller properties. Limiting super Large outdoor grows.					
258	Eric Sklar	Oh, and 250-500 feet is good enough.					
259	CECILE ISAACS	Limit processing to indoor commercial districts/warehouses					
260	Anna Ransome	Siting decisions should be based on prevailing wind direction.					
261	Sam De La Paz	Nothing, this is agriculture and Hemp smells exactly the same. Hemp is protected by the "right to farm". This topic is a moot point, based on this simple fact					
262	Joel Hoyt	We should impose the same restrictions on cannabis order as we do on cattle, grape and wine operations.					
263	judith olney	There is a 500 foot setback between farm animals and adjacent residential Zones...					
264	Lindsay Blyth	If we want to impose the same rules as agriculture, it should be an agricultural product.					
265	Stephanie Danaher	We won't have to worry about the smell if it isn't allowed in neighborhoods. Stephanie	folks say they smell cannabis when there is no cannabis aroud. they make up things to stop cannabis any way they can. its sad how mean spirited these lovely old ladies can be. you should see ms. dannaher's friendly smiles when she walks around the neighborhood. a real sweetie.				
266	Henry Burbank	NOT A JOKE: suggestion is that the county start a fund to buy houses from people who think they smell cannabis and fill their houses with the homeless. maybe a jobs program for the homeless on the local cannabis farms. its better than filling the downtown hotels and bike paths, NO JOKE.					

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267	Craig Harrison	Terpenes are a nuisance odor. I dont live near winery odors, and don;t want to smell marijuana odor.					
268	Lindsay Blyth	There are odor studies completed for new farms in general.					
269	Sam De La Paz	Please let me know if you are seeing this inputs in the Q&A section.	live answered				
270	Joanna Cedar	Odor should not be a consideration at all in rural areas. It's agriculture.					
271	CECILE ISAACS	Mitigations of odor need to be specified in the ordinance. Think about the most vulnerable among us as well as those who love the odor of cannabis.	the "most vulnerable" might benefit from the therapeutic value of terpenese. Please research, you might break through your cutural/political bias for the sake of actual science				
272	Lori Pascarella	Use of seasonal temporary hoop structures helps to reduce spread of odors and restrict view of plants. These should be required for outdoor cultivation. Indoors has ventilation and filtration to mitigate odors.					
273	Rebecca Bass	Ideally 1000 foot set backs that are enforced to minimize the impacts of odor on adajent properties					
274	katherine yates	Odor is a very real and serious issue. You have to understand how intense the odor is during harvesting, and while the plant is drying, how long the odor persists, around the clock. Harvesting 20 plants on our lane could be smelled all the way down the lane around the clock. Many people have an adverse reaction to the odor. So having the odor stop at the property boundary line, based on an EIR report about that line	adverse reactions? you mean personal preferences?				
275	Nancy Richardson	You can use Ortech to determine the proper setback. The industry uses Ortech. It is not false science like the spurious idea that vegetation absorbs odors.	Complete technical analyses to determine the adequate setbacks - through EIR				
276	L Williams	planting other flowers and including it in your odor mitigation plan.					
277	judith olney	Winery use permits do have conditions to manage nuisances such as noise or odor					
278	Leo Avatar	Isn't the odor issue clearly addressed by the fact that LEA, LIA, DA, and RRD are the only permitable zonings.?And that that's the nature of living in or near "Ag land?"	Great point				
279	Craig Harrison	We have no idea how smelly this can be if there were lots of large growns in areas such as valleys where are thermal inversions during the summer. You can drive people from there homes.					
280	Vi Strain	Please do the research and provide this information through the EIR, so all involved understand the ramificaion of odor and have mitigations.					
281	Grace Barresi	Use scientific studies and bring in experts on odor to assess the odor from cannabis cultivation sites to make a scientific and fact based determination on odor and setbacks					
282	L Williams	following the California Air Resourecs Board guidlines.					

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283	Nancy Richardson	the setback for pig farms is 600 feet	Section 26-08-010 in Chapter 26 of the Zoning Code states: "In the event that the confined animal use is proposed within five hundred feet (500') of a nonagricultural land use category, it shall require prior approval of a use permit." So even animals on DA parcels have strict limitations in effort to reduce odor impact on neighboring RR parcels.				
284	Craig Harrison	You need air quality modeling to assess the effects on neighbors. Don't guess.					
285	Ann Storms	Our neighbor had a small backyard grow last summer.	It was awful				
286	Nancy Richardson	ortech uses wind direction					
287	Joanna Cedar	There is no setback for hemp cultivation					
288	Steven Sommer	in ag zones should come under existing right to farm why reinvent the wheel	TOTALLY RIGHT				
289	Henry Burbank	i love the smell					
290	Henry Burbank	\					
291	Craig Harrison	For smelly grows, require each supervisor and his or her family to spend a weekend there smelling it.					
292	Grace Barresi	livestock odor, even Section 26-08-010 in Chapter 26 of the Zoning Code states: "In the event that the confined animal use is proposed within five hundred feet (500') of a nonagricultural land use category, it shall require prior approval of a use permit." So even animals on DA parcels have strict limitations in effort to reduce odor impact on neighboring RR parcels.					
293	Vi Strain	Chemical drift to residential uses and fog odor neutralizing aerosols that contain oxidizing agents have not been subject to long-term studies.					
294	Nancy Richardson	Cannabis does not enjoy the status of Right to farm					
295	Sonia Taylor	See what Yolo County is doing regarding outdoor grow odor. Indoor grows, the odor should not leave the building, which is the standard in cities.					
296	katherine yates	using national guidelines is not appropriate, as there are significantly windy areas in this county. Setbacks to control odor needs to be determined on an application to application basis, based on wind studies					
297	Henry Burbank	the county is creating neighborhood battles and starting a real hatred btw folks who once got along great. ministerial is the only way to prevent this and protect farmers who pay taxes and create jobs.					

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298	judith olney	Events are a major source of noise - and do not belong in rural areas: CA State Event permits require visitor serving uses in cities or at large facilities, such as fairgrounds					
299	Anna Ransome	Limits on day and nighttime decibels could be used, but new noise is always a significant impact according to CEQA so just using General Plan noise guidelines is not sufficient.					
300	Henry Burbank	didnt we have a vote the was won by a large margin? is cannabis legal? is this process limiting the industry to affectively shut down the legal industry?					
301	L Williams	Most cannabis licenses have an hours of operations mandate. 8-6 PM. so farming does not wake up neighbors. Decible levels on generators and equipment					
302	Preston Smith	Cannabis operations do not make many more and in many cases less noise that other ag and manufacturing businesses. Therefore they should not be any more restrictive than those operations.					
303	Jean Hegland	Noise from fans and ventilation systems, & etc. should not be allowed between the hours of 8pm and 6am					
304	judith olney	Use Permits will address equipment noise - and usually equipment is required to be inside a structure	Exactly!				
305	CECILE ISAACS	Cannabis does not enjoy the status of Right to farm and never should. It's a year-round industrial operation. Whenany farming operation moves from seasonal to year-round, it should lose that "Right".	I am a farmer not "indusrtrial operator"	the botany of a cannabis/hemp plant grown in the ground with out structures does not support your assertion			
306	Anna Ransome	Employees make a lot of noise and neighbors of businesses often complain about it. Parking lot conversations (when arriving, leaving or on breaks), loud radios and vehicles could be discouraged by operators.					
307	Joanna Cedar	Cannabis and grapes and all other agriculture should have the same noise guidlines	Agreed, trying to single out the cannabis industry above any other agriculture or industry does not make sense!				
308	Lori Pascarella	The cannabis industry should not be subject to anything within the General Plan Noise limits different than any other agriculture or industry is currently subject to.					
309	katherine yates	With any rural grow application, the county needs to require noise decible measuring, as it can vary enormoously from site to site, often due to prevailing wind directions and land topography.					
310	Ann Storms	Limit the noise by stringently limiting all aspects of marijuana grows, retail, etc. in our beautiful county.					
311	Nancy Richardson	Noise includes all the comings and goings of workers. Traffic noises. The sheriff does not enforce noise complaints and seems to think there is no noise ordinance.					
312	Anna Ransome	Fans should have quiet ratings. No broadcasted amplified music. Limit trips with good scheduling and possibly shuttles. Limit number of employees, hours, days.					

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313	Vi Strain	Move processing plants wih 24/7 hour operation, seasonal employees traffic impacts, night lighting, and security fence commercial/Industrial zones not adjacent to residential area					
314	Leo Avatar	noise ordinance should be the same as any other Ag industry, in same zonings. Why is this a question? Shouldn't this be a universal guideline across current Zonings and Ag Processes county wide? Why is everyone trying to overscrutinize cannabis and treat it exceptionally different? Especially in regards to something universal, like noise..	agreed	Agreed!			
315	Steven Sommer	Every winery in the county creates more noise than any cannibus operation					
316	Craig Harrison	The county should study the extent to which legal grows replaced illegal grows since 2016, which was the premise of the 2016 MND. All of the grows that started in Bennett Valley since 2017 were from people outside the county or state.					
317	sica Roman	can you hear plants growing?					
318	Preston Smith	Cannabis will some day be as large or larger than the wine industry. Events should be allowed on size and number of events.					
319	Henry Burbank	i had a large indoor grow for 10 years and not one single neighbor EVER knew or had a problem. i had many large fans and HVAC units. not one neighbor ever cared. they loved me. now that the county is asking for input from these folks they will make up stories about sound and smell. its a joke. how do we take this seriously.					
320	sica Roman	grow quiet strains lol	are plants are too loud, lol	agreed			
321	Henry Burbank	history will show sonoma county bending over backwards for the opposition who will NEVER be satisfied.	no doubt!				
322	sica Roman	no loud strains lol	I can hear you guys from penngrove, lol				
323	katherine yates	Again, as with odor, the noise from HVAC and traffic only further supports the inappropriateness of grows near rural neighborhoods, and instead to be in commercial zones					
324	judith olney	Only true Agriculture crops are protected by Right to Farm - the State and our Supervisors clearly stated that cannabis is not a crop, and is subject to nuisance law	yes lets pretend its not a plant				
325	Michael Ely	Poor assumption, we are not interested in cannibus growing going forward					
326	Henry Burbank	limits for events MUST be the same as other industries					
327	Jeremy Freitas	any commercial and agricultare area should be allowed when work is needed to be done. Cannabis is heavy taxed and the american people are benefiting from this industry					
328	Dustin King	Most concerned with noise in rural areas surrounding any events, tasting, etc. Also processing and distribution.					
329	Steven Sommer	coud define ruaral for me					
330	Craig Harrison	Without enforcement of the noise limtis, the entire program fails to protect the residents and envirnment. No one will in enforcement do anything except M-F 8-5. And not on holidays.					

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331	L Williams	Cannabis and even Hemp does not have a right to farm. Until Proven to be a non nuisance. So sound and smell in your ordinance shall be very important					
332	Robert Guthrie	There are busy commercial cannabis sites with driveways, employee break areas, parking lots, and bathrooms right on the property line with its neighbors. That's mostly due to the fact that indoor cultivation buildings have no setbacks to a neighbor's property line. These commercial / industrial operations need to be setback so that a resident can enjoy their entire property.					
333	Lori Pascarella	Cannabis use permits already require a noise study as part of the process. Cannabis should not be subject to stricter noise ordinance standards than any other industry in the county.	'👉	Studies are not reality. Bought and paid for self-serving documents. How about limits to noise and genuine enforcement?			
334	Henry Burbank	noise limits MUST be the same as all other industries	agreed				
335	katherine yates	limit traffic to five days/week, 8 am to 5pm					
336	judith olney	Wild animals are disrupted by Noise	come and see the increased biodiversity my farm has supported. I even have once endangered species.				
337	Nancy Richardson	No commercial events in agricultural zones					
338	Jonathan Saler	No Leaf blowers!					
339	Preston Smith	Sorry I fogot to mention, events could be a simple as small groups and annual envents like Wine Roads.					
340	Henry Burbank	the opposition will NEVER be happy					
341	Henry Burbank	i will use leaf blowers on my property ever day of the week					
342	rachel zierdt	Enforcement is a huge issue....try getting anyone in the county out if you have a problem with sound etc.... Also, I have read lots of cannabis permits and they are not limited in hours...many are 24/7.	infactual.				
343	Henry Burbank	lots of groundskeeping. will the opposition be able to tell me when to mow my lawn? who is taking this seriously?!					
344	L Williams	Put tax money aside to fund code enforment and the planning department at a minimum of 25%.					
345	Henry Burbank	there have been many inspections that come unannounced and make the cannabis farmer get treated like a criminal.					
346	judith olney	Enforcement absolutely should NOT be based on neighbors having to turn in their neighbors. On going Audits and monitoring by County is required - Napa audits its winery permits - time we did to	the county and state visit my site regularly.				
347	Preston Smith	Accountability would already be built into the licensing process and use permit system. If a cannabis operator does not comply they stand to loose there license and use permit.					
348	Anna Ransome	Strict rules and adequate enforcement essential. County should have a hot line for complaints and a department for enforcement with actual fines and penalties, including loss of licenses - not like it is now.					

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349	Craig Harrison	If anyone were serious about compliance neighbors would have the ability to enjoin offending operations at no cost to themselves.	Agree - the cost of enforcement should not fall on the neighboring property owners				
350	gail cafferata	Cannabis grown commercially is not food. It is a regulated hazardous substance.					
351	rachel zierdt	Maybe the industry should help monitoring instead of saying that neighbors are bothersome naysayers.					
352	L Williams	Three strikes you're out. Some folks make honest mistakes.					
353	judith olney	Each operator must know and comply with their Use Permit ... not all are complying					
354	Joel Hoyt	We know many growers who have opted to leave California because there are too many regulations, fees and permits here. All the rules force people to grow illegally.					
355	Eric Sklar	Enforcement funding needs to be sufficient. And, there should always be an effort to help operators comply before punishment.	Agreed, this is legalized business!				
356	Henry Burbank	why do my two small children need to be woken at 8am by a surprise inspection? i get straight A's on every inspection. these neighbors have no idea how many inspections we have endured. arent we citizens with privacy rights? why are we still being treated like this even when we get great grades?					
357	Lori Pascarella	Cannabis growers are subject to waterboard, fish & wildlife, CDFA, DCC, and Sonoma County Ag Department and Sonoma County Code Enforcement inspections. It seems like there is already more than enough accountability for cannabis cultivators.	BCC	100%	California Department of Food and Agriculture & Department of Cannabis Control	TRUE!!	
358	gail cafferata	You have to remove the fear of retribution (violence and other threats) to neighbors who see violation of regulations.					
359	Nancy Richardson	Fund Code Enforcement. They should be proactive and have drones to find illegal grows. Industry should be turning in the illegal growers. Possibly reward them? People are afraid of retribution if they make a complaint. County is very forgiving and reduces fines. A slap on the arm is all violators get.	You are uninformed.				
360	Vi Strain	Enforce code violations within two weeks, maximum, put together teams as other Counties have done					
361	Henry Burbank	make a call in line for all the opposition to blow off their hot air.					
362	Jonathan Saler	Being accountable for quantity of growth is crucial. Wanting greater profit will tempt growers to increase their production, therefore, production must be closely monitored					
363	katherine yates	people adversely affected by the failure of a grow operation to operate with compliance should have the right and a way to report the violation(s)					
364	Vi Strain	Agree with Judith and Anna					

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365	rachel zierdt	complying would be great. That is not the history for some grows and the county does not adequately enforce its ordinances.	there are very few permitted/license grows in this county and the ones that have survived are abiding by the regulations. we deal with county and state often.				
366	Yoel Chetrit	We have inspections from the county and different state agencies every year. usually about 5 a year with code enforcement there as well. our farm is more compliant than most residential lots					
367	Henry Burbank	the black market is EATING our lunch. stop meddling in this process by giving an unfair advantage to the dishonest opposition.					
368	L Williams	minimum of three checks a year. Not one! cdfa does at least one.					
369	Lindsay Blyth	Department of Cannabis Control					
370	Henry Burbank	DCC!					
371	Lindsay Blyth	Not BCC.					
372	Craig Harrison	The county does not have a program to destroy illegal plants. Rather, the grower is allowed to remove the illegal plants before the county reinspects a few days later. As most of these plants are grown in pots or bags of soil, the grower can merely put them in a truck and transport them to another illegal grow site. Illegal plants must be destroyed. This practice by the county supports the continuance of the black market and, in reality, makes the county's efforts to eradicate illegal grows like a game of whack-a mole.					
373	Henry Burbank	its new.					
374	gail cafferata	Abutting neighbors would be free of threats if they report violations.					
375	judith olney	A portion of cannabis taxes should go to an Enforcement staff					
376	Joanna Cedar	Licensing in CA is requires both a local permit and a state license. There are over a dozen separate state regulatory agencies that have some degree of authority over the industry. Without a robust permitting program, the county will not have the money to fund oversight.					
377	Henry Burbank	it would be good for the moderators to know about right to farm and the DCC. maybe gail can send a memo.					
378	MaryAnn Ciavonne	Ongoing monitoring with sufficient funding and yearly renewal					
379	katherine yates	we all know that enforcement requires money money money. So the grow operators, who will be making millions, need to pay an annual fee to fund regular inspections.	we are regularly inspected, we should however, fund a reading group to get you and others up to date with laws ad regulations				
380	Lindsay Blyth	All plants have a tag from seed to sale. You can not destroy or grow plants without a state controlled RFID tag.					
381	Steven Sommer	The vision for cannbisis in ag elment of the genral plan please have scott orr to sp-eed bring to speed					
382	Joanna Cedar	DCC: Department of cannabis control (merged BCC, Cal Cannabis and CDHP/MCSB)	aaahh yes				

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383	Lisa Lai	The rules are incredibly strict already. Enforcement through education. Forcing neighbors to tell on each other is not helping relationships.	agreed				
384	Craig Harrison	Enforcement should be made without notice.					
385	judith olney	CDFA - CA Dept Food and Agriculture - responsible for CalCannabis regulations					
386	Lindsay Blyth	Would you let someone onto your property without notice?					
387	Craig Harrison	The county alerts growers days before they arrive. Doesn;t anyone see this is a silly enforcement operation?					
388	Robert Guthrie	Reduce the ambiguity in the ordinance.					
389	Sonia Taylor	The County must have employees who are dedicated to compliance of cannabis complaints, 7 days a week.					
390	L Williams	cal dept of food and Agriculture cdfa regulates cannabis					
391	Henry Burbank	the threats come from the neighbors who make up stories like gun shots to get their neighbors swatted					
392	Lindsay Blyth	Most neighbors don't know what violations even look like, and are apt to call without cause.	Particularly those who oppose cannabis and are likely to call for any reason, versus a true violation.				
393	Henry Burbank	enforcement is paid from the taxes. duh					
394	katherine yates	where is the staff for enforcement going to come from, and who is going to pay their salaries? How this is to be funded is a crucial priority. Get the money from the profits the grow operators make	We are heavily regulated and visited often by enforcers from state and county				
395	Dustin King	Please only create enforceable standards.					
396	Preston Smith	Retail is quite and clean. Less activity than a convenience store. Just make them comple with existing zoning for convenience stores in the County.					
397	Nancy Richardson	Code Enforcement must give violators a "heads up" before they inspect or the Ag commisioner might tip them off.	This is misinformation. Inspections can be without notice.	Nancy, you are referring to two seperate departments, PRMD and Dept. of Ag			
398	Henry Burbank	great sarag. do you know what this acronym is?: NIMBY					
399	Henry Burbank	this is an areobics exercise. thanks					
400	judith olney	All impact reduction must be measureable, observable and enforcable per CEQA law					
401	Leo Avatar	There should absolutely be a constructive approach to supporting farmers to come into compliance, at least in acknowledgement that this is a new territory for both sides, and many new operators/farmers. Most people want to comply and are repetitively overburdened by penalization, fees, and pressure from code enforcement. There needs to be a balance between enforcement and support, both financially and administratively. Sonoma County could be supporting and collecting hefty tax revenue, yet continues to ostracize and continuously change policy on farmers.	Well said!	agreed	agreed	Yes!	
402	Vi Strain	Impose a local residency requirement where "opertors" are defined as owning at least 51% of the applying business.	Agreed				
403	L Williams	Cannabis will deplete county resources. Dont end up like other counties that dont have the staff to monitor the cannabis industry					

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404	Joel Hoyt	Neighbors who regularly put in bogus complaints need to be charged for the county's visit	agreed	Agreed, this would help deter harassment of cannabis cultivators by prohibitionists!	I agree, this is an important item to recognize.		
405	Joanna Cedar	Neighbors should not have the power to shut a lawful cannabis farm just because they don't like cannabis. Cannabis farmers have been largely bullied out of the county.	Agreed				
406	Craig Harrison	Require operators to live on the site.					
407	Vi Strain	Change the initial permits period to one year, to match the State.					
408	Henry Burbank	I have found through my work on different types of permits at prmd and your ag dept that the ministerial process yields less bitter neighborhood opposition and support groups clashing. When public notice and neighborhood compatibility clauses activate locals to oppose something they often become aggressively focussed on harming their neighbors in any way possible in order to achieve their goal to thwart a development from proceeding. In my life I've never seen neighbors turn from friends to enemies so fast. And the lies and scare tactics come fast and numerous. The neighborhood battles should not be a part of cannabis farming. There are people who will never do anything to help solve other issues in the county but they fully commit to every scare tactic and lie to harm their neighbor because it makes them feel like a politician, decision maker, and boss. The cannabis permitting process should minimize these forced conflicts by taking the neighbors out of the equation. These people generally are never going to	Could not agree more! Prohibitionists and the "not in my back yard" group will always use tactics of sensationalism and misinformation to push their agendas of shutting down not just cannabis, but any agriculture! They have fought vineyards in Sonoma County for decades!!!!				
409	Anna Ransome	All these comments point to serious concerns about impacts which reminds us of all the pending applications that are in the pipeline. A moratorium is essential so that the findings of the EIR, which will be based on science not opinion, will be applied to cannabis applications.					
410	Henry Burbank	are never going to be satisfied and will pull and pull and pull on the rope until the cannabis industry is in the mud. Some harbor deep resentment and feel like their neighbor who grows cannabis should be made to suffer. It's deep rooted. I lost all my neighbors as friends and found out that there is absolutely no way to satisfy them. They are bullies in their way.					
411	Lisa Lai	Farmers have very small margins. Let's not forget the Black Market does not follow these rules. Please support legal farmers.	100% Agreed!				
412	Sam De La Paz	If we continue to treat Cannabis operators like criminals and NOT like other businesses - regulating them in parity with other Agriculture, we can only expect to see a thriving illicit market.	agreed	Exactly!!!			
413	L Williams	Start your EIR now! it'll take a long time. But create a stop gap in the meantime					
414	Preston Smith	Sonoma County should have zoning and land use regs that are not so restrictive that it pushes out the small growers. Otherwise you only get big corporate growers.	Exactly. Big Corporations are already moving in.				
415	Kathy Pons	Maybe the county should go through the available parcels to determine the appropriate acreage.					

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416	judith olney	The County needs to prepare a full analysis of water availability, traffic capacity - and then calculate existing permits and permits in the pipeline so we know the Current state	Permitting requires this analysis already.	Individual permits do not address cumulative impacts			
417	katherine yates	Many of the applicants are from corporate operators, not to the family farmer. Do not allow outside operators to grow in this county. Require proof of residence for several years prior to their application. M					
418	Henry Burbank	Thank you for your hard work on the cannabis ordinance. We are still disappointed the the board did not approve the planning commission's approval of chapter 38. It was impressively well thought-out and written from my point of view. And the process to redline it line by line was a lot of work and I put from stakeholders. It's really frustrating that the process will now take another 3 years. It feels like a spiteful win for the opposition. And will cannabis stakeholder invest their time and energy into another process or will it be only the opposition who is organized and strategized?					
419	Joanna Cedar	The baseline for the land use section for the EIR should include the 5-7k small farmers who have been zoned out of the permitting process unable to make use of their land.					
420	Leo Avatar	I thought that the zoning issue was resolved and very clear by the designation of LEA, LIA, DA, and RRD ??? And that use permits and studies are done on a property by property basis... Why isn't this sufficient?					
421	Vi Strain	The negative effects of unanalyzed and unmitigated impact can have and irreversible impact on the character of rural communities. We have scenic corridors, scenic vistas and hoop house in the view shed should be screened and not visible. Protect our scenic resources					
422	Mary Plimpton	Develop a hierarchy of priorities: How will the County prioritize utilization of water resources? Clean water to drink; water for bathing/hygiene; water to raise food crops; water to raise non-food crops	I fully agree.				
423	Lisa Lai	What I want is to see a craft cannabis industry in Sonoma County. If neighbors want operations to live on site, let's add back RR and AR zones. Let's keep small farming alive in Sonoma. Over regulations have pushed out so many small family farms.	Yes!	YES, allow cooperatives and incentivize appellations development			
424	Henry Burbank	MINISTERIAL will be the only way to stop this division and hatred. start a hotline for opposition with authoritarian complexes.					
425	CECILE ISAACS	Does staff analyze cumulative impact on each permit application?					
426	katherine yates	The data that says that water zone 2 is stable is out of date. Recent research indicates water in this zone is diminishing. So it is extremely important this information regarding water zone 2 is updated.					
427	L Williams	Maybe have a fastrack for operations that have no neighbors or have all contiguous neighbors approval					
428	MaryAnn Ciavonne	Katherine Yates said it					

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429	Jonathan Saler	We notice scrolling through cannabis permits that multiple businesses are applying for permits on the same properties which implies these are large commercial growers, not the small farmer new to the business. It smacks of people taking advantage of Sonoma County. What will be done to protect Sonoma County from foreign entities and crime syndicates?	loosen regulations so small family farmers can afford to get through process on smaller parcels.				
430	Steven Sommer	please refer to ag element before next meeting					
431	Henry Burbank	these opposition folks are throwing stones from glass houses. they live in illegal residences. they build illegally. they menace neighbors with drones and trespassing. why are these same 20 people in the county being given such a disproportionate voice?					
432	Dustin King	Share concern for outside investor mentality vs helping local farmers. Wineries owned by outsiders, specifically in Napa, have lost touch with local values and land stewardship.					
433	Nancy Richardson	Protect our existing farmers. Declare a moratorium until we see what kind of rainy season we will have.					
434	L Williams	Cottage license for under 10 acre parcels, could save cannabis farmers that had no path forward					
435	Vi Strain	Ensure that residential wells do not run dry due to cannabis operations	Farms are not approved to take water from existing uses.				
436	Robert Guthrie	I'm curious to know what the county needs to do to reduce the duration of this EIR by a year. The 3 year schedule is shocking long.					
437	Henry Burbank	lower the tax rates with new tiers for artificial light used in small wattage (read CH. 38)					
438	Vi Strain	Limit acreage in any 10 mile square zone to prevent over-concentration of any one area					
439	Sam De La Paz	Without providing zoning and pathways for small family farmers, we can only expect to see larger commercial Cannabis operations. The neighborhood groups have pushed out the small farmers and now take issue with commercialized Cannabis. Where is the happy medium?					
440	MaryAnn Ciavonne	Jonathan Saler voices my concern					
441	Henry Burbank	i propose CHAPTER 38					
442	Joel Hoyt	What are the regulations for golf clubs? Their water use is not for food and medicine.					
443	Joanna Cedar	Incentivize the kinds of behaviors that we'd like to see through the cannabis permitting process. Ideas: health of local food sheds, bees, community microgrids, etc...					
444	L Williams	10 gallon minimum water requirements per acre of canopy					
445	Preston Smith	Set backs should be from the actual green house to the neighboring property not from property line to property line. A green house could be a long way from another property.					
446	Henry Burbank	what about all the pharmaceuticals that the boomers are flushing into our water supply? no one cares.	excellent but disturbing point				

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447	Grace Barresi	Rewrite the cannabis ordinance to address neighborhood compatibility including increasing setbacks which will help mitigate odor. This is a serious issue and why neighborhood groups have voiced concerns. Cannabis cultivation in the right location, away from residents, is critical to success of the ordinance.					
448	Steven Sommer	Remeber you have let agricluture evole when \came here it it was pears prunes apples no wineries ang grape now changing					
449	rachel zierdt	Cannabis might be medicine for some....but let's be realistic. Most of the product is not consumed for that purpose.	The science does not support this; the body does not know the difference.				
450	Henry Burbank	the opposition probably wants to force masks and vaxxes so maybe they can insist that the masks take cannabis smell away and the shot has some kind of chill-out affect.					
451	CECILE ISAACS	Make regulations about water use based on scientific research locally based.					
452	katherine yates	a root dilemma with this entire situation is how to regulate on the one hand, and on the other keep the operations in the hands of local farmers and out of the hands of corporate operators who dont live here or care about the county. Threading this needle is tough! perhaps putting the small operators on larger, shared parcels, or to extend loans against their future profits					
453	Henry Burbank	sarah you are AWESOME					
454	Henry Burbank	crystal is the BEST for this job. an absolute PRO.					
455	Henry Burbank	thanks ladoies					
456	L Williams	thank you					
457	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	thank you!					

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1	Mary Radu	This is input, not a question. 1. Adopt a Moratorium until Sonoma County prepares an EIR to determine environmental conditions and an Ordinance to set standards for the Industry. Under the current ordinance we will have cannabis 100 feet from our property lines and 300 feet from our residential homes. Stop accepting new cannabis applications until an environmental setting document is prepared and circulated which analyzes the County's water resource capacity and calculates current water use. 2. Prioritize neighborhood compatibility by limiting cannabis cultivation and processing to areas that do not create noise and odor nuisances for residents, are not in public view, are not in impaired watersheds or water scarce zones 3 and 4, are accessed by legal fire safe roads and do not impact public safety. No permitting in high fire risk zones or on remote roads with evacuation challenges.	I agree. Please don't approve applications for an ordinance that will be changed in the future. Just the approval of those will affect what gets agreed on for the future.	Agree. There should be a moratorium on any new or pending commercial cannabis projects until there is a full EIR and new, revised ordinance.	agree						
2	veva edelson	I am very concerned about the changes we are seeing as the result of Climate Chaos. Please adopt a Moratorium until Sonoma County prepares an EIR to determine environmental conditions and an Ordinance to set standards for the Industry. Under the current ordinance we will have cannabis 100 feet from our property lines and 300 feet from our residential homes. Stop accepting new cannabis applications until an environmental setting document is prepared and circulated which analyzes the County's water resource capacity and calculates current water use.	Agree	agree as well	Any size that forces residents to inhale the odor from growing cannabis 24 /7 should not be allowed.	300 feet from residential home where families live is too close to a Cannabis grow. Agree stop accepting applications until exclusion zones are established.					
3	Herman G. Hernandez	Can the County Staff tell when community groups are copy and pasting talking points?									
4	deborah eppstein	I agree. Stop accepting new cannabis applications until an environmental setting document is prepared and circulated which analyzes the County's water resource capacity and calculates current water use by all known cannabis cultivation, processing and distribution facilities permits, as well as calculates current and anticipated water use for all other uses- agricultural, residential, commercial and industrial uses county-wide. County water maps are 40 years old and need redoing to make this analysis and the EIR valid.	i agree	Agree, how can you approve or even consider large scale commercial cannabis facilities when our county water maps are so outdated? And, during a historic drought.	Disagree. People that have been in the pipeline deserve to be processed.						
5	Dani La Noire	You are going to look at all those people as part of the supply chain, but what about the people and neighborhoods that will be impacted? How will you address our concerns?	good question!	Hi Dani! Thank you for joining us. We invite you to email us your questions to cannabis@sonoma-county.org.							
6	Moira Jacobs	This is a statement for public record: you must implement a moratorium on ALL commercial marijuana production operations immediately. No new licenses should be given until after this process is completed. Sonoma County should only allow any commercial pot production in a few carefully sited indoor locations in industrial zone near airport. The ordinance needs to respect neighborhood compatibility, public health and safety, and sound stewardship of our water resources long term!	agree	Is the county aware that THC, the primary active ingredient of pot which the industry and County is promoting and pushing on youth, was listed by State of CA as a cancer causing toxin per Prop 65? Are you also aware of the Journal of American Heart Assoc. study showing marijuana is harmful to the human heart. Why are you promoting such an unhealthy drug? I will send you dozens of scientific studies from leading doctors and scientists. Have you studied the impact of pot production on employees?							
7	Cathy Crowley	I agree strngly with number 2. We are in drought and have to be very concerned in water scarce areas.									
8	Bob Storms	We want a vision that truly includes the public interest, just not the marijuana interests.	agreed								
9	deborah eppstein	water availability needs to be analyzed in conjunction with all other present and projected [next 20 years?] residential, agriculture, commercial and industrial needs county wide. We are in a severe drought and thsi will likely be our future.	agree								
10	deborah eppstein	Not in water zones 3, 4, impaired watersheds where groundwater supplies are limited and uncertain or riparian corridors For outdoor, not within 1000 ft of next parcel (for 1 acre max grow), or 1 mile from residential communities of 5 homes or more	good!								

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11	Valorie Dallas	Neighborhoods need protection, especially in RR and LEA zones since. Many of these neighborhoods have been around for many years, so are in the "middle of nowhere." Where I live there is a real live example of what can happen. We have 400 residents and bordering, but on 3 sides of our town there is 80 acres (5 parcels, but 2 over 10 acres all purchased by an LLC from San Francisco). They are proposing a 2 acre cannabis grow on the 80 acres. The grow is upwind from the town, there is run off that goes into the Estero Americano from the proposed grow, the roads in are as narrow as 9 feet with ditches on either side of them, there is no streetlights, there are public lands where kids play that border the proposed acre grow, 9 houses are within 200 feet of the property line of the proposed grow, everyone in town is on a well and have no idea if we have enough water for our own needs, without even adding all the water needed for a 2 acre grow, their proposed processing plant will be very close to the property									
12	Herman G. Hernandez	Keep away from schools.									
13	Caroline Koss	One of the problems when looking at zoning is when you have two different types of zoning butting up against each other, eg, DA next to RR. It's very different than areas that are just DA...									
14	Lauren Marra	Not a good fit is 300ft from the wall of our homes and within neighborhoods. Put commercial cannabis in Industrial areas, AND with a setback of 1,000ft from residential property lines.	agreed	Agreed!	Agree. Commercial cannabis does not belong in neighborhoods (rural or otherwise). It should be grown in industrial areas	The outdoor grow emits odor that collects in low spots. I can smell it more than a quarter mile away.	Noise: Mini back hoes and carts are used to move soil and containers which have high pitched back up beeps that often go all day long.				
15	deborah eppstein	Not on dead-end roads over 1 mile long, or on roads less than 20 ft wide, or that have evacuation challenges									
16	deborah eppstein	Not on private shared roads unless have written consent from all shared parcel owners	hoop houses are an eye sore and this plastic breaks down quickly and pollutes our water and air. The land is often rocky which ruins the ag land. Sun grown only to minimize plastic/pollution and since it requires a generous amount of water we should keep the size of the plots to less than an acre.								
17	Ray Krauss	Not in water scarce areas particularly not in the designated impaired watersheds.									
18	deborah eppstein	Not in RRD	No pot operations 1,000 feet from a private residence, no where near a school, day care, etc.. No where in Bennett Valley, it's a view shed preserve area, and also a protected area, Matanzas Creek flora and fauna are protected, also the area includes a number of protected wildlife corridors. Also, of course a very limited number of these operations should be allowed in industrial zone, with limited impact on water resources.	Not within any community exclusion zones.	A few carefully selected sites in industrial zone near airport, highly secure, indoor, no smells emitted. We should not be trying to grow marijuana for the United States. Only allow a few sites in industrial zone. This is THC drug production, these are not gardens, nor is it traditional Ag. THC drug production provides ZERO nutrient value, it only harms the human brain and other fatty organs.						
19	Valorie Dallas	A good fit will be away from neighborhoods where ever these neighborhoods are located. Some of the old neighborhoods are ag zoning	Exactly!								
20	Nancy Citro	Remote water scarce areas, scenic hillsides	Remote areas not a good idea, grows should be in industrial areas. You just said industrial areas have few homes, fewer problems with safety, water and smell								
21	deborah eppstein	Not in high or very high fire zones. Not in areas with sheriff response time over 20 minutes Not within 5 miles of another grow [to address overconcentration]	Makes sense.								
22	Bob Fabian	Any zone which includes residential, ie families and kids, should not have these activities. Security for the facilities has to be considered.									
23	Herman G. Hernandez	Many farmers and ranchers would like to set up their operations further away from public view in unused space on their properties -- so keep as far away from public view.									
24	Cathy Crowley	In areas where there is agricultural properties with water concerns that are also close to residential property, growing is not a good fit									

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25	Jake D	These commercial facilities should be away from any nearby residences. I believe that they should be at least 1000ft away from any residence. This will ensure that they will not be next to homes. Otherwise, there will always be conflict between neighboring residents and the proprietors of these commercial operations.										
26	Ray Krauss	Not on long narrow private roads without adequate safe ingress and emergency egress for fire and emergency vehicles.										
27	Jake D	Also, all neighbors should be notified that a permit application has been submitted, regardless of it being a ministerial or use permit.	Totally agree!!!									
28	Arthur Deicke	Wherever hemp can be grown, then cannabis should be allowed, unless water scarcity indicates otherwise.										
29	Ray Krauss	Not in high fire hazard areas.										
30	veva edelson	Whatever happens we must work together to prioritize neighborhood compatibility by limiting cannabis cultivation and processing to areas that do not create noise and odor nuisances for residents, are not in public view, are not in impaired watersheds or water scarce zones 3 and 4, are accessed by legal fire safe roads and do not impact public safety. No permitting in high fire risk zones or on remote roads with evacuation challenges. Permit cannabis processing only on designated commercial and industrial zoned land. A new ordinance must address neighborhood compatibility and be science-based to ensure cannabis operation permitting does not create individual or cumulative impacts.										
31	Dawnelle Ricciardi	And there should be strict limits on how much can be grown.										
32	Lauren Marra	Cannabis processing, and transport/distribution should be limited to industrial areas only										
33	Jake D	These facilities should be in industrial areas. The below points provide supporting evidence that this is the best solution for these facilities; this is a great solution to safely and successfully allow the cannabis industry to expand within Sonoma County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will prevent these commercial cannabis operations from displacing local farmers who provide us with food. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will keep these operations away from neighborhoods, residences and other sensitive areas. This will protect the environment as these cannabis operations would be located in already established industrial/warehousing areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will allow commercial cannabis to connect to the reliable city water and sewer network, eliminating the need to truck in water, and deal with erosion, runoff, wastewater, and other environmental concerns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will set these cannabis businesses up for success, as they will be able to take advantage of local roads designed to handle commercial traffic. It will also allow them to operate 24/7 without impunity and disturbance to residential communities. 	Plants should be allowed to be grown in the sun, outdoors. Hoop houses and greenhouses are a great middle ground solution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The commercial cannabis operations will be surrounded by other businesses and entrepreneurs which will foster cross-functional innovation and collaboration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will allow these cannabis operations to cluster, something they are already advocating for, and will enable them to share resources to achieve larger scale and efficiency, as well as foster collaboration and innovation within their industry. 	This will essentially eliminate the risk of crop loss due to wildfires or drought.	Thank you for sharing a solution Jake	Greenhouses in commercial areas are fine.
34	veva edelson	It is not a good fit to grow commercial cannabis adjacent to RR enclaves and unincorporated towns. It is not a good fit to grow cannabis where the existing roads don't meet the fire-safe road standards. If there is no water or run off that goes into the watershed it is not a good fit. There needs to be enough water to not compromise wells in the area. Needs to be a good distance (5000 ft) from any public access place that people are free to walk and gather.										
35	Celeste Stephenson	No cultivation in the community separators										
36	Valorie Dallas	Not near anyplace where kids play, such as public areas and homes, schools.	agree									
37	veva edelson	A place that would be good a fit is at least (1000ft or more) from residence, a place that has access to roads that meet the fire safe road standards. A couple of good examples of this are the operations on Western the one on Roblar and the one off Gericke.										
38	deborah eppstein	Not within community agreed Exclusion Zones										
39	veva edelson	Processing building must be sited in Commercial/Industrial Zone Districts due to the significant impacts on residential uses by operating hours of 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, the influx of seasonal employees, deliveries on site from 8-5, commercial traffic on rural communities' substandard streets, storage of hazardous material, security fencing and/or sensor night lights, audible alarms and security guards										
40	Kimberley Carbonaro	Rural residential neighborhoods are not a good place to grow Cannabis due to air quality and odor nuisances, limited fire and safety personnel in our rural communities to manage the criminal element, water scarcity especially parcels on well, and chemical use which impacts neighbors.										
41	sheila jenkins	Because of the odor and the increased level of activity, and noise cannabis should not be sited in residential communities. Rural areas can also be negatively impacted for these same reasons.										
42	Celeste Stephenson	Prohibit cultivation in the impaired watersheds and in water availability zones 3 and 4										
43	Mary Radu	There is a new international Climate Change report to indicates the ability of humans to take proactive steps to reverse the climate change impacts around the world. Sonoma County must do our part by reducing the negative current and potential future water needs on our water table and other limited water sources. Any zone that has water scarcity issues today and in the future should be excluded from cannabis permitted facilities. Watershed and fish habitats should be examined. Also, 1000 ft from residences and air flows must be taken in to account for any outdoor growing.										
44	Valorie Dallas	Yes. We should create Exclusion Zones to save time for all of us once we get our criteria figured out. Pre zone it!										

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45	deborah eppstein	All 3 ag zones: LEA, LIA, DA, on parcels 10 acres or greater, subject to criteria including 1000 ft setbacks, no visibility of outdoor cultivation areas including hoop houses from public right of ways, in water zones 1 or 2 with adequate water resources in conjunction with county-wide water needs both present and future, adequate wastewater disposal and adequate renewable power.									
46	Becky Evenich	The industrial area near the Sonoma County airport where no houses are allowed to be built	great idea!								
47	deborah eppstein	Industrial and commercial zones for all cultivation types Only in Industrial/Commercial zones for indoor and greenhouse (mixed light) over 10,000 sf									
48	Celeste Stephenson	Cultivation should not be visible from scenic roads, parks or public right of ways									
49	Mary Radu	Build indoor cannabis growing in industrial zoned areas.									
50	Arthur Deicke	Where current AG is located with sufficient water sources.									
51	deborah eppstein	Within Cannabis Inclusion Zones (may be certain industrial zones with CEQA analysis pre-done by the county to enable ministerial permitting)									
52	Herman G. Hernandez	Cannabis should be grown within vineyards, farms, and all ag-land parcels where people are already farming grapes and livestock.									
53	Dani La Noire	There are thousands of open acres in Sonoma County that are NOT near RA and AG neighborhoods that have homes, kids and schools. Those would be good areas.									
54	Kimberley Carbonaro	Cannabis ideally would be grown in warehouses where safety can be ensured, the lighting that is used does not disturb neighboring properties, the odor can be filtered, and the product can be monitored for compliance with permits.	agree								
55	Bob Fabian	Grows should be in ag zones, and any post growing activities in existing industrial areas.	Not entirely a solution as many homes and neighborhoods are in or bordering agricultural zoned land								
56	Ray Krauss	The original premise that existing illegal operators should be made legal is not accurate or useful. Because they were illegal they were situated in remote, inaccessible areas and limited in size (cottage grows). These locations are not suitable for the types of operations now being developed.									
57	Nancy Citro	A good fit would be grows would be in industrial zones, fewer concerns around safety, smell and water.									
58	deborah eppstein	Indoor uses much less water!									
59	Caroline Koss	Please keep it away from our homes and in TRUE AG (Big Setbacks from all people) or Industrial areas - ie, away from where people live! We are DA but there's a grow VERY close to our home.	agree. Setback needs to be at least 1000ft from homes								
60	Lauren Marra	Industrial areas where there are warehouses, enough space to grow and where cannabis businesses can congregate and collaborate as well as share resources, host events etc	agreed								
61	Valorie Dallas	Only permit a certain number of grows within an area. Such as if you have a one acre grow, maybe no others within 4 square miles of that grow.									
62	veva edelson	The ideal place would not be located on a scenic roadway.									
63	Celeste Stephenson	Odor should stop at the property line. There are setbacks to pig farms of 500 feet because of the smell.									
64	deborah eppstein	in low fire risk areas									
65	Ray Krauss	Good place would be west of Santa Rosa where currently waste water is used for irrigation. Large parcels well removed from residences.									
66	Cathy Crowley	I disagree that it should be grown in vineyard areas where there are already water issues and close to residents.									
67	Celeste Stephenson	Inclusion and Exclusion zones should be designated.									
68	Dennis Rosatti	Small scale cultivation/craft cultivation can work without providing a nuisance in RR zones. 50-99 plants should be allowed in most zones. Greenhouses are a great way to conserve water and deal with odor mitigation. And they can be made to look beautiful.	But do they make them beautiful? I don't believe we have seen an examples in the current plethora of smaller grow sites recently approved by the county. Hoop houses are not beautiful.	I grew up in a farming community. Hoop houses feel normal to me for an agricultural community.							
69	Valorie Dallas	It depends on the definition of outdoor grow. Is a greenhouse indoor or outdoor grow?	live answered								
70	deborah eppstein	size for outdoor should be limited to 1 acre, and they should not be located in proximity to otehr grows as that can subject large areas to stinky odor. The amount of cannabis produced in the entire state should not be mroe than is used in california - it currently is.									
71	Jake D	Is a hoop house indoor or outdoor?									
72	deborah eppstein	hoop houses with no light is outdoor. If it has m]light it si mixed light = greenhouse									

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73	Celeste Stephenson	The area around the airport is zoned industrial and would be a perfect location for clustering of indoor cultivation, processing and dispensaries. There is water and wastewater disposal and no neighbors would be affected by noise, traffic or odor.	agree								
74	Maira Jacobs	This is THC drug production, it has ZERO nutritional value. This is not traditional Ag, it is DRUG production. Place in industrial zone. Someday soon THC will be produced as a synthetic. You are all wasting your time, and destroying our neighborhoods, environment and water resources in a futile attempt at new tax revenues.	Alcohol, caffeine, vitamin supplements, sugar, pharmaceuticals are ALL drugs!								
75	Matt Ferraro	Current state ordinances dictate how it looks. County ordinance should mirror state law.									
76	Mary Plimpton	Understand there are law suits in process in Oregon about tainting of wine grapes by cannabis. - Request that County seek access to arguments pro and con in these cases, follow these cases and provide public with this information.									
77	Ray Krauss	Operations were to be limited to 10,000 sq ft under current ordinance. Must stop issuing multiple permits to separate LLC's for the same parcel which circumvents the intent of the ordinance allowing much larger grows than was anticipated by the Board when they adopted the ordinance.	agree								
78	Valorie Dallas	Another question about amount to grow is who is growing? Is it a local farmer or a LLC from another county?									
79	deborah eppstein	in rural setting, should not be able to see hoop houses from public right of way or neighbors property									
80	Caroline Koss	Too big = using up more water than Sonoma County can afford to use!									
81	Valorie Dallas	An outdoor grow of an acre would be an acre of hoop houses which look like a greenhouse to me.									
82	Lauren Marra	Multiple tenants on one property each with their own permits should not be allowed. Too difficult to regulate and enforce.	Agree. concerned this is happening out in Bennett Valley and Wellspring Rd.								
83	Arthur Deicke	Cannabis measurements in the county should mirror State requirements and eventual federal requirements. There is no limit on hemp, grapes and other ag commodities, except for slope, water availability and other specific restrictions. This ordinance should be prepared for 2023 when State opens up their large outdoor licenses.	This makes a lot of sense.								
84	Ray Krauss	Not more than one acre on any parcel.									
85	veva edelson	I would really love to see cannabis integrated into a poly culture farm with a diversity of species growing together. These concentrated groupings in hoop houses are an abomination. There is no way there should be any operation bigger than 1 acre in this county. We should promote small local growers. Big growers can grow in Kansas.	agree!	I agree. I support local farmers growing cannabis instead of an LLC of people who don't live in the county from elsewhere.							
86	Kimberley Carbonaro	The size of the outdoor grow should be relative to the proximity to rural residents, available water, adherence to the North Bay Air Quality Control guidelines for safe air quality. The odor produced on the current SPARC Cannabis farm is problematic for neighboring properties. This crop is grown outdoors and the odor is from June thru October.									
87	Jake D	Each parcel should only have one tenant/proprietor.									
88	Nancy Citro	How about no cannabis at all. Are you considering that option? If no, why not. Considering our drought and fire issues, it should be on the table.	Like Marin County and Napa County!	Agreed. 100%							
89	deborah eppstein	Sonoma County needs to understand water availability and uses county wide, for all residential agriculture, commercial and industrial- that will determine size limits									
90	Dawnelle Ricciardi	Size has to be based on sustainability — what can the local water limitations support.	Very good point. Without science on sustainability, it is hard to say.								
91	Kimberley Carbonaro	I completely agree with Ray Krauss. Separate LLCs for the same parcel should not be allowed.	agreed	me too	Agreed	agree!					
92	Jake D	There should also be a restriction on the number of people working at these operations.									
93	Herman G. Hernandez	No minimum to parcel because you are excluding people (younger and less affluent) from ever getting into this industry. Very few people of color own parcels of 10 acres or more in Sonoma County.	Agree.	10,000 sq ft should be allowed on most parcel types.	there are other areas in CA which are more affordable where you can grow, if this area is too expensive for you.	That's a very elitist comment above from Jake.	whatever the color of a farmers skin, their intent to steward the land over emassing capital need to be the priority in the midst of our climate chaos.	Supply and demand. not elitist just the reality of life in CA.			
94	deborah eppstein	indoor grows could be larger than outdoor									
95	Maira Jacobs	Totally agree with Nancy! No POT is best choice for everyone! Best for human health and our environment, and our water!									
96	Celeste Stephenson	Do an economic analysis before proceeding with the EIR to determine how much cannabis is currently being grown in California and how much could be grown in Sonoma and still be economically viable without going to the black market. Hire an outside consultant to peer review the economics. All we hear is how much revenue cannabis will bring in. What are the expenses? How much did Rincon Consulting cost the taxpayers for the failed SMND rejected in May?	great idea!	good point	And take into account the costs associated with increased crime, damage to our local watersheds, increased traffic to our already busy roads and the costs to monitor and handle issues.	Hi Celeste! Thank you for joining us. Tonight we're focusing on land use - we'd love your ideas. We invite you to email the County your question and concerns to cannabis@sonoma-county.org. Thanks for getting involved!					

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97	deborah eppstein	need to avoid overconcentration- suggest that up to 1 acre outdoor grows be separated from others by 5 miles. This affects traffic as well as ambient odor	agree strongly with Deborah								
98	Herman G. Hernandez	Clustering of operations make sense in terms of business operations labor resources and minimizing overall traffic.	this would work well in industrial areas	agreed. perfect argument for clustering in industrial areas	it depends on where that is						
99	Valorie Dallas	Concentration - Assuming that all the criteria are met for locating a good site there should be some measurement established to limit the amount of growing in an area, such as no more than one 1 acre site in a four square mile radius. The impact of multiple grows in a small area would be limited by controlling the concentration of growi									
100	Herman G. Hernandez	If you are limiting where cannabis can be grown then people who live in the nice homes in rural sonoma county should also be limited. Since sometimes it seems like homes keep popping up that limit the areas where you can grow.	We've lived here for years, sometimes decades with multigenerational families. You don't really know what happens on our properties and in our homes. You speak of nice homes and imply "rich" homes, but that is just not the case. Why would you limit people coming into our neighborhoods to improve their quality of life and live in the country. They should not be penalized because you think cannabis is more important than families.	Well said Dani!							
101	deborah eppstein	clustering could be in pre-determined inclusion zones especially for indoor	yes. If we pre zoned, that can be determined with data and science	yes, pre zoned is best.							
102	Matt Ferraro	A successful cannabis distributor would be located in commercial or industrial zone, but would focus on branding and selling Sonoma County sun grown cannabis									
103	deborah eppstein	yes on industrial!									
104	Maira Jacobs	They should only be indoor in industrial zone. One is too many!									
105	deborah eppstein	How much cannabis do we have now? Too many would be determined by location, water, and energy.	Yes, the county needs to also evaluate fully the number of nonpermitted cannabis operations currently out there, before considering adding more to already limited resources	And monitor and mandate that rules created are being enforced for all grows. If the county can't police the problems at this point, and there aren't yet that many approved projects, how could they possible do it with the proposed 65,000 acres?							
106	Arthur Deicke	We should not be looking at the cannabis industry in isolation. We should be limiting any new development or industry if our roads, fire prevention, water resources cannot support it. If a cannabis operation replaces or displaces another activity such dairy farming or grape growing, then it may be simply an evaluation of the balance on scare resources.	yes!	Totally agree!	agree!	Agree. Should be looked at in isolation or treated uniquely for these issues. We can't solve drought or climate change by regulating cannabis alone- we need a multitude of solutions across sectors.	*should not be looked at in isolation				
107	Caroline Koss	Too many = when we read too many stories in the newspaper about cannabis crime, cannabis odor, etc.									
108	Bob Storms	No disrespect intended, but it seems like the public is being asked to do what the County of Sonoma is charged with doing, what they should have already done, and that is considering the good of the entire community. Not just one group.	'+1 for the entire community!	It is also difficult for us to attend all of these meetings							
109	veva edelson	Sonoma is not the ideal location to establish and promote cannabis branding. We are in California. We don't have the water. Let's be realistic. Let's focus on sustainability and supporting our food shed									
110	Ray Krauss	Not on archaeological sites. One non-permitted grow in the Mark West Watershed has and continues to destroy a significant archaeological site. Their permit application was denied 5-0 a year or more ago by the BZA but the County has not processed their appeal or shut them down allowing adverse impacts to continue.	Interesting to hear. Can the county comment on enforcement? With no enforcement for currently operational projects the county should not approve any additional permits until there is a plan for enforcement and sufficient resources								

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111	deborah eppstein	We need to not continue to permit cannabis cultivation with inadequate setbacks, even priro to compelling the EIR. We know from other counties (eg, Yolo) that there are quantitative ways to measure odor, and that for a 1 acre outdoor grow a min of 1000 ft to property line is needed- it could be more dependent on winds and weather. Outdoor grows with hoophouses when used as mixed light could have 3+ harvests per year. Ban electrical form hoop houses!									
112	Valorie Dallas	If cannabis is grown in a hoop house that is ventilated through a exhaust fan, that is probably comparable to an inside grow. So maybe an outdoor grow in a hoop house should have the same rules for odor mitigation as an indoor grow.									
113	Moira Jacobs	I have DEA friend who said they can smell some illegal grows from miles away. Depends on size and wind. These are THC drug production operations. They belong in industrial zone, indoors, controlled with ventilation systems.									
114	Kimberley Carbonaro	I live across the street from SPARC in Glen Ellen. Their outdoor grow produces 3 harvests per year. The odor is from June to October. Strongest at harvest each 3 crops.	Thank you so much. Unfortunately, there just isn't enough information on cannabis and now we are getting personal experience that should be considered.								
115	Arthur Deicke	Outdoor agricultural odor is common in ag areas. The Right to Farm in those areas essentially states there is no nuisance for odor or other ag activity. Hemp has the same odors with no restrictions since it is an ag commodity. Cannabis should be an ag commodity. Indoor cultivation can control the odor and should continue to do so.	This is up to the state. the state does not classify cannabis as ag. Correct me if I am wrong.								
116	Matt Ferraro	Odor is a part of agriculture and industry. The setbacks are more than sufficient to mitigate for odor in outdoor cultivation, and indoors has filtration to mitigate. Dairy, poultry, and wine production in Sonoma County all produce significant smells during certain operations.	Yes. Have big setbacks and neighbors will be happy!	300 ft from the wall of our homes is not sufficient setback for odor. With pesticide areas, dusty driveways, parking lots etc even closer than 300ft, it disrupts a family's quality of life and ability to live peacefully in our homes and on our land	There is a very big difference between the smell of cows and the smell of cannabis!!						
117	Jeff McConathy	As someone who lives next to an outdoor grow, I can assure you the odor is very constant - it just gets far worse at harvest time. We are over 1,000 feet from it and the smell easily carries that far. I don't think any outdoor grows should exist within at least a mile of residences.	agree with Jeff - at least a mile from residences.	wow. So 1000 ft definitively not enough	thank you for sharing this	The predominant wind direction also makes a big difference not just distance.					
118	Jake D	Increase setbacks to sersitive areas such as homes to at least 1000ft.									
119	Caroline Koss	control odor: shift grows indoors with adequate ventilation/filtration, or for outdoor grow make it FAR away from where people live (1/2 mile??)	Greenhouses work for odor control also.								
120	Matt Ferraro	Hemp and cannabis smell the same, there should be no added restrictions above what is imposed on growing hemp.	Agree	We live in a Agricultural community. Smells are to be expected.	Dennis, You know better than that. Pig farms are agriculture too but we don't allow them near residences. Pot is not just farming. and produces unique impacts that need to be considered. You just can't dismiss them as irrelevant because we are an Ag Community. Central Valley is an ag community. Sonoma County is much more diverse and has many more land use conflicts.						
121	deborah eppstein	cannabis is not under right to farm									
122	Nancy Citro	Keep the smell on the parcel or no grow.									
123	Ray Krauss	Only feasible way to avoid oder impacts is adequate distance from receptors.									
124	deborah eppstein	a prior press democrat survey showed that most residents dont' want to live within a miel fo outdoor cannabis									
125	Celeste Stephenson	County should delare a temporary moratorium or pause in all permitting (Not just cannabis) during this drought. These are unprecedented times. The Supervisors have already applied to reduce the required housing required by ABAG. Cut back on housing? Cut back on other water uses as well.	Agree								
126	veva edelson	the plants should be grown outdoors with no cover and 5000 ft from RR									
127	deborah eppstein	right to farm does nto cover cannabis!									
128	Kimberley Carbonaro	The setbacks need to be increased near rural residents.	The predominant wind direction for outdoor grows needs to be considered not just distance for odor control.	agree. maybe we should study how far the odor can travel from a commercial operation before we put this in writing in an ordinance							

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129	deborah eppstein	only way to control odor is indoor or greenhouse, with filters									
130	Kimberley Carbonaro	Hemp produces the same odor. We need to regulate hemp as well.	Hemp is regulated already by the Ag Department. Cannabis should be regulated there too with similar rules. Security obviously needs to be increased from non thc- hemp for thc-containing cannabis.								
131	Arthur Deicke	Cannabis is not covered by Right to Farm, but should be.									
132	Moira Jacobs	It's not Ag. It's THC drug production. Zero nutritional value. No outdoor grows! If this is not fixed we'll fix it with a ballot initiative. Pot producers and county should know that over 70% of citizens polled by PD said they don't want these anywhere near them. Put in industrial zones! Only a few! With filters.									
133	Mary Radu	There need to be ADEQUATE enforcement resources to respond to issues that occur after odor and other limits are set.	Agreed. The county has been unable to enforce even the simplest of infractions. How on earth do they think they would be able to enforce the amount of operations proposed?								
134	veva edelson	Filters are loud and should not be near peoples homes									
135	Valorie Dallas	Please do a test that compares greenhouse and hoop houses for odor									
136	Lauren Marra	Odor would not be an issue if these operations are in industrial areas	Agreed!								
137	Max Simpson	Current setbacks already address mitigating out door cannabis odors. Cannnabis and hemp smell the same, so should be treated same in terms of ordinance. When is the county going to do something about all of the residential development on Agricultural zoned land?!	Not actually true. A DA grow can be sited way too close to a neighboring RR parcel. Ask those RR neighbors downwind of that grow if the setbacks are adequate - you will get plenty of people to tell you it is NOT adequate!	I live in Bloomfield and it has been here for over a hundred years. There are 400 people who live here, some for 3 generations. I am not sure what the county should do about us. Any ideas?							
138	Max Simpson	Require temporary cannabis hoop structures for outdoor cultivation to help mitigate odors.	This is a total failure of the original ordinance. They lean towards banning or strictly limiting hoop houses now which should be changed.	Agree!							
139	Kimberley Carbonaro	totally agree.									
140	veva edelson	We need to protect our biotic reasources. Loud fans and lights and alarms will inhibit the wildlife from being at home in our open spaces. Noise should be kept in industrial zones please.	All sites go through biotic resource studies as part of the permitting process. Cannabis provides green space and does not make noise.								
141	deborah eppstein	Also need longer setbacks from indoor and greenhouse to property line both due to noise, traffic as well as 24/7 activity.									
142	Jeff McConathy	Does gun fire count for noise? They shoot semi automatic rifles frequently at the grow near me.	That is either a lie or an operator breaking very strict regulations against any guns on site. Report gunfire to the sheriff, not here. Misinformation and sensationalism do not help the process.								
143	Max Simpson	Cannabis operators are already subject to noise studies for their use permit applications. Hours of operation already have sufficient restrictions. Setbacks address noise more than adequately!	300ft from the wall of neighboring homes is not sufficient. Odor, noise, dusty gravel driveways, runoff, light etc. Setback should be at least 1000ft from residential property lines.	Not on Ag zoned properties. The moto of Sonoma County is Agriculture, Recreation, Industry.....							
144	Moira Jacobs	Yes, they are very noisy operations! And lots of vehicle traffic. They belong in industrial zone only!	Agree. Keep it away from where people live and have to deal with the noise 24/7.								
145	Mary Radu	Noise should be kept on the property and not be heard beyond property lines. Yes to industrial zones.									
146	Nancy Citro	Need 20 acre parcels for noise	yes, 20 acre is much better than 10	Maybe for very large grows. But small to medium sized can be mitigated on smaller parcels. Current 10 acre minimum is too big.							
147	Moira Jacobs	A ballot initiative will rewrite the old ordinance. It doesn't work as is!									

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148	Nancy Citro	No events or processing on ag land!	nor in RRD								
149	Arthur Deicke	The current noise ordinance is sufficient for all new development.									
150	Moira Jacobs	No events and no retail on THC drug operation sites.	Agreed!!!	Agreed! They're NOT dispensaries. In the dictionary, a dispensary is where "medicines are dispensed". Not THC drugs.							
151	Kimberley Carbonaro	Cannabis needs to be kept out of rural residential areas because of negative impacts to residents and wildlife.	Agree!								
152	deborah eppstein	events only in commercial zones	yes.	agree, similar to the breweries in petaluma along the highway. Great opportunity for businesses to congregate and even collaborate with one another and enough space for events, gatherings etc without disturbing residences and neighborhoods	Yes!	We hope you can join us tomorrow at 11:30 or 5:30. We'll be talking about events! Find the information here: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/					
153	Dennis Rosatti	When will dispensaries be discussed/examined?	live answered								
154	Ray Krauss	Processing, manufacturing and dispensing along with any cannitourism should be in commercial and industrial zones in incorporated areas only.	agree	agree							
155	Dani La Noire	Create actionable rules, guidelines and standards. Have staff both in the office and Sheriffs/police that is dedicated to this. There have been so many complaints/issues/reports filed against the grow houses off Pepper Rd and NOTHING has happened. Hoe can you assure the people of the county their safely and well being with the level of activity you are offering when the current level can't even be enforced?	great idea!	indeed!	Enforcement is key.	If legal cannabis cultivators are operating within the regulations and Sonoma County Department of Agriculture Best Management Practices and are being subject to harassing complaints, the complainant should be fined for wasting county staff time.					
156	Kimberley Carbonaro	Dispensaries should not be in areas near neighborhoods, schools, and rural areas where sheriff and police resources are limited, like Glen Ellen.									
157	veva edelson	keep people accountalbe by having a zero tolerance for breaking the rules. Have regular inspections with no notice. If a rule is broken all the profit of the operation should go to the county and the grower should not be issued another permit ever.									
158	Caroline Koss	Accountability: actually listen to neighbor complaints and take action to research and enforce! Our next door grow has violated many of the current rules, and nothing has ever happened. If we violated those rules when building a home, we would never get a permit. Why is cannabis treated differently?!									
159	deborah eppstein	We are aware that black market cannabis has made its way into sonoma county dispensaries									
160	Valorie Dallas	I guess the first thing I would suggest is having clear guidelines and followthru.									
161	Max Simpson	The current operator is subject to the following regulatory entities and regularly inspected by them:	California Department of Food & Agriculture CalCanabis State Waterboard Department of Fish & Wildlife Sonoma County Ag Department Sonoma Couny PRMD Code Enforcement Department of Cannnabis Control and Bureau of Cannabis Control That is more than sufficient oversight and regulatory bodies to ensure good cultivation operations.								
162	Cathy Crowley	Successful accoutability will involve transpancy. We should be able to go to your website, see every permit request with their address, we need to know names from LLC, and list complaints and what is hsppenning.	Agreed	+1	yes	Agree					
163	deborah eppstein	The county needs to destory illegal cannabis plants- it currently does not, lets the grower move them	does the county have an idea of how many illegal operations are currently running in our county?								

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164	deborah eppstein	unannounced inspections!	Medical facilities have unannounced inspections. This is a good idea.								
165	Celeste Stephenson	This money that the Newsome is sending to he counties to help the industry ...some of it (a lot of it) should be allocated to Code Enforcement to eradicate all the illegal grows selling to the black market. That would help the legal industry more than anything else. Believe the Gov allocated \$100 million to all 58 counties and another million just to Sonoma to help growers hurt by the war on drugs. I am not making this up. Our taxpaying money!!!									
166	Jeff McConathy	I would like to see transparency on water usage with publicly available data on how the county is holding growers accountable for their water usage. Self reporting doesn't seem like a wise choice.	Agree with this.								
167	Nancy Citro	How to make sure everyone is accountable? If the county is going to open up this industry, code compliance must be reviewed on a regular basis. Maybe 20% of permits get reviewed annually. You cannot make it a citizen complaint system like special events are now. Unless someone complains, no accountability. That is wrong to put the burden on the neighbors.									
168	Dennis Rosatti	We should vision/strive foe a closed loop supply and distribution system in Sonoma County. Imagine if we can grow process distribute and sell all within our own boundaries. Low greenhouse gasses produced by sourcing local. True sustainability!									
169	Moira Jacobs	County is way too biased in promoting THC drug operations. You have no voter support for this current ordinance or this next phase you are discussing. A ballot initiative and new Supes will fix this mess. Do you realize you have a massive homeless problem and THC drug use directly increases homelessness.	This is not supported by fact. THC use doesn't increase homelessness. Where's your research?	I can send you reams of reports. Please....							
170	Valorie Dallas	All complaints should be looked into at the beginning of something as big as this.									
171	deborah eppstein	yes on water usage accountability!									
172	veva edelson	There are 26 LLC's listed for the property next to me that intends to grow cannabis. How is the county going to deal with shady businesses?									
173	Ray Krauss	Please look at the Yolo County EIR.	yes, excellent to review								
174	Moira Jacobs	Most CA counties don't allow it!! Sonoma is one of few promoting this garbage.									
175	Bob Fabian	transparency									
176	Bob Fabian	That's water use transparency									
177	Jake D	if we have more cannabis businesses, will the ordenance require a proportional increase in code enforcement and peace officers?									
178	Arthur Deicke	Entitlements are issued with Conditions of Approval. The COAs should be enforced or deleted. This applies for any new permittee, whether it is for cannabis, vacation rental, winery or other. Regulations should be enforceable and enforced or removed. For example, if an annual report is required, it should be monitored and ensure the report is prepared, received, reviewed and feedback given. If not meeting COAs, then their entitlement could/should be revoked.	So they should follow and enforce their own existing code.	Especially at the beginning of such a big change. It is a privelege to be part of this change and should be treated as such.							
179	Celeste Stephenson	Cannabis does not enjoy Right to Farm status. It is NOT considered an agricultural crop by the state and state law. Even crops with that staus can be challenged as a nuisance in the first year or two of cultivation.									
180	Mary Radu	Sheriff and Police should only be involved in crime safety issues and tracked for use in permit reviews.. Enforcement on all other issues must be handled through a separate, single source that can be seen by all citizens. Ther costs for enforcement for the approved regulations must be budgeted for what is passed. Understand costs in advance!!!!	The extra cannabis-related enforcement costs should be funded by the anticipated additional cannabis-related taxes	There is enough money in cannabis to pay for enforcement. Some areas would not even get a sheriff to their area for an hour after calling							
181	veva edelson	If nieghbors complain then the complaints should be looked into and adressed within 24 hours. If there are multiple complaints no further permits should be issued									
182	Max Simpson	The extremley high price of land and cost of doing business in Sonoma County will naturally limit the number of operators here! The county should be doing everything it can to encourage the industry not impede it.	Agree.								
183	deborah eppstein	Require a bond upon approval to deal with removal of abandoned hoop houses, etc	interesting idea	great idea!	agree						
184	Mary Radu	Complaint response must be 24/7 as many of the issues are not in office hours.									
185	Celeste Stephenson	Why doesn't the County require smart metering by the cloud? Are we seriously relying on the operators to read their meters?									
186	Nancy Citro	Didn't Napa just say No to cannabis altogether?	I think that's correct. same with marin	Napa and Marin don't allow this insane environmentally damaging policy.							
187	Lauren Marra	How big is the county's enforcement team currently?	there needs to be a proportional increase in code enforcement budget								

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188	Dani La Noire	Maybe a direct 24/7 phone number that ensures swift response to concerns or issues with a deadline for responding to concerns.	good idea								
189	veva edelson	Drones should not be used to monitor									
190	Ray Krauss	Yes, all operations should be bonded for the cost of removal and cleanup should they violate conditions.	This makes sense, depending on the scale of the project. But should not be limited to cannabis. Need to look at all industry.								
191	veva edelson	Drones negativley impact us all									
192	Dawnelle Ricciardi	Light ordinance.									
193	deborah eppstein	ban all outdoor cannabis except for limited number of those that meet appellation	Great idea!								
194	Moira Jacobs	Moratorium today! Phase out the approved sites. Allow one site in industrial zone, indoor with strict ventilation.									
195	Jake D	keep these commercial operations away so that they will not impact homes and the families which live there.	Agreed								
196	Lauren Marra	Protect our families, children, homes and neighborhoods. Allow cannabis businesses and neighborhoods to thrive by putting commercial cannabis facilities in industrial areas	agree	Agreed	Agreed!	agree					
197	deborah eppstein	why are you posting right of farm since its nto applicable?	live answered								
198	John Galt	only opposition will spend there time here. so sad.	Is it opposition or just desire to compromise?	Actually John, we represent vast majority of citizens. Over 70% polled by PD said they didn't want these THC drug operations anywhere near them. If this isn't fixed, there will be a ballot initiative. Don't invest here, it will go away. Besides synthetic THC will take over.							
199	veva edelson	no outside of the county growers please	they are now the only ones that can afford it. Sadly the ordinance is killing the mom and pop, local farmers and opens the doors for outside money to invest in sonoma county. That is why this new ordinance revision timeline is going to be terrible for our local farmers.	Lower the taxes and open RR/AR and smaller sized parcels for small grows. Equity and opportunity is needed in this ordinance.							
200	John Galt	i propose CHAPTER 38. what did we spend our time on?									
201	sheila jenkins	Sustainable land use in proportion to the available water resources. Protections for our native oaks and wildlife corridors maintained. "Dark sky "standards for lighting utilized.	Agree "Dark Sky" standards need to be part of the new ordinances.								
202	Dennis Rosatti	Cannabis is a plant and should be allowed to be grown outside. We are in a climate emergency. We should not be pushing all growing to indoor spaces. Some is fine, but the sun does the job without need for energy use.	very true and how much cannabis do we really need in this county?	And yet cannabis uses more water than most other plants...how is that looking after our planet?	Cannabis does not use more water than most other crop plants. This is false. Stop growing almonds in the desert if you're concerned about water use of plants per output.	I don't happen to be growing almonds in the dessert and those also aren't next door to my house and using the water from our aquafers! And you know as well as everyone else that water is a big supply need for pot plants.					
203	Arthur Deicke	Successful land use = clear, unambiguous ordinance, easily complied with, easily enforced.	'+1	Yes							
204	John Galt	the cannabis laws are too restrictive	Agree.								
205	John Galt	the state law allows and the county should keep cannabis ministerial as much as possible	disagree, neighbors need to be notified of any pending permits, especially next to our homes								
206	John Galt	LEA DE LIA. 5 acres and up.									
207	John Galt	arthur for president									
208	deborah eppstein	a compromise is greenhouse- uses sun plus less water	I agree greenhouses can be good mlitigators while still using the Sun's natural energy.								

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209	Valorie Dallas	Neighborhoods need protection, especially in RR and LEA zones since. Many of these neighborhoods have been around for many years, so are in the "middle of nowhere." Where I live there is a real live example of what can happen. We have 400 residents and bordering, but on 3 sides of our town there is 80 acres (5 parcels, but 2 over 10 acres all purchased by an LLC from San Francisco). They are proposing a 2 acre cannabis grow on the 80 acres. The grow is upwind from the town, there is run off that goes into the Estero Americano from the proposed grow, the roads in are as narrow as 9 feet with ditches on either side of them, there is no streetlights, there are public lands where kids play that border the proposed acre grow, 9 houses are within 200 feet of the property line of the proposed grow, everyone in town is on a well and have no idea if we have enough water for our own needs, without even adding all the water needed for a 2 acre grow, their proposed processing plant will be very close.	And the crazy part is many of us in the town are afraid their permit will go through.	Same on Pepper Rd!	also on wellsprings road						
210	Celeste Stephenson	These workshops are a farce. We've been telling the county what we want for 6 years. We don't need to do their work. they know what our vision is and they know what the industry's vision is.	I hope that is not true. If it is true. I will have to move.								
211	Brenda McConathy	It should be consistent with plans such as the Bennett Valley Area Plan that was put together to protect land use, views, etc. Cannabis grows are inconsistent with the plan and should not be permitted in this area. Other Area plans should also be followed when applicable.									
212	Max Simpson	The land use program and laws should mirror state regulations. Cannabis will soon be legal federally and Sonoma County will fall way behind the market curve if it takes too long in updating it's cannabis ordinance.	Agree								
213	Valorie Dallas	Streamline the process by creating pre zoned areas that a grower knows will be approved for growing. Allow existing communities to be exempt from being surrounded by cannabis grows by having a buffer zone around where people live.	great idea!								
214	deborah eppstein	just hoep you reallay take thse comments seriously! In the past we ahve been totally ignored									
215	John Galt	cannabis stakeholders feel abused from the last process that you ladies helped a lot with. we helped get Ch. 38 all the way through planning after a redline process and an intense amount of public input. why do we start at CHAPTER 38. these hateful opposers lie and harrass to intimidate local family farmers. let the cannabis operators breathe and stay out of it. START WITH THE ORIGINAL CHAPTER 38.	Agree! There is too much sensationalism and misinformation from the prohibitionist who want to impede the process!	Every one has an opinion and there is room for all. Capiatalism is creating a metabolic rift in our environment. It is time to update our views on landuse. I am a stakeholder and I have an opinion.							
216	Valorie Dallas	I hope a clear ordinance will help the growers to not waste money, time and energy.									
217	Mary Radu	Light and odor issues should apply to small, neighborhood growers.as well Neighbors are already impacted by these issues. Come to our neighborhood to experience it!									
218	John Galt	sarah and BJ are the best. you guys actually are really great at your job. good vibes.									
219	Valorie Dallas	Thanks to all!									
220	John Galt	5 acres and not 10 acres and up									
221	Nancy Citro	The county planning commission just approved a project out Palmer Creek on zone 4 water scarce land. Is sustainable practices part of this process?	We'll be talking about water and sustainability on Wednesday! :) Hope you can join us (or email us if you can't): https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/								
222	John Galt	20% of land if setbacks are right	I am not a Lady.								
223	Moir Jacobs	What is your vision? Do you actually think it's a good idea to push unhealthy THC drugs to youth of America, which damages brains and human heart health? Why? And you push these industrial operations into our rural lands? Your vision is the worst public policy framework I've ever seen. I've given my ideas many times to Supes. They don't listen, they are proPOT.									
224	John Galt	lea da lia									
225	John Galt	new building allowed.									
226	John Galt	CHAPTER 38									
227	John Galt	crystal is the very best in the game.									
228	Brenda McConathy	We have witnessed a number of trees cut down for more sun. This needs to be considered.									
229	John Galt	CHAPTER 38									
230	John Galt	thank you all.									
231	John Galt	dead trees cause fire									

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1	rachel Zierdt	If tax revenue for cannabis is high, there should be increased enforcement whether by the county or by the sheriff or both. There needs to be more staff in either case.						
2	Henry Edison-Burbank	there is SO much enforcement already. they come unannounced at 8am. but you wouldnt know that because it seems all you want to do is punish and intimidate.	We only want security and the peaceful enjoyment of our properties	The site I am familiar with where my relatives live next to one (Medford OR) they had dogs, mean ones at that, and my relatives could not go near their own fence without being harassed.				
3	Vi Strain	Address climate change and ways in which it will increase the risk and frequency of wildfire as well as the severity of wildfire events in the EIR						
4	Henry Edison-Burbank	dead trees need to be removed for fire safety so please allow for cannabis operators to make their properties safe.	Must have a licensed arborist determine whether tee is dead or a safety hazard					
5	Kimberly Susukida	Please define EIR	Hi Kimberly! Thanks for joining us. "EIR" stands for Environmental Impact Report. You can learn more about what we're doing here: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/					
6	Vi Strain	Consider exclusion zones to reduce development and not introduce industrial processes in remote rural areas, which in turn exacerbate wildfire risk	There are exclusion zones in place.					
7	Vi Strain	Evaluate the safety of rural residential communities with substandard roads that would be shared with cannabis operators. Wildfire and evacuation congestion on substandard roads do not meet fire safe road standards which require vehicle and emergency equipment to pass concurrently. Only permit cannabis operations on roads that meet state fire safe regulations.						
8	Mary Plimpton	County should impose a MORATORIUM on all cannabis permitting pending completion of thorough EIR that should include items pertaining to community safety security.	thats totally unreasonable. you dont get to make the law how you want it.	I agree with mary. it is important to get controls in place during this state mandated drought	Why are we calling on this for Cannabis when other agriculture has a much larger footprint of impact in our county and WAY LESS oversight and transparency. Would you say that you do not have biases toward Cannabis?			
9	C. Stephenson	Prepare an environmental report that fully addresses existing conditions related to public safety. Define the capacity of fire and police service to address additional commercial development in high fire severity zones and in remote areas accessed by legal fire safe roads.						

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10	Lori Pascarella	Licensed cannabis cultivators are subject to inspections, violations and oversight from the following agencies: Department of Cannabis Control (New merged regulatory department combining CDFA, BCC and CDPH to single agency for cannabis licensing and enforcement.) California Department of Fish and Wildlife; Sonoma County Ag Department; Sonoma County PRMD Code enforcement and California State Waterboards. The regulations, inspections and enforcement by all of these agencies if more than adequate to ensure that cannabis remains one of the safest industries in California. Virtually no other industry has this much oversight.	I agree	I agree	this is correct	That is exactly right, thank you for highlighting this. Why are other agricultural activities not subjected to this? Why is there this level of controversy with Cannabis as the MOST responsible and transparent practice to date?? It seems to me that if folks are willing to chastise Cannabis and no other crop, there are some blatantly evident underlying biases there...		
11	Henry Edison-Burbank	we need to make things safe for the cannabis operators who are being harrassed and bullied by neighbor groups. i have a neighbor who is so angry that she makes up stories. and she walks around the neighborhood with an aggressive angry face glaring at my wife and two small children (2 and newborn). think about safety for the poor cannabis operators who have been intimidated and harrassed by these hypocritical neighbor groups.						
12	Bob Langley	can we allow our choice of armed vs unarmed security professionals that are state licensed vendors (BSIS). the city allows it and the rest of the state allows it within cannabis licensing guidelines, however the unincorporated does not at this time.						
13	Joanna Cedar	Cannabis is an excellent crop for fire break. Outdoor cannabis cultivators want to steward the land and contribute to the success of the farming sector. In very high fire risk zones, the county should prioritize outdoor cultivation. Best practices for land management, fire mitigation and OSHA standards are required by state MANY regulations, far more than are required for all other agriculture.	I agree	Agreed	Agreed			
14	Vi Strain	Do not allow commercial cannabis operations to locate adjacent to residential neighborhood and towns and use the residential communities substandard roads. The increased additional traffic from proposed cannabis operations is beyond residential standards and further degrades already substandard roads.	They are not allowed in residential areas whatsoever.	This should be the same for vineyards that spray all night long with no regards for the neighborhood				
15	Joanna Cedar	Cannabis operators should be protected from harassment and abuse from neighbors.	I agree	PLEASE!				
16	Henry Edison-Burbank	I have found through my work on different types of permits at prmd and your ag dept that the ministerial process yields less bitter neighborhood opposition and support groups clashing. When public notice and neighborhood compatibility clauses activate locals to oppose something they often become aggressively focussed on harming their neighbors in any way possible in order to achieve their goal to thwart a development from proceeding. In my life I've never seen neighbors turn from friends to enemies so fast. And the lies and scare tactics come fast and numerous. The neighborhood battles should not be a part of cannabis farming. There are people who will never do anything to help solve other issues in the county but they fully commit to every scare tactic and lie to harm their neighbor because it makes them feel like a politician, decision maker, and boss. The cannabis permitting process should minimize these forced conflicts by taking the neighbors out of the equation. These people are never satisfied.						

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17	L Williams	Make sure taxes fund the police, and remember most people don't want to steal wet weed. So focus on protecting distro and retail						
18	rachel Zierdt	Keep permitting away from narrow roads. County should be marking those roads that are not applicable. There should be no grows on lanes where there is no way to egress while the fire fighting equipment is going the other way.....County needs to stop trying to narrow what the state reasonable road requirements are.	the roads are wide enough for other ag and residential uses then it is ok for cannabis.	Yes, if the road is wide enough for residential and other ag then cannabis use is OK.	I agree			
19	Rebecca Bass	good point!						
20	Vi Strain	Commercial development in high fire risk areas will require construction of new infrastructure, such as roads and pwer and gas lines will also exacerbate fire risk. Much of RRD-zoned areas are known to be high fire hazard areas due to steep slopes, dense vegetation and insufficient public safety services due to a lack of safe emergency vehicle access.	You are not allowed to cultivate above 15% slope.					
21	C. Stephenson	Make project determinations based on the mandatory Findings of Significance which protect adjacent property owner's right to health and safety. The County is fully aware if the many complaints filed (and the other residents who are afraid to file complaints). It is unconscionable to adopt a land use policy which creates such a situation. The threat to personal and public safety is significant, the County knows it and the Sheriff's department's capacity to respond in a timely manner is inadequate at best.						
22	Vince scholten	I think this industry should be treated like other agricultural uses. If you did this to the wine industry you would not be drinking anymore wine.						
23	Mary Plimpton	Request that Sonoma County reach out to other California counties & to other states for their experiences & data on changes after legalizing cannabis, in reports of trespass & other cannabis-related complaints to enforcing agencies.	agree with Mary					
24	L Williams	SRA 4290 roads might be applicable in some applications						
25	Henry Edison-Burbank	did anyone consider using the CHAPTER 38 to guide this process? why did we spend all that time and then it was not even looked at by BOS?						
26	Joanna Cedar	A robust cannabis program is necessary for the funding of county services to ensure fire and community safety.						
27	Mary Plimpton	A "safe" grow op would have to be within a defined (?10 min max?) drive for all emergency first responders (medical, fire, law enforcement)	Does the rest of agricultural have to follow these rules ,I think not					
28	Lisa Lai	cannabis farms should be exempt under BOF rules by the county considering it ag in the zoning code. farms create fire breaks. farms have water storage that is available for fire suppression. farms in rrd and water zones 3&4 help protect neighborhoods by creating fire breaks and land management	I agree	I agree				
29	Vi Strain	Study the installation of electrical, plumbing and mechanical equipment to hoop houses as well as their indoor and mixed light hoop house cultivation that was proposed in the denied ordinance if these provisions are being considered again and determine the electricity use and fire hazard impact to rural communities and impacts countywide	Again is this being done for the rest of agriculture					
30	C. Stephenson	Crime and Code Enforcement go hand in hand. The public has experience with non-cannabis issues that are never resolved and conditions of approval on projects that are not enforced or monitored. It becomes a job for neighbors to call and report and follow through. Clearly enforcement of approved CUP permits is a very weak link in the County if not a myth.						
31	Lisa Lai	cannabis farmers use regenerative practices and sink carbon from the air into the soil	Great point					

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32	Craig Harrison	High and very high fire hazard zones are too dangerous for cannabis cultivation. Human activity inherently raises the risk of wildland fires. This is settled science-- the State Attorney General's Office has filed briefs with this information.	So we shouldn't be cultivating anything at all?	Agree with Craig	I agree with Lindsey			
33	Mary Plimpton	Cannabis is raised in part for its OIL. This suggest it would be a highly flammable crop. Request County Cannabis Committee consult with professional firefighters with respect to flammability as well as safety of firefighting crews. This also suggests that cannabis grows should not be permitted in remote areas with roads that do not meet fire safety standards, are not wide enough to accommodate fleeing vehicles as well as inbound emergency responders.	This is wildly inaccurate					
34	Vi Strain	Prohibit indoor and mixed light cultivation in high fire risk aras especially close to residentially dense areas where locally prevalent winds could cause a fire sweeping through plastic hoop houses to immolate a residential community located downwind of a cannabis site. A proposal to the West and adjacent to the community of Bloomfield Creates this concern.	How is indoor cultivation going to cause a fire?	This is not true				
35	rachel Zierdt	Especially in this drought, why are we continuing permitting of any new projects. There should be a moritorium.	Then all ag should be halted ,good luck finding food as well					
36	Joanna Cedar	Code enforcement is funded from permitting fees. Can't have one without the other.	Agreed					
37	L Williams	SRA 4290 drive way standards should be extended on a case by case basis.						
38	Mary Plimpton	County must use tax revenues from cannabis businesses to increase budgets for law enforcement, firefighters & other emergency responder requirements.						
39	Henry Edison-Burbank	can i suggest that the CHAPTER 38 be used to guide this process? why cant we do that? the opposition is continuing to push and push. this is LEGAL crop and giving this much power to aggressive angry dishonest nieghbor groups is insanity. you are giving the advantage to these mean spirited folks by starting this process again from scratch. they are the only folks that have time to devote to 3 more years of this. this seems like a way to get the cannabis industry to throw in the towel. the opposition is laughing at the cannabis industry and the county staff as they manipulate and dominte this process with their LOUD and MINORITY viewpoint.	There are a lot of us that agree with this point!	Chapter 38 did not comply with State law and has been set aside				
40	Anna Ransome	Do not allow cannabis operations on sub-standard roads that do not meet fire-safe standards. Roads less than 20' in width and with limited or no turnouts cause conflicts between emergency vehicles and exiting residents.	This should also apply to vineyards					
41	Lori Pascarella	Cannabis cultivators have very strict requirements regarding site location, slope, access roads, and operating practices. Additionally, they are all required to have an approved Fire Safety Plan on record with the county which includes creating defensible spaces and having an emergency response plan. Cultivators should be seen as partners in community safety, not a threat.	Curent safety requirements are well established and should be continued in future ordinance.	Yes in many areas us cultivators have stuck around and helped fight the spread of fires.				
42	Craig Harrison	Development on very narrow roads are dangerous. Any road that is not suffceintyl wide to allow concurrent access from fire equipment and fleeing residents should either be widened or not allow cannabis cultivation. Fire engines are 8-9 feet wide. SUVs are 6 feet wide. Do the math.	In order to permit any cultivation site, it has to be up to fire codes.	If it is OK for residences and other ag then it should be ok for cannabis cultivation.	I agree with Craig			
43	Henry Edison-Burbank	cannabis opertaors should be allowed to use water trucks. the water trucks are used to wet down houses and burn areas. i have helped my neighbors with my water truscks in the past.	Absolutely!	Agreed				

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44	Judith Olney	Human activities are the primary cause of wildfires – lightning is second. Permitting commercial operations in high fire risk zones exponentially increases fire risk. Winds push fires out of watersheds and into adjacent areas – these permits are a public safety risk for us all.	So is building houses					
45	Vi Strain	Parking and travel areas on a cannabis site should be hardened and dry grass and vegetation be properly maintained and mowed to prevent fire hazards. In addition there should be best practices for owners and employees to raise awareness of fire hazards such as smoking on site.						
46	Henry Edison-Burbank	those roads have been used for decades and emergency vehicles have been OK. the opposition uses every single arguement no matter how much of a double-standard.	Agreed					
47	Mary Plimpton	A safe grow operation would be within 10 min max of emergency responders, on safe (wide) roads. It would be required to have full-operation security cameras in use 24.7; required to retain footage for a defined period of time, and to turn over footage upon the request of any enforcing agencies (including Fish & Game)	Maybe you should read he ordinances					
48	L Williams	State responsibility Area is SRA. Roads should be signed off by fire marshals. SRA 4290 roads is this conversation. Decided if you shall follow state law						
49	Lisa Lai	cannabis farmers pay \$100k per acre. sounds like a lot of money to fix our crumbling roads	Agreed					
50	Vi Strain	We recommend a ban o electrical service to temporary plastic hoop houses in fire prone areas and near residences as this creates additional fire hazards, as well as night light pollution.	This is already required,please read the ordinance					
51	Henry Edison-Burbank	ive been asking nighbors to stop double parking cars for their meetings and dinners but they wont stop. they dont care about emergency vehicles. they only want to stop the cannabis industry.						
52	L Williams	You can't make road standards less than state regs.						
53	Steven Sommer	that is set out in ag element general plan						
54	Craig Harrison	The county has allowed grows on Matanzas Creek Lane, which is 11 feet wide. Can the fire marhsal explain this?						
55	Craig Litwin	Cannabis cultivators bring water storage onsite. This helps fight fires. Cannabis cultivators also have funding to maintain fire-safe areas on their property. The EIR should study the benefits for fire safety that cannabis cultivators bring.	agree	Agree	Agreed			
56	Henry Edison-Burbank	NIMBYS want no hoops, no roads, no water, no traffic, no smell, no sight, etc... cant you see that there is no integrity to their arguement.	Agreed					
57	Judith Olney	Highly flammable items on site in wildfire risk areas: Buildings, plastics, on site fertilizers are all highly flammable – the plant itself is rich in flammable oils.	That is untrue and these things are highly regulated. Please share links to the effect that the “oils” in Cannabis are highly flammable. I can share information and images of plants that barely burned in a fire. This unfounded information, I am very saddened to see this level of blatant bias here.	I agree with sam				
58	Sam De La Paz	Rural Cannabis cultivation sites can only lend to fire breaks and water catchment & storage should be incentivized by the state and county for these operations.	AGREED!	Agreed				
59	Henry Edison-Burbank	the roads are WIDE enough. WEAK arguement. WAY TO RESTRICTIVE.	Agreed					

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60	C. Stephenson	The unpublished (and possibly) mythical cannabis revenue comes with very real additional public costs. Show us both the revenue and expense figures! Increase the Sheriff's staff and specifically train them to address public safety and nuisance complaints. The Sheriff and Code Enforcement should work more closely. Our code enforcement officers should not be placed at risk. Plants at illegal grows should be destroyed. Hire people to help with this job. No cannabis operation should be located further than 20 minutes from a sheriff response.						
61	Mary Plimpton	Growers must comply with CEQA & all enviro rules for human, riparian & wildlife safety & health. They must comply with fire safety, have emergency and evac plans - which county must review and periodically check for actual compliance. Growers must comply with all statutory laws.						
62	L Williams	Have water tanks have appropriate hook ups for current fire hoses.						
63	Vi Strain	Prohibit cannabis processing facilities close to residential enclaves. The delivery and shipping traffic, employee traffic working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week is commercial in scale and not compatible with residential neighborhoods. In emergencies, fire equipment and resident traffic cannot pass on the same street and it endangers the health, safety and welfare of rural residents.	Cannabis is not allowed near or in residential areas.	That not true. One is proposed adjacent to many back yards in a very rural area. That is why we are here	Not true			
64	Mary Plimpton	Request County seek & make public data regarding impacts on health & safety of firefighters & other responders in the vicinity of a burring cannabis grow site.						
65	C. Stephenson	Cannabis is classified as very flammable, can spontaneously combust in certain conditions. The buds are full of oil that is highly flammable.	Do you have a source for this information?	All plants are flammable if not pruned periodically.	This is definitely not true			
66	Henry Edison-Burbank	what about these neighbors living in unpermitted residential units in ag land. they should not be there. they are putting fire crews at risk too. but these hypocrits dont follow their own rules. they only want to banish cannabis which was approved OVERWHELMINGLY	Agreed					
67	Craig Harrison	A safe evacuation plan must be required for any comemrcial devcelopment in the SRA, including cannabis cultivations						
68	Mary Plimpton	Request County consult with State Fish & Game on impacts on wildlife that could forage in outdoor grows as well as impacts on normal movement of wildlife if territory is impeded by new restrictive fencing.						
69	Lisa Lai	we DO have to have water hook-ups now!	obvious for those who do their homework					
70	Anna Ransome	When discussing safe and secure cannabis operations the emphasis is on the safety and security of the operation. This does nothing to assure the safety and security of the neighbors. We have seen this in meetings where fire officials and sheriff dept are assuring us that the operation is secure.	County doesn't care about the safety of the neighbors. We have been told to get over it or move.					
71	Judith Olney	Human activities are the primary cause of wildfires – lightning is second. Permitting commercial operations in high fire risk zones exponentially increases fire risk. Winds push fires out of watersheds and into adjacent areas – these permits are a public safety risk for us all.	You said this already.	So is climate change				
72	Henry Edison-Burbank	creative: keep the loud minority viewpoint against cannabis industry in check by not giving their small numbers so much attention. you are feeding their narcissism with your undue attention.						
73	L Williams	Use tax money to expand fire stations in Sonoma						
74	C. Stephenson	All cannabis applications must comply with the evacuation and public safety requirements on SRA roads as implemented by the Ca. Board of Forestry.						
75	Judith Olney	Should commercial developments be permitted in the SRA given we do not have adequate fire and police services funded at this time						

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76	Lisa Lai	I have been on burned down cannabis farms. house was gone, plants were still able to be harvested. they do not burn. that is not correct	Were the sprinklers left on during the fire to protect the plant - this may impair fire fighting ability	correct	I know a grow that burned to the ground. House next door spared. Vineyards around the house stopped the fire in this case.			
77	Vi Strain	Human actions are the greatest cause of wildfires. Create fire safe standards for any Commercial Cultivation sited in remote areas and study the impacts of increased human activity, Utility use, and increased traffic, in light of wildfire risk and climate change.						
78	Sam De La Paz	The issue of flammability is UNTRUE, I can provide images upon request of lush Cannabis plants that have barely burned surrounded by High-Temp flames. Mendogreenwave@gmail.com Happy to share TRUTHS as necessary...	True, cannabis creates a green space that due to moisture content of live plants is fire resistant relative to the dry grasses, shrubs and trees that may be outside of the cultivation site					
79	Henry Edison-Burbank	empower cannabis haters with too much time on their hands to help in the county with the homeless problems. stop bullying your neighbors who grow a crop you dont like. BUTT OUT.						
80	katherine yates	Instead of having many small parcels for grow operations that will inevitably require big investments in enforcement and increase the likelihood of problems, have th county create a way the smaller farmers can share larger parcels that meet all the water, fire, odor, etc requirements.	This would be great in theory, but would lend to a greater environmental impact. It is easier to farm regeneratively and sustainably on smaller parcels.	Agree it makes more sense to cluster licensing where possible.				
81	Lori Pascarella	Current state licensing requirements for include submitting information on all proposed chemicals, fuels, fertilizers and nutrients for review and approval by state. Cultivators must have fire safety plan and water storage for fire fighting access. None of this should be changed, the county should mirror what the state is doing in it's ordinance.	AGREED!	Yes, exactly.	Agreed			
82	Craig Harrison	The SMND said some gropws could employ 400 people. These can never be located on narrow rural roads.						
83	Henry Edison-Burbank	there is so much water and firebreaks in cannabis sites. it helps the community.	It most definitely does!!	agreed	AGREED!	Agreed		
84	Mary Plimpton	Clusters of grow site = clusters of risk						
85	Anna Ransome	No processing in rural areas.	Processing and manufacturing belong in commercial and industrial zoned land with adequate public services - including fire and police					
86	Craig Litwin	The EIR should study how the number of cultivators has reduced SIGNIFICANTLY from what they used to be. This reduced number of cultivators reduce impacts, and should be part of the study.	agreed, the baseline from 2017 should be considered both in terms of environmental impacts and economically	agree. great point. hard to track...	I agree and with the most regulation and oversight of any crop.... Why are we not doing an EIR on 65k acres of vineyards?			
87	Henry Edison-Burbank	the Bolshevik Revolution is very relevent. same tactic. more and more division. laugh now. cry later.						

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88	Craig Harrison	GP Policy LU-7d (p. LU-44): Avoid new commercial, industrial, and residential land use designations in areas subject to "high" or "very high" fire hazards, as identified in the Public Safety Element, unless the combination of fuel load, access, water supply, and other project design measures will reduce the potential fire related impacts of new development to insignificant levels.						
89	rachel Zierdt	all the assertions about fire breaks etc....where is the data about that?	Agree.Where is the data?					
90	Vi Strain	Do not allow the use of volatile organic compounds, ethanol and high=pressure CO2 extraction and distillation all of which increase wildfire risk. Public Safety is a primary responsibility of County government and in the County's 2015 "Cannabis Cultivation Within Resources and Rural Development RRD lands Discussion Paper" reveals that the County is aware of the Public Safety impacts from inadequate rural roads in RRD.	It is not allowed.					
91	Lisa Lai	cannabis sites don't have cash at them like black market grows do. another reason to support legal farming and banking for cannabis	agree	Product is stolen, not only cash.	Agreed			
92	Henry Edison-Burbank	lawyers and neighborhood groups use a lot of CO2 with their hot air and propanganda scare tactics. they are damaging the environment.	Agreed					
93	C. Stephenson	Determine locations where illegal access from neighboring properties is likely. Increase setbacks near parks and schools and remote residential properties that could easily be used to by-pass the operation's security system.	You must submit a security plan upon applying for a permit/license.	Rumer is correct	Do your security plans cover illegal access over neighboring properties. I know a person who fence has been cut several times so burglars could go in the "back" door.			
94	Sarah Shrader	What are winery requirements for Fire Safety?	Great question	Hi Sarah! Thank you for joining us. We are unable to answer questions in detail right now, however, if you email the County we can provide more information: cannabis@sonoma-county.org.				
95	Craig Harrison	Address law enforcement concerns by implementing General Plan Objective LU-4.1 (p. LU-35) which requires sufficient public safety: Assure that development occurs only where physical public services and infrastructure, including school and park facilities, public safety, access and response times, water and wastewater management systems, drainage, and roads are planned to be available in time to serve the projected development.	Agree					
96	Henry Edison-Burbank	if the opposition was living on the correct land they would be leasing it to cannabis operators or growing themselves. they are upset they can do it. and they hate that their neighbors with the bigger properties are able to use their land as the county land use code allows. these resentful mean ladies and lawyer-type soft men are bullies and that is the only way to put it. PROTECT and ENFORCE laws against intimidations, slander, privacy, harrasment.						
97	Henry Edison-Burbank	simplisafe is GREAT. i have panic buttons everywhere.						

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98	Vi Strain	As part of the EIR baseline, develop data about rural roadways that meet fire safe standards. To avoid increasing significant impact to public safety, the County must assess the adequacy of roads in high fire risk areas for safe evacuation and prohibit new commercial developments that do not have access via fire safe roads.	Again, you cannot permit a cultivation site without having access to fire safe roads and comply with all local and state regulations.					
99	Henry Edison-Burbank	plus i know karate and ka-razy.						
100	Bob Langley	allow more freedom for addition of fencing/razor wire etc for facility security plan. i have been denied fencing and razor wire for prevention at 2 facilities.						
101	Mary Plimpton	There must be NO "crop defense" licensing to shoot, poison or otherwise sicken, maim or kill wildlife or domestic animals.	There isn't?	I am all about protecting animals and wildlife... Are other larger existing agricultural operations held to these standards? Are you also lobbying for this in those industries? If so, please let me know what solutions are being presented and how to support!				
102	Judith Olney	In addition to operators being responsible for providing on-site security, Public safety is the responsibility of City and County government. If law enforcement protection cannot be provided within 15 minutes of a call, then the attractive nuisance for crime (cash - high value plant) should not be permitted.						
103	Henry Edison-Burbank	crime ONLY takes place on ILLEGAL grows. there have been almost ZERO crimes reported on licensed grows. illegals are softer targets beacuse the unlicensed will usually not report it. licensed grows are SAFE.						
104	katherine yates	It should be patently obvious how inappropriate it is to place in rural neighborhoods grow operations that create strong incentives for criminal activity. Most of the murders in this county have occured on cannabis farms.	Not true					
105	Anna Ransome	The water use for cannabis poses a security threat for neighbors in the same watershed as it can cause overdrafting of aquifers and water shortages which leaves neighbors more vulnerable to fire.	Cannabis won't be permitted where it can't be sustained by the local watershed/aquifer. Hydrogeologic studies are required if there is any water risk. The water talk is tomorrow.	The Sonoma County water analyses is 20-30 yrs out of date. It must be updated to current conditions to be accurate and useful	Not true			
106	Henry Edison-Burbank	it would be fenced, have cameras, etc. its all already required	Agreed					
107	Robert Krug	Cannabis cultivation in commercial -agricultural areas only. Not in residential neighborhoods where people and children live.	Cannabis cultivation in commercial -agricultural areas only. Not in residential neighborhoods where people and children live.	This is already in place				
108	Henry Edison-Burbank	yes the security plan is currently really strong.						
109	Anna Ransome	Security plans are for the operations, not the neighbors!	Not true					
110	CECILE ISAACS	How can the damage done to dirt roads by heavy water trucks be paid for by the grower who does the damage? Will there be a bond? a deposit with the county? What if the grower fails to do their part? Who will monitor and arrange for the road repairs?						

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111	Joanna Cedar	Align the safety requirements with state law						
112	Craig Harrison	In Bennett Valley several rural fences have been cut to enter into legal grows on Grange Road and Matanzas Creek Lane. In one case it involved neighbors who weren't involved in growing.						
113	Nancy Nancy	Remember we are in a drought which makes firefighters job that much harder. Most of us have been through the Tubbs fire and others. No amount of water storages tanks etc. can fight those kinds of conditions. Sonoma County needs people who care about their land and do the clearing and brush abatement. Not done with this subject.	Not true most Growers are great stewards of the land					
114	Vi Strain	Remote areas do not have police protection and potential criminal activity endangering the safety of adjoining neighbors due to cultivation of a product that is desirable to criminals and transaction that are known to be cash only. Rural resients know from experience there is a lack of expedient public safety services such as fire and law enforcement for rural emergencies. A detailed study of these services to protect public safety must be completed to consider response time, adequate personnel and staffing needs, managing complaints and enforcement follow-through.	Sounds like that is a risk that accompanies the rural lifestyle already.					
115	Lori Pascarella	Cannabis cultivation sites are required to have fencing, vegitative screening, site security plan, security cameras, recorded video, to ensure site safety and document operations. This is more than adequate and should be continued as is in new ordinance.						
116	Bob Langley	yes. a security plan is essential	Absolutly - people do not try to steal my grapes or my neighbors vegetables					
117	Judith Olney	Inadequate law enforcement response times: I live on Ag land within 3 miles of Hwy 101 – my experience with Sheriff response times is 45 min to 1 hour. Should I face a serious personal threat, I may as well just ask the dispatcher to also send the coroner.	This is the typical time frame for where I live and agree with you	Not true				
118	Mike Rossi	My family was affected by the 2017 fires and had to evacuate through the neighbors property which was a shared gate with the neighbors since 1930 with my grandparents and is now going to be a commercial grow operation and I'm concerned about the safety of my family to get out in case of a fire because of the security they're going to have for the growers crop. Also my wife was about to drive to town and a gentleman in his 20s was across the fence and jumped the neighbors fence and asking my wife for a ride into town when she was only with our one month old baby. We've never had anybody around here before because we are so secluded.						
119	Lisa Lai	cannabis farmers in the future should be allowed to look and operate just like other farms. no additional measures; no fencing or security lighting required. being able to see seen from the public right of way.	I agree, normalize and it will eliminate these issues	Agreed!	Justl like Hemp.	Agreed		
120	CECILE ISAACS	If armed guards are needed for the grower, are they needed for the neighbor who becomes a mistaken target of crime?						
121	Craig Harrison	Any security plan should address security for neighbors. The current ones only protect growers.						
122	Craig Litwin	The EIR should study how licensed cannabis businesses now have access to normal banking, eliminating the need for cash on site. Hence, I suspect the EIR will find that it is safer than it used to be.	Agree!	Agreed				
123	Henry Edison-Burbank	the growers often have been fixing and paying fpor the road for years while the neighbors smile anbd pay nothing. now that the county has activated these hateful folks they want to compain and force more hardship.	Agreed					

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124	katherine yates	As long as cannabis is illegal at the federal level, there is no way to ensure safely on cannabis grow operations, for either adjacent neighborhoods or employees on the farms. Look at the data: most of the murders in this county in recent times have ocured on cannabis farms.	Not true					
125	Henry Edison-Burbank	the county has no idea how aggressive these nieghbor groups are. the provoke all the conflict and danger in the neighborhoods.	Agreed					
126	Anna Ransome	We've already had someone drive right onto our property asking if this is "where the cannabis is" because there was a proposed grow next door.						
127	rachel Zierdt	Just to set the story correct, Cannabis was voted as legal to possess in California, not that it be grown anywhere. A survey a few years ago, most people did not want to live within one mile of a grow....safety being a big reason.						
128	Jim Bareuther	The operation would be required to have security cameras operating 24/7, retain footage for a defined period of time. Currently, ATF randomly checks distillers to ensure all alcohol production is accounted for. Since grapes and grain are fermented/distilled ...how will cannabis production be monitored /accounted ?						
129	Bob Langley	local law enforcement should conduct visits and tours to see how we operate to see the standards we are setting. good or needs improvement. Give a non liable review and give suggestions to licenses that cannot afford someone in my position.						
130	Craig Litwin	Please use last names when you call out folks comments. Thanks!						
131	Craig Harrison	Cultivation sites should be clearly marked so potential thieves don't enter the wrong home.	That's going to exasperate the problem,which is your talking points you can't have it both ways					
132	Joann Binder	All of this is directed towards keeping the grower's product safe from criminals. What about the fact that the grows in residential neighborhoods are attracting these criiminals to our homes and neighborhoods? They need to be away from homes and in an area with quick access to law enforcement response.						
133	Judith Olney	Security for your family encompasses the fear of trespass and harm – gun "play" at nearby properties is intended to fuel these fears.						
134	katherine yates	The best solution to security is to have grow operations be placed in industrial zones that already have security in. place. Use solar power to make the operations sustainable						
135	Sam De La Paz	If we continue to prohibit and marginalize Cannabis, it will only increase the risk of crime. We don't see Cannabis stealing grapes.						
136	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	An exception for taller fencing. Sites not made public.	Good call	Agreed				
137	Henry Edison-Burbank	SHERRIF: please hold the opposition accountable when these liars sent reports about guns and threats in order to get their nieghbor swatted. recently a neighbor group made an accusation that i fire a high powered weapon and threatened them. THIS WAS A TOTAL LIE. they have no boudaries of honesty to acheive their goals.	Agreed					
138	Henry Edison-Burbank	this is harrassment and intimidation	Agreed					
139	L Williams	Follow state guidelines. Nobody in their right mind wants to put themselves in danger						

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140	Vi Strain	Address the issue of potential criminal activity impacts posed by Commerical Cannabis Cultivation. The PD has covered local criminal activities including murder to do with cannabis transactions. It's clear the County acknowledges the issue by requiring security fencing, locking gates, night lightning, drones, and guard dogs. What is less clear is acknowledging the physical safety of residents when considering cannabis applications. The County is responsible for public safety and to address the health, safety and welfare of its residents. Do not allow cannabis operations where residents are negatively affected and that disrupt and create condition that threaten their physical safety.	Agree.	How are plants going to threaten your physical safety? Sounds like you are saying all cultivators are criminals.	You are confusing unregulated and regualted activities. Please take the time to inform yourself as a citizen. This is a converstaion on moving forward not instances before the ordinace was introuduced.	I'm not confusing anything. There is a lack of understanding the ways in which residents would be more comfortable with cannabis if the industry would take community concerns seriously and address them effectively		
141	Joanna Cedar	The only cannabis farms that have cash are the unregulated ones. The safest program is one brings many, many more cannabis farmers into the regulated system	Agreed!	Agreed				
142	Henry Edison-Burbank	'+++++ the list of licensed farms should NOT be published online for criminals to use as their roadmap. WHY would you post these to the public and then complain about crime?	Could not agree more! This is ridiculous that all licensed cultivation sites addresses are made public record increasing risk of crime.	Agreed agree				
143	Lori Pascarella	The owners, operators and employees are hard working, tax paying members of this community and should be respectfully treated as such. The new ordinance should have no change to the current requirements for site security and fire safety, unless it is to lessen requirements and treat cannabis cultivators like other legal businesses in the county.	I agree					
144	Sam De La Paz	Cameras and security are required by the state for compliance. Security cameras, access to banking (as Craig mentioned) are all that should be needed to comply.	This is in reference to cultivation only, to clarify. All of the above apply to cultivation.					
145	Henry Edison-Burbank	nobody wants judiths junk produce. grow up judith. judith is using scare tactics. the threats are coming from the opposition groups.	Agreed					
146	Vi Strain	The County must have an enforcement team dedicated to monitoring cannabis operations. Implement an enforcement team, similar to Humboldt County, consisting of Sheriffs, Fish and Wildlife and Water Resources staff to perform surprise inspection for compliance.	These teams are extremely important	YES! - Contact other growing areas and adopt best practices	We get surprise inspections periodically by both Fish and Wildlife, Waterboard, CDFA, DCC, and more. We have more laws and regulations than most agricultural industries combined.	These teams already exist and these inspections already happen. Please educate yourself on the rules and regualtions	Please familiarize yourself with how much local residents have experiece in these areas and pay attention to address them adequately instead of denying there is a problem	Is the rest of agricultural uses treated this way,I think not
147	L Williams	Hire more sheriffs so current response times go down.						
148	katherine yates	Do research on other counties regarding the effectiveness of security cameras and security guards.						
149	Henry Edison-Burbank	do you know how many enforcements inpsctions we had within the last year? dozens. all unannounced and surprise. HOW IS THIS REASONABLE? cannabis opertaors should not pay the huge fees and taxes and then be treated like criminals.	Agreed					
150	Joanna Cedar	All cannabis plants are tagged and tracked by state law	Agreed					

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151	Sam De La Paz	SOLUTION: Neighborhood support, such as neighborhood watch groups would be an ideal scenario. But first we must embrace these operators and not marginalize them.	We cannot be isolating and chastising these cultivators and expecting comfortability for anyone in our neighborhoods. Again, prohibition is the only component that brings crime. Normalize this plant 🌿	Agreed, if neighbors acted like, well, neighbors as opposed to harassing, bullying and ostrasizing farmers.	Keep indoor grows & processing in commercial & industrial areas where security fencing and lighting are a common use. Not in rural areas, near homes, schools, parks or any county maintained bikepaths where such ruins views and interferes with dark night sky and interferes with wildlife and increases the possibility of potential crime or harm to those living nearby.	Agree with Joanna		
152	CECILE ISAACS	Keep commercial operations on public roads with public services within reasonable response time. That will make cannabis growing profitable and safe.						
153	Vi Strain	Change the initial term of permits to match the State License term of one year. Compliance with water, odor control, plastic handling and disposal. All evidenced claims of potential violation should be investigatd immediately.	Do not agree					
154	C. Stephenson	Do these vaunted and required security plans address fire safe roads? Firefighter egress with simultaneous evacuation of residents? Recall an article in the PD that Gore waved to figfighters on Mill Creek Road who couldn't access the final four miles. Gore drove by in his SUV as they were working.						
155	Craig Harrison	If cultivation operations were consolidated in a few areas, law enforcement issues would be simplified.	Agree. Designate an Inclusion Zone at the airport.	Do not a	Do not agree			
156	Sonia Taylor	We are doing a diservice to cannabis operators by not considering possible future insurance concerns (some day cannabis operators will be able to get insurance, I hope). Cannabis operations should be located in areas where the fire and theft danger is insurable -- not in very high/high fire danger areas, not on narrow substandard roads, require a complete security plan, fire protection and public safety response times that are acceptable (45 minute response time seems to be far too long), requirements to report all attempted thefts, a full emergency evacuation plan, etc.	Agree. Obtaining home insurance in the WUI is difficult already.	Agreed				
157	Henry Edison-Burbank	hopefully crystal and others will dig into the HUGE amount of work done on CHAPTER 38.						
158	Joann Binder	Do we really want armed guards and razor wire topped fences on the streets where we live? Pot grows are fine with me.This is not about being anti pot. The grows need to be away from residential neighborhoods. The sherriffs dept. need to work with code enforcement.						
159	Craig Litwin	Cannabis taxes from compliant businesses should not be used to go after the alternative market cultivators. Keep cannabis taxes low. Find another funding source for enforcement on non-regulated cannabis cultivators lest we make the barrier to permitting too high.	Threats agains neighbors have happened from operators of permitted grows as well...not just illegal growers.					

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160	Nancy Nancy	Security plan needs to be in place. Pot is a cash crop and cash breeds corruption. Refer you to Press Democrat Nov. 2016 homicide at an indoor/outdoor grow. Suspect from out of state came here to get in on growing pot. Seems like background checks etc. on workers is vital. Also on permit holders Who are the folks behind the commercial grows. Do they even live in Sonoma County?	We must submit security plans upon even applying for a permit/license. Background checks are done on all employees, just as such with any other industry.	So, five years ago is your example? Permitting requires livescan fingerprints and background checks for all operators.	I live in sonoma county and am a licensed cultivator. Have been raising my children here since 2005. You are referring to incidents in the unregulated market before we had transparency. I entered willingly to be protected but I continue to deal with hostility	I agree with Natasha, this antiquated anti-cannabis rhetoric is only driving wedges and eliminating trust in our communities. Normalization is the only thing that will curb crime. Criminal activity on licensed operations is extremely low compared to unlicensed operations.		
161	Vi Strain	Renew permits with no violatons or unresolved complaints for two years, with the caveat that if violations and complaints occur late, the county will revoke the permit effective immediately.	So one violation rescinds a permit? It's not like that in any other industry, so why cannabis? Permits already are monitored and must be renewed.					
162	Henry Edison-Burbank	people who are licensed will call in the crimes. the black market is ripe for crime because those folks will not report and the goons from alabama know it.						
163	Vi Strain	Stop bad actors, any person performing an illegal or unpermitted activity should be required to stop all activities immediately, dismantle operations, pay a fine and be ut under a two-year probation where the violating operator will not be issued any cannabis permits.						
164	Henry Edison-Burbank	inside job. also neighbors break onto properties even though there are posted no-trespassing signs.						
165	AnnaRae Grabstein	Thank you Sheriff for acknowledging that legal cannabis has improved safety. We need to remember that incidents that arose in the illicit market are NOT THE SAME as LEGAL OPERATIONS.	Agreed					
166	Henry Edison-Burbank	my operation keep the nieghborhood safe. we are always alert.						
167	C. Stephenson	Why would the County want to endanger our firefighters and our residents for a cannabis grow? Grow it elsewhere and not on dead-end roads over 1 mile long and less than 20 feet wide.						
168	Craig Litwin	The EIR should study crimes against regulated versus unregulated cannabis businesses. If the bulk of the crimes are against unregulated businesses then you can document how regulting this industry is the safer alternative.						
169	Vi Strain	Again, that's not true	What's not true, Vi?	Thank you Craig				
170	Lori Pascarella	Updated regulations regarding banking to reduce use of cash in the cannabis industry is probably the biggest change that should be made to improve safety for the operators, their employees, and the surrounding community. The county may not be able to directly address this, but it should support any legislation that may come forward to make this possible.	Absolutely!	i agree lori	I agree. Legal banking and insurance would help.	Agreed		
171	Henry Edison-Burbank	neighbors want to point all the criminals to cannabis operation. some of these sweetie boomer ladies would literally walk the criminals onto the cannabis operation to help them. empowering NIMBY's to this degree is a sick joke.	Agreed					

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172	Sam De La Paz	Please ask for local police records on crimes against licensed Cannabis farms in the past few years. They are few to none. Only illicit operations have prevalent associated crimes. Again, prohibition brings crime... simple as that.	sam is correct	Exactly! The EIR should study this and prove that regulations are the preferred and safer alternative.	Are legal operators aware of where the illegal operations are? If so, do you report them?	Agreed		
173	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	Please Mr. Jason Lucas can you calrify your statement where neighbors have been targetted instead of "legal licensed grow"? As you just mentioned	These types of statements fuel hysteria.					
174	Bob Langley	i view the crime tracker for the county. It does not give specifics to cannabis related crimes to help make risk assesments, adjustments, and bolos. Is there a way to get up to date information on crime trends specific to cannabis? from dumpster diving to worst case scenario. maybe quarterly meeting with sherriff?						
175	Craig Litwin	Discourage public maps of licensed cultivators as seen on the SOS website.	totally	This was a egregiously unneighborly choice	Agreed the sos group is the problem			
176	CECILE ISAACS	Change banking regs to remove incentive to keep cash on hand.						
177	Henry Edison-Burbank	There is virtually ZERO crime on licensed cannabis operations. the security plans are already very detailed and intense.						
178	Henry Edison-Burbank	Discourage public maps of licensed cultivators as seen on the SOS website.	Agreed					
179	Henry Edison-Burbank	Discourage public maps of licensed cultivators as seen on the SOS website. THIS IS SO ELEMENTARY.	Agreed					
180	CECILE ISAACS	Sam De La Paz said:Please ask for local police records on crimes against licensed Cannabis farms in the past few years. They are few to none. Only illicit operations have prevalent associated crimes. Again, prohibition brings crime... simple as that.	Is that true?					
181	Nancy Nancy	Five years ago was a notable starting point as much more crimes have occured since. Where is the big money coming from to purchase the very expensive land in Sonoma County? Then to rip out vineyards, dig wells etc. This takes a lot of money. This is not the small farmer but smacks of big businesses, maybe even crime syndicates. Just don't want people to be naive.	What about leases?	where do you get your information? I am curious. Cultivators are not allowed to pull out grapes for cannabis.	Not true			
182	Judith Olney	I live on land zoned for agricultural crop production - not commercial operations of a product that is determined by the State and federal government as a controlled substance.						
183	Henry Edison-Burbank	GREAT JOIB JASON!						
184	Joanna Cedar	In my experience, in the vast majority of cases the neighbors have been unwilling to engage with the industry to serach for mutual solutions and choose to demonize and marginalize predominantly small farmers and blame them for what happens at unregulated sites.	Agreed					
185	Anna Ransome	How do you determine if someone is an impaired driver with absence of a test like with alcohol?						
186	Henry Edison-Burbank	SONOMA COUNTY SHERRIFS ARE GOOD FOLKS. ESSICKS GETS PROPS.						
187	Anna Ransome	Bartenders have to be trained to cut off inebriated customers. What is in place for cannabis to assure customers don't leave the site too stoned to drive safely?						
188	Sonia Taylor	Do legal cannabis operators know where the illegal operations are? If so, do they report them, and if so, does the county have the personnel to shut them down?						
189	Bob Langley	retail. put your product away and locked up every night and weekends. jewelry stores do not keep product out anymore.						
190	Vi Strain	that's not correct. Farms, Dairies do not have crime problems. Criminals do not break into dairies and steal a gallon of milk.	What about PETA? Or wineries are conviently left out of this conversation?	Yes they do				

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191	Judith Olney	Retail in city centers - with city supplied services - with locked doors and on-site security personnel						
192	Sam De La Paz	The antiquated anti-cannabis rhetoric is only driving wedges and eliminating trust in our communities. Normalization is the only thing that will curb crime. Criminal activity on licensed operations is extremely low compared to unlicensed operations.	FACTS.	Agreed				
193	Henry Edison-Burbank	anna, how do we find out how many pharmacuedical drugs these old boomers are taking all day?	Agreed					
194	Sonia Taylor	Retail should be limited to incorporated jurisdictions.	I disagree. The county allows commercial activity, in Forestville, Graton, and many other places. Cannabis must be treated the same.					
195	katherine yates	Kudos to Jason Lucas for making it real. One real problem that we have in our neighborhood is an operator with deep pockets who does not reside in this county, They are starting a trucking company to transport their product, which will be driving on our rural neighborhood roads. Solution: dont give permits to corporate operators, only to farmers who have lived in the county a minimum of several years.	Problem is Katherine most cultivators became ineligible due to the exclusion of AR/RR					
196	Lisa Lai	retail sites are super safe as is. distro sites have been targeted. distro address should not be public	Agreed					
197	Jim Bareuther	With many agenda items, I am perplexed as to why the county is not using the regulations that surround the beverage alcohol industry (from farm to table) as guideposts for this discussion. No one is stealing grapes or corn to produce alcohol ... not the case with cannabis production. With respect to retail consumption (think tasting rooms) what are the proposed cannabis regulations. Currently there is no impairment test for cannabis and thus there should be no on site "tasting rooms"	bravo! agree					
198	Mary Plimpton	Safe retail would be locked at all times, with entry allowed only upon presentation of id confirming legal age. It would have 24/7 security cameras, wld retain footage for defined period of time & wld turn over footage upon request of enforcing agencies.						
199	Joanna Cedar	Change the definition of retail to allow for farm stands and buds and breakfasts	Agreed					
200	AnnaRae Grabstein	State security requirements for retail are extremely robust and sufficient.	Agreed					
201	Henry Edison-Burbank	these old boomers can drive around blitz on prozac, xanax, and pain killers and other drugs all day until they are blurry. and they pee it into the water supply. is that not a SAFETY ISSUE? they are poisoning out water with their pills.	Agreed					
202	Henry Edison-Burbank	retail should be allowed at farms						
203	Steven Sommer	allow grower to have cottage industry like spelled out in agelment so they sell product directly	"Cottage" is a eupheism and implies small and quaint when it is actualy 10,000 square feet. Sort of like "net zero" water implies no water is being used but it is not going into replenishing the aquifer or keeping the donwstream flow adequate..					
204	CECILE ISAACS	Agree with Judith Olney's comment						

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205	rachel Zierdt	I looked at an renewal. The original permit had many mitigations...allowing a hedge to be a barrier instead of the required setbacks....and when that mitigation didn't work, the renewal was allowed still with this faulty mitigation. How is that helpful?	All the waivers they ask for are given.					
206	ron ferraro	should be a cap on retail in county	agreed. keep it where it is					
207	Henry Edison-Burbank	events and farmstands should be legal just like the boomers favorite drug wine.	Agreed!					
208	Craig Litwin	Lift the cap on total permitted retail dispensaries in the County. 9 are too few.	Agree!	9 is already enough. some have been waiting 4-5 years to be processed. open them.	agreed			
209	Lori Pascarella	I feel safer in a cannabis dispensary than most any other retail operation. Where else, other than the bank, do you see a guard on site and such robust security camera systems!						
210	Vi Strain	Prohibit on-site consumption of cannabis, on rural sites. impaired drivers and substandard roads throughout the County are a dangerous mix.	is that not the case for wine tasting?	Yes, it is so it would be a double problem				
211	katherine yates	store and transport permits should be issued only to residents of Sonoma county, not to outside corporate operators with no emotional connection to the county.						
212	Judith Olney	Concerned about distribution of this product - perhaps armed vehicles as used by banks						
213	Craig Litwin	Allow onsite consumption. Study it.						
214	C. Stephenson	This is a great idea. Our sheriff has been forced out of the equation unfortunately. It's all up to Code Enforcement and they are required to give a 24 notice and need a court order to go on the property if the owner refuses entry.						
215	Jeff Nash	Are kids allowed close to retailer shops	No. And all retail and cultivation sites have large setbacks from youth areas including schools, parks, national parks, etc.	You can put a liquor store closer to a school than a dispensary.				
216	Joanna Cedar	There should be no cap or restriction on location for retail	Agreed and dispensaries should be allowed in higher-security areas...					
217	Sam De La Paz	Again, access to banking and the ability to lessen cash on-hand is ideal. On-site security and most of the measures are required by default. Retail locations should be increasingly allowed in more trafficked and well established areas. Also, the need for consumptions lounges and the ability to donate Cannabis to those in need is necessary to curb any desperate measures that people may take to rob a retail location.						
218	Judith Olney	A Use Permit is required to sell or sample on Ag lands						
219	C. Stephenson	No on-site consumption. Result? impaired drivers.						
220	katherine yates	There should be a lot of info on this issue in other counties with retail stores and transportation operators						
221	Sam De La Paz	Retail locations should be increasingly allowed in more trafficked and well established areas. Also, the need for consumptions lounges and the ability to donate Cannabis to those in need is necessary to curb any desperate measures that people may take to rob a retail location.						

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222	Nick K	For those who may not know, dispensaries serve as a retail outlet for cannabis. Consumers do not use cannabis products on the premises of dispensaries, they only go to purchase said products.	For those who may not know, dispensaries serve as a retail outlet for cannabis. Consumers do not use cannabis products on the premises of dispensaries, they only go to purchase said products.					
223	rachel Zierdt	I agree that retailers should be local.						
224	Craig Litwin	Allow delivery by distributors from Industrial areas as an add on permit. By the time the EIR is done we may already be federally legal and able to ship across state lines. Let all businesses have this retail perk.	Yes agreed					
225	Henry Edison-Burbank	the total of 9 in just right. but you need to process the projects that have been "in cue" for 4 years. how can a local independent manage this expensive processing for 4-5 years? do you want locals or not?						
226	Mary Plimpton	Since cannabis businesses are not federally approved, they are primarily cash businesses. Request that County seek info from other growing counties and stats to measure effect on financial crimes & regarding safety & security of any and all cannabis-related financial transactions. - HOW WILL COUNTY RECEIVE ASSESSED TAXES if conventional checking & bank transactions are not possible?	County happily takes cash....	in pillow cses or suit cases? What could possibly go wrong?				
227	Joanna Cedar	Cannabis dispensaries are WAY safer than places where alcohol is served	Agreed	Agreed	Yes - because they are not participating in inebriation tourism - no tasting on site			
228	Henry Edison-Burbank	consumption lounges should be allowed at dispensaries						
229	Steven Sommer	allow delivery from farms	Agreed!					
230	katherine yates	retail operations on the same site as a grow operation will bring an increase in traffic. Therefore, if retail is permitted on a grow site, the grow site needs to be away from residential roads						
231	Nancy Nancy	Good idea that retailers should be Sonoma County residents. Have an investment in the community they live in.	I like that, that would be a great way to keep monies and small business empowered locally.	and then will you protect us???	Yes, COMM-UNITY... same team!! Come on... we got this.			
232	Joanna Cedar	Consumption lounges, YES!! And should be an add on permit to any retail establishment like coffee shops, restaurants and yoga studios	Agreed					
233	Henry Edison-Burbank	if the dispensary is on proper eleigible LC land then the consumption lounges will fit perfect. dont wait to add this right for dispensary operators who have already waiting 4-5 years through the expensive processing.						
234	rachel Zierdt	There is a way to measure when someone is impaired with liquor...until there is a way to assess the level of impairment created by consuming cannabis products, there should not be on sight consumption allowed.	Walk a line.	There will never be a way to test for impairment in the manner that a blood alcohol level is determined. The science doesn't work that way. Instead, train law enforcement to look for impairment...as Craiig said, walk a line	So it should be allowed for wineries, tasting rooms and bars, but not for Cannabis? We can compare statistics on alcohol impaired accidents to Cannabis...			
235	Henry Edison-Burbank	consumption lounges for dispensaries only.						
236	Joanna Cedar	Change the definition of retail to allow for farm stands and buds and breakfasts	Yes!!					

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237	Sam De La Paz	Currently section 8 housing does not allow any consumption of any kind on these properties. We need inclusive and accessible consumption lounges where consumers can enjoy Cannabis without risk of consequences.						
238	Henry Edison-Burbank	dont knock the legs out from the dispensary operators who have been trusting and waiting years to be processed. give these folks the rights to add consumption to their projects if they have suitable building space and correct land use designation.						
239	Steven Sommer	cannibus will tasting by growers just like wine tasting rooms						
240	Sonia Taylor	I'm not a fan of people drinking and driving, so am also not a fan of consuming cannabis and driving. Both are unsafe to everyone else on the road. Can cannabis operators get insurance to cover their possible liability if they allow onsite consumption?						
241	Henry Edison-Burbank	black market tourbus. not regulated enough. bad idea. they dont give liquor licenses to your busses.						
242	Judith Olney	Until there is a test for inebriation and impaired driving – and commitment by law enforcement to enforce - no public onsite consumption. How will participants prove they have a driver who has not participated? Only an established tour where there is a professional driver						
243	Henry Edison-Burbank	limited commercial land is the correct land for dispenasries and coffee shops and restaurants.						
244	Lori Pascarella	Sonoma County is world renowned for it's wine appellation and next year when appellations program opens up for cannabis it will be recognized as a top cannabis appellation. To not allow for events and legal tasting venues is ridiculous restriction that negatively affects the county's restaurant, hotel and tourism industries. People to Sonoma County for the weed, wine, great food and amazing recreation! It is past time to open up canna-lounges, canna-tasting rooms and events!						
245	katherine yates	They will cause a big increase in traffic. So they cannot be anywhere that put traffic on residential roads.						
246	Craig Harrison	Consumption only in parcels zoned comemrcial or industrial.						
247	Henry Edison-Burbank	LC land is the correct place for dispensaries. and ONLY dispenasries should have consumption lounges.						
248	Lisa Lai	yes please to all your examples. same regulations as grapes; tasting, direct sales and tours.	Agreed.					
249	Henry Edison-Burbank	tasting should be allowed on farms and other licensed grow areas.						
250	Judith Olney	Consumption lounges in hotels where participants can walk to their room. Official tours only - with a professional drivers.						
251	Nancy Nancy	New business potential! Driverless Cannabis Cars preprogrammed to take tourists to various Consumption sites!						
252	Henry Edison-Burbank	doublestandards btw wine and cannabis are WRONG						
253	CECILE ISAACS	Let's learn from wine/drunk driving on our roads. Don't allow parking lots near tasting locations. If the customer is not able to walk very far, they should not be driving.						
254	Craig Harrison	Don't allow this in any of the areas where cultivation is not allowed.						
255	Judith Olney	Sonoma County has a much higher incidence of DUIs than the state average - and death rates in DUI related accidents are higher than speeding related traffic	Do you have this information related to cannabis? Because this relates to alcohol.	Alcohol related.	This sounds fabricated, can you please cite the source of this information?	So we increase the cumulative public safety impacts by addiing cannabis inebriation?	Sounds like you don't have any data or facts.	

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256	Sarah Shrader	There are currently no places for medical cannabis patient living in federally subsidized housing to use their medicine. Consumption needs to be available.	whole heartedly agree!!	Yes, this is a major oversight in the regulations that impacts the lives of patients				
257	rachel Zierdt	yes, consumption at grows will increase traffic....and of course our roads are to narrow.						
258	Henry Edison-Burbank	young folks w money will travel here and want cannabis. they dont care about wine anymore. sonoma county should be thinking about allowing this energetic young industry remake sonoma county as a cannabis hotspot worldwide. we will all be left behind because of these NIMBYS and who will pay for out counties expenses? boomer control freaks.						
259	katherine yates	Wineries with tasing rooms typically have large acreage and not in neighborhoods. So you cannot equate cannabis tasting rooms with wine tasting retail if and when the grow operation is on only 10 acres in or adjacent to neighborhoods.						
260	Sam De La Paz	May have been looking for THIS ONE: Sam De La Paz (You): Currently section 8 housing does not allow any consumption of any kind on these properties. We need inclusive and accessible consumption lounges where consumers can enjoy Cannabis without risk of consequences.	yes we do!					
261	Henry Edison-Burbank	n95 mask with built in charcoal filters. these cannabis haters prob want to where masks until the end of time too.						
262	Joann Binder	Cannabis businesses are not federally approved, they are primarily cash businesses. How will the county financially benefit through taxes if conventional checking & bank transactions are not possible? And all that cash can attract more crime.						
263	Mary Plimpton	No consumption at grow sites, in rural areas with narrow winding roads! "Blissed out drivers" on our rural roads - Seriously?						
264	C. Stephenson	Why don't we reward the legal growers if they turn in the illegals? they know who and where they are. Spend some of the largesse that Newsome is sending the counties way to help the legal industry. 100 million dollars for 58 counties. Nothing for homeless or affordable housing?	You can absolutely NOT increase this type of criminal treatment without a clear pathway to licensing! That is asinine!!					
265	Henry Edison-Burbank	all opposition groups can come to cannabis farms and get free cannabis. maybe that will chill them out better than their crazy pills.						
266	Craig Litwin	The EIR should look at how alcohol (addictive and deadly) is regulated for onsite consumption/landuse and allow cannabis (safer and not deadly) the same permissions.	Most definitely!	Provide technical analyses for the ways that impaired cannabis drivers are less deadly	Agreed Craig!	There is far less evidence of that, sorry for that Judith, there will be more to come for sure. Although, Cannabis has been around just as long... We still haven't had enough cases to even hear about Cannabis intoxication in the news.		
267	Judith Olney	Medical cannabis dispensaries do provide for on-site consumption	Where?	That is simply not true	Which ones? None that I am aware of	Where are you sourcing this information?		
268	Sam De La Paz	Consumption should be allowed in parody at very least with alcohol. Alcohol causes more deaths per year than many leading causes.						

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269	Vi Strain	Bloomfield has an illegal junkyard that the County has been working on abating but has not been successful. Neighbors report fires at night and gunshots as well as illegal drug creation and use. The Sheriff will not come out unless and incident happens so the community has few actions for abatement. We have the same concerns with cannabis proposed adjacent to multiple back yards. We ask the County to seriously consider more proactive ways to quickly abate illegal land uses and illegal cannabis operations as part of their responsibility of public safety when preparing the EIR	What does this have to do with cannabis exactly?	This same group of bad actors were part of an illegal cannabis raid by the County but they are still active in the area.				
270	Nancy Nancy	Like the idea of legals turning in illegals. We should all be watching out for each other.	We need to create more opportunities for small growers to enter the legal market.	I agree wholeheartedly				
271	Henry Edison-Burbank	lets revisit the wine indutry beginnings in sonoma county. would anyone even know about sonoma county wine? would we have tourism? if these opposition groups were given such a voive back then there would be NOTHING. these opposition groups were doing free-love, communism, and LSD. most were smoking weed every day. the flower children have turned into full on authoritarians.						
272	Joann Binder	Onsite consumption shpuld be in commercial areas where there is easy acces to lft, uber, public transit etc. for potentiallylly impaired drivers to have other options.						
273	Henry Edison-Burbank	the inspections are intense and they dont play games. its very stressful and not easy. anyone who thinks otherwise is misinformed.						
274	Henry Edison-Burbank	kudos to the sonoma county ag dept. one of the classiest operations in this county. we are lucky to have them.						
275	Joanna Cedar	Cannabis industry operators are held accountable by state regulations. Align with the state.						
276	Kimberly Susukida	Where I have a second home in Humboldt County, I have been impacted by growers who have moved in nearby. We frequently hear fire arms. Our neighbors have walked in the area and have been met with fire arms. I worry about safety along these lines.						
277	Mike Rossi	So your were all talking about all this security and safety for the grower, retailer and processing facility but what about the safety of my wife 2 year old and 3 months old if my wife has to evacuate like we did in 2017 by herself with the children trying to get through lock gates by yourself while I'm at work on the ambulance running 911 calls. I personally don't think that the making money should overlooking the safety of its citizens to allow a crop that shouldn't be in a location that will affect personal safety is the right thing to do. We have had two homes on the property before the fire but after we rebuild the second home we will have two families that will have to evacuate.	Im sorry to hear that you had to go through what sounds like a very traumatic event. I think the idea is to consider the safety of us all.					
278	Henry Edison-Burbank	wow, snitch squads. can anyone say RED GUARD.						
279	Judith Olney	Accountability is the responsibility of the operator and the enforcement team - enforcement should not rely on neighbors having to turn in their neighbors or bear the costs of ensuring regulations are upheld						
280	Kimberly Susukida	I worry about electrical issues and fires. I worry about the water table. I would like to know about the by-products of growth and how it they might affect the environment.						
281	Mike Rossi	You're looking at this as an agricultural product but my neighbor growing grapes does n't care if I evacuate through their property						

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282	Nick K	Judith Olney wrote an article about being against any entertainment venues, citing drunk drivers. She essentially is arguing against any activities that could be related to an increase in tourism revenue as well as bringing in new business into our beautiful county. She is against progress.	Judith Olney wrote an article about being against any entertainment venues, citing drunk drivers. She essentially is arguing against any activities that could be related to an increase in tourism revenue as well as bringing in new business into our beautiful county. She is against progress.	The County is well concerned about my concerns related to road safety	Well aware of my concerns			
283	Mike Rossi	How is the County letting someone buy three different 10 acre parcel's and have over 30 different individual permits for growing cannabis all on the same property without having an environmental impact study?	Due to the caps on cultivation, these numbers are wildly innacurate.	I called PRMD and there are there are 3 individual properties with each have 10 permit on each property being just under the limit not to get an environmental impact study.				
284	CECILE ISAACS	Need to consider bonds and other advance measures in order to pay for corrections to projects that become nuisances.	Those are currently required.					
285	Henry Edison-Burbank	the grown up hippes who dont like cannabis now want snitch squads. BOLSHEVIK REVOLUTION was the beginning of some very bad times for EVERYONE. bad idea. stop the division. and stop the goon squads. give operators in good standing respect and treat them like human beings.						
286	Sam De La Paz	You can absolutely NOT increase criminal treatment, such as neighbors calling neighbors, without a clear pathway to licensing! That is an asinine consideration!!						
287	Steven Sommer	isnt that the purpose of Metrc and local guidelines?						
288	Joanna Cedar	The county should not pit neighbor against neighbor. The costs associated with accountability and enforecement can only come from a robust, broad program that has MANY, many more operators						
289	Lisa Lai	neighbor driven complaints further bad relationships. accountability should happen through already established site visits	Yes there have been many cases where neighbors faslify claims wasiting valkuable personell time and resources.					
290	katherine yates	The county will need a big increase in enforcement staffing. There is probably data on the ratio between the number of grow operations and the number of enforcement staff needed to be able to enforce accountability. the staff salaries needs to come from the grow operators, as they are the reason for the need for the staff. For every pound of product produced, a tax specifically for accountability enforcement should be part of the permit process.	Please educate yourself.					

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291	Kimberly Susukida	Earlier in the presentation you stated that the Coastal region is exempt. How is that? Can you please explain.	Hi Kimberly, thank you for joining us. The area listed here - the CC - is not included in this ordinance. https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/PRMD/Services/Zoning-and-Parcel-Report/Zoning-Codes-Coastal/ YOu can also email us at cannabis@sonoma-county.org to learnmore.					
292	Craig Harrison	Enforcement is a joke; they don't hold law breakers accountable. The Department of Agriculture conducted a compliance inspection on June 11, 2020 at a PRP grow on Grange Road. The report for that inspection notes for this property states: there "were no METRC tags on any of the plants and my estimate is that there will be approximately 6000 sq. ft. of canopy at maturity. Their license is for 5000 sq. ft. The plants were directly under the drip line of the oak trees which had been severely cut back. There are no porta-potties on site. The lack of metric tags shows it is was a black market operation. The Ag Commissioner decided "no penalties."						
293	Bob Langley	visit facilities, tour and give feedback on becoming better with compliant necessary items. build trust between regulators and operators. too much division.						
294	Sam De La Paz	There needs to be transparency from the county and leading authorities in parody with the industry operators. The stakeholders (Both Cannabis and Neighborhood) deserve to know all of the monies being spent and on what efforts.						
295	Anna Ransome	Enforcement is the key. The County and Ag Comm have not been actively enforcing violations making neighbors cynical about the whole process. Legit operations should not support those who get away with flaunting the laws. It's unfair business practices at the very least.						
296	Lisa Lai	no former cops should be allowed to be code enforcement agents for cannabis farms						
297	Sam De La Paz	Maybe an upvote forum for Cannabis tax dollars allocation within the county?						
298	Lori Pascarella	In addition to the many other state and county agencies, Sonoma County Department of Agriculture has an amazing team doing regular inspections of cultivation sites to ensure regulations and best managment practices are followed. Cannabis cultivators are either compliant, brought into compliance, or removed from the program if unable to come into compliance. This type of oversight and enforcement should continue in new ordinance.	Agreed. It is already working.					
299	Henry Edison-Burbank	CRAIG HARRISON is WRONG and is either a PAID HACK or just a UNPAID HACK.						

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300	Vi Strain	Conditions of approval on projects must be monitored by the County and not be depend upon neighbors to notify the County and then have to continue to call to get action. The County should return to a problem site and make sure problems are addressed	Yes, that's what's in place already.	Measures to avoid land use conflicts between adjacent properties is required. Monitoring is not adequate	This is incredibly vague. Land use is already zoned by the County and has been for years.	Cultivators are regularly inspected by county and state agencies as part of the licensing enforcement process and they must follow up directly on clearing violations within a limited timeframe. No other industry faces this level of scrutiny or enforcement.....		
301	katherine yates	One of the more common violations by indoor grow operators is inadquate odor control. So the enforcement staff will need the appropriate equipment and experts to test odor and chemical leaks.						
302	Henry Edison-Burbank	neighbors call in and they are often lying or trying to get their neighbors swatted.						
303	Henry Edison-Burbank	the agencies know that the neighbors keep calling and it is lies. but it takes lawyers.						
304	Sam De La Paz	Taxation and enforcement without representation is a failed paradigm... Currently a provisional applicant has no constitutional rights... But is fined, taxed and held to the fire by all sides for their operations.						
305	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	Neighbors should be fined for falsifying claims against cultivators and waisting personell time and resources.	Agree with this completely! Too many cries of wolf!!!	YES!!!				
306	CECILE ISAACS	Don't place inspection and enforcement in the hands of departments that have a record of non-enforcement. Keep up County operational standards.						
307	Lisa Lai	the county should be educating the public on what rules are already in place and defending legal farms against neighborhoods groups who are spreading untruths	Agreed, the county knows that the vast majority of opposition to a broad cannabis program is contrived by few to the detriment of many	Its about time!! citizens need to be informed not just projecting personal biases.				
308	Judith Olney	Neighbors are giving up on reporting non-compliance or threats because there is no response or follow up by enforcement.	Inaccurate. Investigations are most definitely made	They are not. I don't know where you get your information				
309	Steven Sommer	NO CANNIBUS RURAL RESIDENTIAL						
310	Henry Edison-Burbank	GUTZMAN has a horse farm that smells terrible all the time. they make up stories. BOYCOTT the christmas tree farm next to the luther burbank center. they are terrible neighbors who just moved here 2 years ago. BOYCOTT KRINGLES CORNER.						
311	Sam De La Paz	SAFETY: We need to incentivize transition to the legal landscape by creating a functional Cannabis permitting program. 2Yrs is NOT going to help with this.						

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312	Vi Strain	The County should switch gears and think about the promised neighborhood compatibility rather than thru this lens of cannabis. Why aren't these sessions asking how cannabis will responsibly come to Sonoma County and fit in with existing conditons and enhance the County.	Because it is already here, and has been.	That is all we are trying to do here. Cannabis has been here... Now that we talk about legitimizing operations all the anti-Cannabis comes out of the woodwork to shut operations out. Especially small mom & pop cultivators... How is this inclusive in ushering in an inclusive and safe industry?	The cannabis industry had exclusive rights to meet with the Ad-Hoc committe for months. This is the only forum we have had.			
313	Joann Binder	Results of inspections and followup (violations and penalties) should be available to the public	Agree					
314	Henry Edison-Burbank	the easements and roads are taken out of properties frontage to help traffic proceed to smalled broken off parcels. the land often is owned by the cannabis operator. NO DOUBLESTANDARDS						
315	Nancy Nancy	Should have County inspectors for all aspects of Cannabis operations. The County should have specific Cannabis departments with multiple sub-departments for farmers, retailers, safety issues etc. More jobs! Think Alexander Hamilton.						
316	katherine yates	The biggest conflict in this county with cannabis growers is with placing them in or near neighborhoods, due to all the issues it raises: traffic, odor, water, and safety. If this issue is eliminated by placing the operaors in industrial or commercial locations, and/or in large areas (like an unused airport for ex), there could be a great and harmonious cannabis future in this county.						
317	Henry Edison-Burbank	dont give the public more private operator information. they torture their neighbors enough already.						
318	Mike Rossi	I called PRMD and there are there are 3 individual properties with each have 10 permit on each property being just under the limit not to get an environmental impact study.						
319	Steven Sommer	CANNIBUS IS ARICULTURE NOT COMMERCIAL						
320	Henry Edison-Burbank	PROTECT LANDOWNER RIGHTS. cannabis landowners HAVE RIGHTS to privacy and peace to enjoy their property.						
321	Bob Langley	give free consultations to licenses on safety and security plan and give risk assesment to aid in further making a license a hard target.	OSHA already provides much of this for all businesses in California					
322	Sam De La Paz	SECURITY: Recommend neighborhoods to come together and embrace Cannabis operators. This would only lend to additional comforts for both parties. This is about COMMUNITY.	YES! We are one big Sonoma community!					
323	Lisa Lai	I just want to make sure you realize that a lot of farmers are not here to defend themselves because it is the end of harvest/turn over season	truth, hard working farmers	TRUE	this will be 3 more years that harrison and the others will get to torture us. they get to lie and manipulate while we work.			
324	Henry Edison-Burbank	maybe the county should give badges to judith, gutzman, harrison and all the other dishonest manipulators.						
325	Judith Olney	How will unsafe properties and unsafe roads impact our lucrative tourism industry? Unlike Napa and Marin, Sonoma County has not looked into these economic consequences						
326	Vi Strain	It's the same for residents. The notice was short and many have had to change plans to participate in this process						

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327	Bob Langley	OSHA does not have anything to do with securty element. but yes, they can provide that for the safety side of things						
328	katherine yates	provide leases to growers to lands well away from neighborhoods, larger parcels like wineries and dairies have. The farmer wont have to come up with huge amounts of money to purchase the land.						
329	Lori Pascarella	Cannabis has been proven to increase tourism, and it generates jobs and significant tax revenues that can be used for infrastructure improvements. Amazon has more traffic impact on the region than cannabis!	Exactly!					
330	Henry Edison-Burbank	this will be 3 more years that harrison and the others will get to torture us. they get to lie and manipulate while we work.						
331	Vi Strain	Do the work and research in the EIR and provide constructive and creative ideas that can be reviewed and commented on by the public						
332	Joanna Cedar	Sometimes the best idea is to do nothing...the state has the vast majority of needed regulations already in force...align tith the state						
333	Craig Litwin	Consider a list of recommended actions that one can put in their application, such as a Good Neighbor Policy, that are not required but are suggested. Reaching out to neighbors before hearings and regularly could be another item on the list to increase accountability.	I like this	Many cannabis operators already have this. We are part of the Sonoma community!				
334	Sam De La Paz	Normalizing and creating safe operations is all we are trying to do here. Cannabis has been here... Now that we talk about legitimizing operations all the anti-Cannabis comes out of the woodwork to shut operations out. Especially small mom & pop cultivators... How is this inclusive in ushering in an inclusive and safe industry?	Agreed!	The irony is that the more people shut out the mom and pops the bigger the operations we will see. So the best way to reduce impacts from cannabis is to embrace the efforts by small farmers to get permitted.	Exactly Craig, thank you.			
335	Henry Edison-Burbank	CHAPTER 38 ??????? ?!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!						
336	Lori Pascarella	Cannabis has been proven to increase tourism,generates local jobs and significant tax revenues that can be used for infrastructure improvements. Amazon has more traffic impact on the region than cannabis!						
337	Henry Edison-Burbank	is that banned information? we spent years on that! CHAPTER 38!!!!!!!!						
338	katherine yates	Instead of the county being in the passive, receiving position regarding applications, which trigger a labored review process for each application, turn it around and have the county come up with cannabis grow zones, and provide realistic access for local farmers to the lands in these zones.						
339	rachel Zierdt	The state is overwhelmed with all the permitting. They rely on the county to do the due diligence.						
340	Sam De La Paz	Thank you so much Crystal and all of the staff and support today! Your efforts to hear from all stakeholders are revered!						
341	Henry Edison-Burbank	kudos staff. great group from county. i trust this process but its really bad its going to take another 3 years. why not start with some of the great work from CHAPTER 38? can you explain why that is not?						
342	rachel Zierdt	The comments about small farmer etc. is not being borne out here. Many large corporations....						
343	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	Thank you All						

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1	rachel zierdt	Its wonderful that there is a Spanish translator.						
2	Moira Jacobs	County must conduct complete study on marijuana impacts on DUI, traffic accidents, fatalities from DUIs caused by marijuana. County must conduct study on marijuana impact on homelessness, crime and mental health. County must provide extensive education programs on harms of THC drugs to all grade school and high school students. So far little or nothing has been done on any above. Sonoma County has put the horse before the cart, they only promote, promote, promote Pot as if it's their religion.	I agree.	Please refrain from using derogatory terms. Cannabis	According to Sonoma County law enforcement there is still no consistent roadside DUI test for DUID for marijuana. This must be fixed before any new pot operations given licenses. Look at Colorado reports, 4 years ahead of CA with data, legalized in 2012, results include: - Traffic fatalities increased over 31% since 2013. The rise in statewide traffic fatalities has coincided with a rise in instances of traffic fatalities where the driver tested positive for marijuana (active THC in the blood	Correct. Law Enforcement has a long way to go to understand the effects of consumption and impairment as it relates to driving. Former Police Officer and Drug Recognition Expert	More research needs to be done.	I don't believe that licensing relates to consumption necessarily.
3	Ray Krauss	It needs to be acknowledged that cannabis production is not just farming or agriculture. The production of cannabis results in a high value, low volume, highly transportable product. A truck load of grapes is just a truck load of grapes. A truck load of cannabis is many thousands of dollars. As such, it will always remain a potential target for robbery and violence and thus a security risk to it neighbors. Cultivation sites should be used exclusively for cultivation. All trimming, processing, packaging, and manufacturing should be strictly limited to suitable commercially and industrially zoned sites. There should be no product retained or stored at cultivation sites in order to reduce the risk of robbery and violence. Sales and consumption should be strictly limited to the dispensaries sites in the manner that many wineries have set up off-site tasting venues.	good points	This is pretty much the standard Ray. Most cultivation sites are drying offsite and most definitely manufacturing				

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4	rachel zierdt	It was disappointing in this morning's session, that the fire marshall gave inaccurate and/or misleading answers. There are permits being given on non fire-safe roads under his watch. It is indeed unfortunate for those residents living on these roads and puts them all in danger. My son is a fire fighter and is very concerned that there be development allowed in roads where people need to egress and his men and equipment need to dodge them to fight the fire.	So many cannabis farmers are working towards supporting fire fighters and allowing their properties to be used as an added evacuation route. I am not sure who or where you are getting your information from but rest assured that cannabis applicants have been making sure they are addressing fire concerns. It's odd that people do not have a problem with semi trucks logging huge redwood tress or fire damaged trees up and down some of these more than adequate rural roads but when it comes to cannabis it becomes a huge issue and concern. Just saying.	Your statement is contradictory. One hand your saying permits have been issued on unsafe roads and on the other your saying your son the fire fighter is concerned about new development? Which is it?	"allowing their properties to be used as an added evac route" — if the property is located several miles down a dead end one lane road and there is no connection to any other road this is literally meaningless. There is absolutely no added safety from an evac route that goes an edge of a property and no further.			
5	Bob Storms	Can people on this screen identify themselves and tell us who they are and what they do.	We will be doing that momentarily! Thanks for attending tonight Bob!	Thank you	Do you mean something like resident of sonoma county or grower or lobbist or parent or teacher?			
6	veva edelson	Given that we have not had time to really address the safety of Cannabis Operations adjacent to our rural towns Please Adopt a Moratorium until Sonoma County prepares an EIR to determine environmental conditions and an Ordinance to set standards for the Industry. Under the current ordinance we will have cannabis 100 feet from our property lines and 300 feet from our residential homes. Stop accepting new cannabis applications until an environmental setting document is prepared and circulated which analyzes the County's water resource capacity and calculates currant water use.						
7	Valorie Dallas	The EIR should be completed before an ordinance is written. I so appreciate the county asking our input, but without the results of the EIR it is difficult to determine the best way forward. I ask to Adopt a Moratorium until Sonoma County prepares an EIR to determine environmental conditions and an Ordinance to set standards for the Industry. Stop accepting new cannabis applications until an environmental setting document is prepared and circulated which analyzes water, fire, safety, etc.	This approach will completely kill the small family farmers and will eliminate cannabis businesses being able to support other small businesses. Before you suggest something so radical please consider the local impact	I do not consider this radical when we are in a drought, climate change exisits, lots of fires, water issues. I am sorry the last few years have set growers back.	Promoting unsustainable expansion of cannabis farming risks gutting whole neighborhoods — think about the impact on small businesses then — 30+ families leaving because a cannabis farm used up all the ground water is considerably worse for the whole community			

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8	Moira Jacobs	<p>According to Sonoma County law enforcement there is still no consistent roadside DUI test for DUID for marijuana. This must be fixed before any new pot operations given licenses.</p> <p>Look at Colorado reports, 4 years ahead of CA with data, legalized in 2012, results include:</p> <p>- Traffic fatalities increased over 31% since 2013. The rise in statewide traffic fatalities has coincided with a rise in instances of traffic fatalities where the driver tested positive for marijuana (active THC in the blood</p>	I don't disagree, but hard to fix this issue when testing and research doesn't allow it.					
9	gail cafferata	<p>We need an immediate moratorium on commercial grow permits until an EIR process is implemented for all grows. As a pastor, I believe in the Golden Rule, and especially the ethic of Rabbi Hillel, "What is hateful to you do not do to others." What is going on now is hurtful to current landowners and homeowners who are experiencing health issues among their children and family members with respiratory illnesses. Permits need to cease while this process is underway.</p>	Agree!	Many cultivators have families of their own to support. As a pastor how do you feel about completely undermining the ability of small farmers being able to support themselves and local economies?				
10	Moira Jacobs	<p>Drugs attract criminals and exacerbate homeless problems, examples:</p> <p>1) A 2019 study conducted in Denver found that the existence of both recreational and medical marijuana dispensaries in Denver neighborhoods are significantly and positively associated with increased crime (L. Hughes et al., 2019).</p> <p>2) Researchers found that Denver neighborhoods adjacent to marijuana businesses saw 84.8 more property crimes each year than those without a marijuana shop nearby (Freisthler et al., 2017).</p>						
11	Moira Jacobs	<p>3) The number of court filings charged with the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act that were linked to a marijuana charge increased 639% from 2013 to 2017 (Colorado Department of Public Safety).</p>						

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12	Moira Jacobs	Marijuana negative impacts on homeless: 1) The U.S. Department of HUD reported a 13% increase in Colorado's homeless population from 2015 and 2016, while the national average decreased 3% (Burke & Acuna, 2017). 2) Business owners and officials in Durango, Colorado, have testified that the resort town "suddenly became a haven for recreational pot users, drawing in transients, panhandlers, and a large number of homeless drug addicts" (Kolb, 2017).	Moira anybody can go and look up statistics online. Thank you for copying and pasting info and flooding the space with what could be a constructive and informative conversation. There are so many factors ranging from the economy, to the current politics and national crises that there's really no way someone can directly correlate homelessness (a unique individual struggle), or "crime" in general, with a larger scale vague statewide consumption of cannabis report. However thanks for sharing					
13	Moira Jacobs	3) A 2018 study, conducted by the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, surveyed seven Colorado jail populations. It yielded results that further link homelessness and marijuana use (CDCJ, 2018). The study, though small, found that 50.8% of respondents reported using marijuana 30 days prior to their time in jail. Additionally, 54.9% of respondents who were homeless prior to their jail time reported marijuana use 30 days prior to it (compared with 36.1% reporting alcohol use).	It is my opinion that licensed cannabis businesses that have well designed and implemented security systems and SOPs can lead to a safer neighborhood.	I personally don't feel more secure thinking about having a neighbor with a high security system, lights and drone surveillance.	Agree			
14	gail cafferata	There are all kinds of incentives for criminal activity at commercial grow sites at harvest time because of the value of the crop compared with all other things grown. This will challenge law enforcement and endanger all homeowners and landowners living on roads near to grows.						
15	Who is John Galt?	neighbor opposition has identified their neighbors who they want to harm. there is no integrity to their arguements						
16	Ray Krauss	Cannibis production in rural areas increases the likelihood of of wildfirre ignitions as a result of increased human activity in high fire hazard areas, extensive electrical distribution systems for greenhouse and hoop house illumination and ventilation. There have been instances of ignition and wildfire from drying facilities. All of the activites should be located in urban.	Most are. Outdoor cultivation poses little threat and may indeed actually halt fire being that cannabis may be a fire resistant plant.					
17	Who is John Galt?	there should be cannabis operators with water trucks and yound healthy men able to help.						

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18	veva edelson	Safe cultivation looks like only permitting cannabis sites in areas if there are any residence within 5000 ft which have roads that meet the firesafe road standards. Wildfire and evacuation congestion on substandard roads do not meet fire safe road standards, which require vehicles and emergency equipment to pass concurrently. Only permit Commercial cannabis operations on roads that meet state fire safe regulations.						
19	Who is John Galt?	cannabis is s fire break and is dafer for neighborhoods.						
20	Deborah Eppstein	Agree with Ray						
21	Who is John Galt?	NOT IN MY BACK YARD						
22	gail cafferata	Ther Hippocratic Oath is "First, do no harm." Harm is harm. Do not do harm.						
23	Ray Krauss	Safe cultivation should be located in low fire hazard areas, not in high risk zones.	That would be ideal Ray but unfortunately not the reality especially with climate change.					
24	Who is John Galt?	these people who hate could never work as hard as a cannabis farmer. they had a charmed easy life as a bommers						
25	Lauren Marra	Safe cultivation would be permitting commercial cannabis in places such as industrial areas where there is adequate water supply, where it's close to city fire departments and associated resources, and away from homes and farms/fields where the fire could then get out of control and easily spread	agreed	Agreed	Extremely bad for the environment. Cannabis is a plant and should be grown in agricultural areas	Not true. In a controlled environment water can be recycled and reused	growing indoor is extremely efficient	
26	Moira Jacobs	These are not "farms" these are THC drug production operations.	Please make the effort to meet a medical cannabis patient. Or are you just a proponent of opioids?					
27	Who is John Galt?	boomer hypocricy						
28	gail cafferata	Commercial marijuana grows harm the health of abutting neighbors in Sonoma County (Petaluma) http://www.sosneighborhoods.com/from-the-field-enforcement-where-are-you/						
29	Forest Houtz	away from All rural communities, on fire safe roads.						
30	Deborah Eppstein	No cultivation in high or veyr high fire zones, and no cultivation on narrow and dead end roads. County must follow the state fire safe regulations- it does not now						
31	Who is John Galt?	BOLSHEVIK REVOLUTION 2.0						
32	Valorie Dallas	Without the ERI results it is difficult to determine what is safe. Maybe we should wait for that.	good point					

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33	Brantly Richardson	Safety and crime cannot be separated from Code Enforcement and police response time. There are many examples on non-cannabis issues that are never resolved and violations that are not enforced, monitored or fined. The sheriff's response time is critical for such a high end product that requires heavy duty surveillance and security. The security of the adjacent neighbors must also be determined. Innocent bystanders on adjacent properties may be accidentally targeted. Illegal access to the cultivation is likely from parks, schools and remote residences.						
34	Deborah Eppstein	Need to follow safe access. The Fire Marshall and Permit Sonoma need to follow the state fire safe regulations and stop approving road reports and recommending approval of cannabis operations on unsafe roads in high fire risk areas that blatantly violate the state fire safe regulations.						
35	Jean Hegland	Safe cultivation would require easily accessible roads that would allow first responders to arrive quickly and residents to evacuate easily. One lane roads are not appropriate, There must be more than one method escaping in case of a fire.						
36	Valorie Dallas	When there is a fire, saving humans are most important, then animals, then homes, then livelihoods. How can we ensure our evacuation routes prioritize these things. I understand that the safety and security plan for a proposed grow is private, but wonder who is liable if it is not adequate.						
37	Valorie Dallas	When I looked at the list of chemicals being proposed to be stored on site in my local cannabis permit application, I wondered how volatile these chemicals are. Science should determine if these are safe to store near residences in case of fire. Will the processing facility 30 feet from my neighbor's house blow up in a fire? And if it does, who rebuilds our town of 100 houses?	We are not allowed to store chemicals. Legally not even allowed to use pesticides.					
38	Ray Krauss	Adequate road access is essential.						
39	Who is John Galt?	wild fires are stopped by water trucks and hard working men. let the cannabis industry protect the spoiled boomernimby						
40	Deborah Eppstein	No cannabis operations on shared private roads unless all other parcel owners agree in writing. This jeopardizes safety of residents and appropriates their property rights to the shared private road						
41	Deborah Eppstein	Cannabis operations should not be allowed on roads where evacuation is already problematic or where adding additional people or vehicle trips would make it problematic						
42	Bob Storms	In Orange County, the 3rd most populous county in California expressly PROHIBITS commercial cannabis cultivation in the unincorporated areas.	This relates to safety directly concerning wildfires.	It is also historically not a county that produces cannabis.	It sure isn't.			

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43	gail cafferata	Potential criminal activity in the cultivation of marijuana includes use of chemicals and pesticides that are illegal and risky to people and wildlife and may pollute soil and ground water.	Not true. Please educate yourself and read the ordinance and regulations. We are not allowed to store chemicals or even use pesticides and we are inspected often					
44	Herman G. Hernandez	Applicants who are willing to provide emergency evacuation routes; applicants who provide water sources for fire fighting; applicants who communicate regularly with their local fire fighters; applicants who are willing to install fire cameras; applicants who host fire prevention town halls; applicants who are willing to put fire breaks around their property; all these would be good stewards for fire and emergency safety practices.						
45	Moira Jacobs	No outdoor THC drug production sites in rural lands, none down narrow roads that are unsafe in fire evacuations.	It is called cannabis. Please learn new words					
46	Deborah Eppstein	Safe evacuation plan must be required and demonstrated- this is a major issue in rural areas						
47	Valorie Dallas	Where I live there is 2 parcels with 1 acre proposed grows with a processing facility. The access road to this grow is 9 feet wide with ditches on each side. The only way 2 cars can pass is by one pulling into a driveway on the road. The entrance to this proposed grow is at the end of a dead end road. There should be a fire safety plan and clear evacuation plan submitted for the local residents if there is going to be a processing facility.						
48	Ray Krauss	Must be adequate escape potential in cases of wildfire.	Absolutely					
49	Deborah Eppstein	Cannabis should not be in locations over 15 min from sheriff response						
50	veva edelson	A cannabis processing facility needs to be far enough away from any residence that if there is a fire THC in the smokey air would not make it challenging for neighbors to safely gather their kids and animals and evacuate. People need to be sober enough to drive away.						
51	Chris Eggers	Well thought out SOPs as well						
52	Arthur Deicke	All new developments, no matter for residential, commercial, industrial or agricultural must meet all fire safe zones including access, flood zone considerations and seismic issues. Cannabis should be no different.	Exactly	Thank you.				
53	Who is John Galt?	in the future we wont give all the reigns of power and control to the most spoiled and entitled generation who has damaged our country beyond repair. let the friendly baby boomers pass on and not force us into their hell-world of masks and authoritarian red guard control.						
54	Deborah Eppstein	if in rural areas, only in low fire risk areas, and on wide roads.						

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55	gail cafferata	Cannabis cultivation and other commercial cannabis activities attract crime and associated violence; in this County and others cultivation and other commercial cannabis activities have been a magnet for thefts, robberies, illegal firearms, shootings, and homicides.	Completely inaccurate	Dr. Khallouff tell that to all victims murdered or shot at THC drug operations.				
56	Brantly Richardson	The environmental report must fully address the existing conditions of police and fire services and their ability to handle additional commercial cannabis development in high fire risk areas in the WUI (Wildfire Urban Interface) on both SRA (State Responsibility Areas) and LRA (Local Responsibility Areas).	agree					
57	Moira Jacobs	A THC drug production operation near us blew out a transformer at height of fire season. These operations are notoriously unsafe. They produce tons of plastic garbage too.	Your reference to an illegal site does not relate to this conversation on the regulated market	No I'm referring to legal sites in all my comments. Don't speak for me.				
58	gail cafferata	Both outdoor and indoor grows may contain armed guards and/or booby trap devices that threaten severe bodily harm or death to those who attempt to access them. Such devices may be a threat to any person that enters the area of the grow, but are often designed specifically to injure law enforcement personnel. Especially during harvest and processing season there is an immediate threat of violent crime depending on the size, location, gang/drug trafficker involvement, and monetary value of these cannabis grows.						
59	Deborah Eppstein	Cannabis operations should not be allowed on any dead-end road which has residences between the cannabis operation and the cross-road, due to safety from increased traffic and evacuation hazards.						
60	Julia Kozitsyna	Narrow, unpaved, one lane, dead end roads are entirely unsuitable for commercial operations — there is enormous wear and tear from commercial traffic, there are no provisions for operations contributing to upkeep of these roads, there is no recourse if there congestion or dergration.						
61	Deborah Eppstein	The Fire Marshall and Permit Sonoma need to follow the state fire safe regulations and stop approving road reports and recommending approval of cannabis operations on unsafe roads in high fire risk areas that blatantly violate the state fire safe regulations.						
62	Ray Krauss	Remote locations are far from emergency services with excessive response times.						
63	JOEL HOYT	operations seem vulnerable. it would be great for them to be high priority for law enforcement.						
64	veva edelson	I think it is also important to locate cannabis operations where there is ample fire support and law enforcement and code enforcement	agree, this is very important					
65	veva edelson	A cannabis processing facility needs to be far enough away from any residence that if there is a fire THC in the smokey air would not make it challenging for neighbors to safely gather their kids and animals and evacuate. People need to be sober enough to drive away.	Good Point.					

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66	Bill Krawetz	'•Operations of this type are more appropriate in a commercial business area where support services are available (police, fire, water, staffing, parking) and people's lifestyles are not jeopardized.	agree.					
67	Who is John Galt?	the opposition will hone is on anything they can to harm their neighbors. they already know who they want to shut down and they are being spoonfed the info and reasons to complain. the roads and smell is not the issue. it is the deep rooted anti-cannabis hatred. are you seriously missing this? which real cannabis operator can waste time in this boomer hatrefest. worst generation EVER. total hypocrits and the county is empowering them.						
68	veva edelson	Do not allow the use of volatile organic compounds, ethanol, and high-pressure CO2 extraction and distillation, all of which increase wildfire risk. Id. at 37.						
69	Leo Avatar	wouldn't the tax revenue generated from cannabis be a great Benefit to for departments?						
70	Deborah Eppstein	No cannabis operations on shared private roads unless all other parcel owners agree in writing. This jeopardizes safety of residents and appropriates their property rights to the shared private road						
71	gail cafferata	Marijuana cultivation endangers health when it burns during forest fires!!! Don't allow it at all!! !						
72	Forest Houtz	There MUST be sufficient water to defend against fire emergencies. Considering the draught situation in Sonoma County, it is difficult to understand ANY cannibus cultivation where water is shared with at risk communities!						
73	Who is John Galt?	my crew would try to help the old boomers. but they are so hateful and manipulative that we will not.						
74	Deborah Eppstein	8.Operations in the Penalty Relief Program were prior illegal operations where the appropriateness of the site was not analyzed. Sonoma County has allowed them to expand and operate for 4 years without analysis of the safety - such as traffic, fire hazard, odor issues, crime. Neighbors have alerted the county to these safety issues over the past 3 years to deaf ears; such operations must be terminated without further delay.	This has contributed why there is no trust between the growers and residents.					
75	Julia Kozitsyna	We already have a Fire Safe Roads guidelines — we cannot ignore them and cut corners during the permetting process. We have these standards — why do we keep glossing over them in approvals?						
76	veva edelson	The County must have an enforcement team dedicated to monitoring cannabis operations. Implement and enforcement team, similar to Humboldt County, consisting of Sheriffs, Fish and Wildlife and Water Resources staff to perform surprise inspections for compliance. (DL)						
77	gail cafferata	No safe way to accomodate commercial marijuana grows during forest fires.						
78	Who is John Galt?	great work BJ and sarag						

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79	Iveva edelson	Require fire inspection reports on all hoop houses.						
80	Ray Krauss	Limit cultivation sites to cultivation only, no trimming, processing or manufacturing or sales or dispensing.						
81	Julia Kozitsyna	Should be required to contribute on a per plant grown basis to road maintenance	good idea					
82	Brantly Richardson	What is the actual tax revenue derived from the industry and does it cover the very real public expenses involved to support it such as the additional Sherriff staff needed for policing a high value product, their training, litigation and court time?						
83	Who is John Galt?	no crime in licensed ops. its clear. boomernimbys are bullies and using any reason they can to harm their neighbor. who will protect local cannabis farmers from these lying and manipulative neighbor hate groups?						
84	john iervolino	Why can cannabis facilities in Santa Rosa have armed security, but not in unincorporated Sonoma County and what must we do to allow armed security officers in unincorporated Sonoma County. Thanks, john.						
85	Who is John Galt?	chapter 38 anyone? why are we pretending that we didnt spend 2-3 years on that and get it to pass planning?						
86	Brantly Richardson	Will there be damage to our tourism industry because of the fear of crime. Will tourists decide to go elsewhere?	It will increase. People in and out of California want California frown cannabis.	Actually I've seen a picture of your grow. i don't think anyone will want to visit it.	It can be cultivated in appropriate areas- not wherever an investor wants!!			
87	Chris Eggers	Security Plan is also a blueprint that your business will lean on to deal with various security issues that could arise. Think through your daily operations as you draft your Security Plan. Hostile vegetation is a great way to form a barrier that is aesthetically pleasing, FYI.						
88	Julia Kozitsyna	site security seems to focus on protecting the cannabis grow — what about protecting neighbors? If there are trespassors trying to get in to the property then they are very likely trespassing on neighbor properties to start with. having a grow in a neighborhood literally requires the rest of the neighborhood to invest in security on their own dime	exactly					
89	Who is John Galt?	how many crimes in the last 2 years at licensed operations whether cultivation or retail? NONE	Try 3 years.					

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90	Bill Krawetz	<p>What would a safe and secure cannabis growing operation look like in a successful cannabis program? It wouldn't be anywhere a residential neighborhood! Imagine overnight having a neighbor/business move next door that requires 24/7/365 security guards (regardless of what kind of product) and strangers camped out on the property during harvest time. Would you feel comfortable sending your kids out to play in your own yard, or even feel some hesitancy coming and going yourself under these circumstances? Do you think you, your spouse; your kids would ever feel the same comfort level again? No business that requires 24/7 security should be anyway near a residential neighborhood (regardless of the zoning). Completely incompatible with families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations of this type are more appropriate in a commercial business area where support services are available (police, fire, water, staffing, parking) and people's lifestyles are not jeopardized. 	I agree. Limit all cannabis to existing commercial and industrial zones.	It is a plant. We are an agriculturally rich and diverse area. Cultivators are farmers.				
91	Dani La Noire	Located in an industrial area where response time for PD is faster.	yes, the infrastructure is there					
92	Who is John Galt?	BJ and sarah should use this same format to gain world peace.						
93	Chris Eggers	Safety and Security involves more than just the security system, but is also the SOPs. A proper security plan includes thoughts into neighboring properties and community members.						
94	Julia Kozitsyna	There was a shooting during a fire evacuation in Plumas county related to a cannabis grow — do we really want armed employees who have the potential to shoot police or firefighting personnel??						
95	Ray Krauss	Successful safe secure operation would be limited to cultivation only with no accumulation or retention of product to attract robbery.						
96	Who is John Galt?	it is a NATURAL and GOD GIVEN right to protect yourself no matter where it is						
97	gail cafferata	San Joaquin county banned commercial grows because of criminal activity. They say in their regulations: Cannabis cultivation and other commercial cannabis activities attract crime and associated violence; in this County and others cultivation and other commercial cannabis activities have been a magnet for thefts, robberies, illegal firearms, shootings, and homicides. Outdoor cultivation is very visible and may be easily accessible to the public, including children and youths.						
98	veva edelson	There does seem to be a lot of tax dollars going into making it possible for a few people be able to then use our shared resource of water to line their personal pockets with cannabis profits. During our climate crisis a safe and secure growing operation would be no more than 5000 sq ft integrated into a polyculture farm growing a variety of species of plants not just cannabis.	Agree					

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99	Valorie Dallas	Transparancy in the security plan would be helpful to build my trust. No guns or drones where my kids play.	No guns are allowed	Then why do they shoot them off at night? You don't live at your grow.				
100	Herman G. Hernandez	Like the cannabis farms and businesses that are already permitted and operating in sonoma county.						
101	Jean Hegland	First responders need to be able to arrive within 5-10 minutes. If armed security officers are necessary to protect the grow, what will protect rural neighbors?						
102	Brantly Richardson	Allow cannabis processing only on designated commercial and industrial zoned parcels.						
103	Lauren Marra	Safe would be in a commercial area, where the facility can be in a secure building, have a security team/plan, and where cannabis growers can even share resources such as security teams, cameras etc	That is a good idea! Put all the security away from where kids play.	Totally agree				
104	Valorie Dallas	Along with allowing legal cannabis we should add an enforcement department that is funded by those growing the cannabis. Design it with a phone number that someone can call other than the police or sheriff that will help in disputes, problems, etc. Have people who can enforce the rules and protect local residents. If it proves unnecessary, it can be removed.						
105	Deborah Eppstein	industrial areas, with good security fences, lights, on site guard 254/7						
106	Bill Krawetz	'•In the hearing on the Purvine application, Sheriff Essick was impressed with their security plan, but noted it would take 20 minutes for the Sherriff department to respond to any calls and they recommended the neighbors arm themselves if concerned. How could an individual ever feel the same around their home again? How would you feel? The point being this is unacceptable and completely avoidable with the right Ordinance.						
107	Bob Storms	With all due respect, the facilitators continue to push us for our "positive" ideas and what a "successful" marijuana grow situation is, and we are here to give you OUR input. Many of us in Sonoma County really want nothing to do with cannabis.	Sonoma county has been producing cannabis for a very long time. Cannabis is medicine for many people. People in this county deserve to have locally cultivated cannabis in such an agriculturally significant region	"Dr" Natasha, many of us are saying go ahead and grow it, but do it in a commercial or industrial area where it doesn't affect the lives, safety and ebvironment of our community.	Agree			
108	Who is John Galt?	fantasy: remove totalitarian boomernimby bolshevik influence. their days are OVER. they ruined this world and hould be on the sidelines right now. let the new blood and young entrepreneurs and families have their freedom from these maniuplulative liars.						
109	Moir Jacobs	If you need armed security, you clearly have a security problem! This is not traditional Ag, these are THC drug production sites, belong in industrial.They are not safe in our rural residential areas. This ordinance has created nothing but conflict, conflict, conflict.	Agreed	Cannabis has proven medicinal value. This is a fact not an opinion	With many problems with commercial cultivation!!			

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110	gail cafferata	There is no way to assure the safe grow of commercial marijuana. The crop requires armed guards to protect their product because of its value. It is frightening to think of a grow near families with children. They belong in commercially zoned areas like the Airport.						
111	veva edelson	Renew permits with no violations or unresolved complaints for two years, with the caveat that if violations and complaints occur late, the County will revoke the permit, effective immediately.	agree	Exactlly				
112	Herman G. Hernandez	Educate people who continue to spread fear about crime caused by legally permitted cannabis businesses. Provide farm and dispensary tours to community members who are misleading this discussion.	Unfortunately, not all permitted operators behave well.					
113	Bridget Beytagh	Why are we discussing the safety of the business, and not the safety of the neighborhood?	yes- safety of neighbors is most improtant!	very good point	agree			
114	Deborah Eppstein	Waht si not working- grows in rural areas!	Cannabis is allowed in agricultural zones NOT rural, those were excluded.	Oh please. Some AG. are up against residential areas.				
115	Jake D	There needs to be an increase in police and fire funding proportional to the number of cannabis permits given out. This needs to be put in writing in the ordinance to make sure that there are equate resources available and this will not impact other areas.	great point					
116	Bill Krawetz	•Not near public parks, schools, residences [minimum 1000 ft setbacks from cannabis outdoor operation boundary to closest non-cannabis parcel lines;						
117	Who is John Galt?	CHAPTER 38 and ministerial so nieghbors arent given a blank check from the county to harrass and intimidate their hard working neighbors.						
118	Arthur Deicke	Visual issue and security issue intersect when fences must be constructed to hide cannabis plants and to hide the fact it is a cannabis operation. However, these fenced enclosures easily identify the operation and can be considered an eyesore. We need to know if legal/permitted cannabis activity is experiencing crime the same way black market/illegal activity has crime. We now have actual data that may allay community fears	i agree.	Yes let's differentiate.	Yes, several neighbors have written and spoken out about their problem permitees. Some also are too scared to report. FACT.			
119	Who is John Galt?	the drones are being flown by the hateful neighbors.						
120	Caroline Koss	Safe = our families feel safe in our *homes* - we shouldn't have to live in fear. ie, move the grows away from homes and into industrial areas.	Grows are owned by families too. We would like to be able to feel safe in our futures in being able support our families. We are required to have security plans which don't include fire arms.	No, but they can have in the house 50 ft away!!				
121	Jeff McConathy	If not already required, could the security personal be required to be certified by the Sheriff's office?						

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122	Chris Eggers	Chris Eggers (You): Safety and Security involves more than just the security system, but is also the SOPs. A proper security plan includes thoughts into neighboring properties and community members.						
123	Michele Parr	Concerned about rural neighbors/neighborhoods' safety, being subject to crime due to their location next to cultivation sites. In the more rural reaches of the County, where sheriff offices and substations are 20 plus minutes who will quickly respond to protect residents? Cannabis operations should not be allowed on rural right-of-way and easement roads where there is potential for dangerous encounters due to targeted theft and crime. Grow operations should be located in more adequately policed areas where law enforcement has quick response times.	Good point Michele.					
124	Dani La Noire	It's so simple. DONT put them in neighborhoods with residential houses and families.	exactly	So simple.				
125	gail cafferata	You are not listening to citizens like me who feel endangered by the existence of cultivation in Bennett Valley which is inhabited by families with children.						
126	Deborah Eppstein	our neighborhood was robbed as collateral damage when a cannabis operation was located at the end of our dead-end road. Thsu no cannabis oepations on dead end roads where residences are near by						
127	Who is John Galt?	constructive: dont give the minority such a huge voice to harm their neighbors.						
128	Julia Kozitsyna	they must be required to carry insurance that covers neighbors — their personnel should be REQUIRED to help neighbors if there are security incidents						
129	Bill Krawetz	*Property values are negatively affected permanently. Imagine trying to sell your house in a neighborhood where your neighbors activity requires 24/7 security. There's no question there will be a negative impact to the property value of your home. Now put yourself into the shoes of a potential buyer of that home. Would you rather buy a home with a potential risk next door or not? Pose those questions to your spouse and kids.	Another good point	agree!	Agreed			
130	Caroline Koss	Get the Feds to allow cannabis growers to put their money in Banks, and out of their grow operations.	That will not stop robberies at growing sites - it's often the weed they want.					
131	Julia Kozitsyna	keep them out of residential neighborhoods						
132	Chris Eggers	Hostile vegetation and CPTED can address concerns around hard fencing standing out.						
133	JOEL HOYT	Outdoor grows in industrial areas should look a lot like tennis court facility mashed up with cement plant						
134	Jake D	Why are we at all not considering not growing cannabis in Sonoma? If you want us to think about ideas, why not consider this idea?	Because it has supported local economies in Northern California for decades.	So no need in neighborhoods. Plenty of other places.				
135	Who is John Galt?	the county is stoking neighborhood hate groups. ministerial is the ONLY way the protect the hard working cannabis farmer.						

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136	Valorie Dallas	Every cannabis grower I know has been robbed a time or two or three. That is one of the reasons the cost of cannabis is so high. Movement of product is a time when security is low. Would any of us feel safe if 6 million dollars is being driven down our country roads without us understanding the security plan around it?	very good point!!	Agree				
137	David Milner	Close the 10K sq Ft. loophole. All grows regardless of size should be subject to EIR and community input. Allowing a two-tiered system where 10K sq ft or less grows are under ministerial Ag Dept jurisdiction leads to large growers exploiting it as a loop hole. We are experiencing this now at the 0 and 8400 Franz Valley School Road location. The LLCs associated with the eleven permits filled on these three contiguous sites were incorporated on the same day at the same address. How is this not evidence enough to show a corradiated effort?						
138	Chris Eggers	Properly drafted Security Plans and SOPs can address Michelle's concern.						
139	Bridget Beytagh	Why does the County still assume that only illegal grows attract crime?						
140	Moira Jacobs	Best solution for this mess Sonoma County has created for its 500,000 citizens, 77% who've stated they don't want THC drug operations anywhere near them: 1) allow one large indoor coop facility in secure industrial location for production for both THC drug products and CBD based products, only verifiable local folks given licenses - those on good standing in the county program, no out of area or anonymous LLC operators. 2) at same site a R&D site by 3+ different private sector labs	Right	Impractical.				
141	gail cafferata	Odors need to be restricted to property borders						
142	Deborah Eppstein	locating in industrial zones solves the problems	agree	agree	We are talking about a plant here. Don't you ladies care about the environment ?			

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143	veva edelson	If a grower chooses to take the risks involved (like the risk of being robbed) in growing cannabis they should be able to do it only in an area that it does not negatively impact their neighbors who are not choosing to take those risks. Since growing cannabis is federally illegal at this time, ones ability to get a mortgage or to cary insurance can be negatively impacted if the underwriter knows that any illegal activity is going on in the area. Also those of us that live rurally and are used to agricultural smells and sounds are not used to high security, lights and the threat of surveillance drones and armed private security next door to where we live. This is significantly different than any of our other agricultural neighbors. Loosing insurance or not being able to refinance poses a significant tangible loss to property value at the expense of those choosing to grow, process or sell cannabis.	Agree					
144	Who is John Galt?	by now everyone hear is already activated against specific grows they want to shut down. every complaint and suggestion is specifically honed in on personal matters. THIS IS NOT FAIR.						
145	Moira Jacobs	2at same site a R&D site by 3 different private sector labs should be focused on full testing of THC drug products, as well as CBD. Sonoma could be USA center for PROVING out safety and usefulness of THC drug products as well as CBD based products. Both are VERY different and must be tested and studied for actual safety and usefulness. This operation above could be very safe, secure, use least water resources, and provide the desperately needed testing of this totally NEW legal drug experiment.						
146	Deborah Eppstein	odor is a safety issue- it hurts health	Not based on facts.					
147	Douglas Fisher	Can there be more deputies patrolling the county; currently very few						
148	Bridget Beytagh	Anyone can look up the address of a permitted operation.	Should not be allowed	Oh yes it should - for the neighbors.				
149	Who is John Galt?	no growers will be here during this season so all the minority opposition groupf can have a hay day talking lies and crap. i know because my lawyers have had to help me with slander from neighbors.	I don't understand what you are saying. What are you talking about?					
150	David Milner	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ojzP_DSSzzWLwqr-MtYvsiGT79m-1yNM/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=116309835173565874050&rtpof=true&sd=true						
151	David Milner	My name is David Milner I am a Santa Rosa Resident and Winemaker/Vineyard Manager for Donelan Family Wines. I have been directly affected by cannabusiness. Attached below is a link to a letter detailing an incident that I had with an employee of a proposed cannabis farm in Franz Valley. I was verbally threated and intimidated by one of the cannabis farm's workers.	That is terrible! Thank you for sharing					

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152	Chris Eggers	Great for Sonoma County to ask for input from community members! Then we can draft Security Plans that address these issues brought up. Big step forward.						
153	Becky Evenich	video surveillance, licensed and bonded security and barriers and lighting - although not lighting in residential areas this is why industrial areas are better						
154	Who is John Galt?	the odor of deborah hot air bothers me and my FREE american family!	what are you talking about? your not making sense.					
155	Ray Krauss	Growers and their employees should be required to pass criminal background checks.						
156	Brantly Richardson	The mandatory Findings of Significance protect adjacent property owner's right to health and safety and are part of the CEQA process. Make project determinations based on these findings. The EIR must analyze the many complaints filed by residents to Code Enforcement and plan accordingly so as to avoid continuing a land use that continues to put neighbors health and safety at risk. It must also be recognized that many people are afraid to file a complaint even though they can do so anonymously.						
157	Valorie Dallas	Rural Areas protected by sheriff - The town I live in is in zone 5, which is 187 sq mile radius protected by the sheriff. The response time is 20 minutes to 2 hours, depending on what else is going on. My daughter lives in zone 1, which is 446 sq miles. If we add more issues to this system we need to require more funding.	Agree!	agree. another alternative is to place these operations in areas such as commercial zones where fire, police, and other resources are readily available and where there is funding to respond to an increase in calls etc	agree			
158	gail cafferata	Marijuana dispensaries are "attractive nuisances," attracting burglaries, robberies of customers and drivers, and property crimes in the neighborhood. Crime takes a motivated offender, a suitable target, and an absence of capable guardians who may serve to deter violent or criminal behaviors. In our Bennett Valley shopping center, we already have targets of crime with Bennett Valley Jewelers, a bank and a liquor store. Outsiders from the Bay Area have felt free to come into Santa Rosa and our neighborhood for criminal activity including armed robbery. We do not need an additional attractive target. Alternatives East's other location was robbed at gunpoint and later burglarized. Another Santa Rosa dispensary was also robbed. Users of the proposed dispensary may be motivated to crime at this location and in the surrounding neighborhood because of large cash stores on site, the cost of stored products, and the fact that medical marijuana can be resold lucratively in states that do not permit its legal sale.	Agree! Moreover both neighboring counties of Marin and Napa don't allow any of this, since they are smart. This also sends more outsiders with criminal intent to Sonoma County. This is common sense folks!					
159	Who is John Galt?	jason's backdrop is the best.						
160	Bob Storms	As we sit here a 40 acre vegetation fire is burning at Llano & Todd rds.	30% contained and no evacuations so far.					
161	Who is John Galt?	i have to trust the sherrif						
162	Who is John Galt?	no agenda to exaggerate.						

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163	David Milner	Who on the board of supervisors have a commercial interest in cannabisbusiness? Who on the board of supervisors have a family member with a commercial interest in cannabisbusiness?	I would like this disclosed as well	Me too. Transparency on motivation.				
164	Bill Krawetz	'Press Democrat (July 23, 2021) Virginia man gets 15 years for deadly 2018 Sonoma County home invasions- The assailants came looking for marijuana and cash, and left one man dead in their wake.	This was in regards to illegal black market activity, what relevance does that have to a licensed business?					
165	Becky Evenich	Crime in the Liberty Valley has gone up since we started our No Pot On Pepper campaign. We have had our No Pot On Pepper signs and banners vandalized and cut down – all on private property. Although we cannot make a direct correlation with these crimes being cannabis grow related, I can't imagine what any normal thief would want with a No Pot on Pepper sign – this seems to be more of a retaliation against our cause.						
166	gail cafferata	Marijuana dispensaries are “attractive nuisances,” attracting burglaries, robberies of customers and drivers, and property crimes in the neighborhood. Crime takes a motivated offender, a suitable target, and an absence of capable guardians who may serve to deter violent or criminal behaviors. In our Bennett Valley shopping center, we already have targets of crime with Bennett Valley Jewelers, a bank and a liquor store. Outsiders from the Bay Area have felt free to come into Santa Rosa and our neighborhood for criminal activity including armed robbery. We do not need an additional attractive target. Alternatives East’s other location was robbed at gunpoint and later burglarized. Another Santa Rosa dispensary was also robbed. Users of the proposed dispensary may be motivated to crime at this location and in the surrounding neighborhood because of large cash stores on site, the cost of stored products, and the fact that medical marijuana can be resold lucratively in states that do not permit its legal sale.						
167	Who is John Galt?	african american goons from alabama were called to come rob black market operators.						
168	gail cafferata	One of studies of crime and dispensaries concludes, “As patients of [illegal] dispensaries change their travel patterns to go to these different neighborhood areas where medical marijuana remains available through storefront dispensaries, they may find opportunities to participate in various crimes (e.g. burglarizing a home). Property crime, a crime of opportunity, may increase as offenders use different activity nodes (in this case to obtain medical marijuana) increasing familiarity with new neighborhoods. This familiarity provided information on when guardians are around and what homes might have valuables worth stealing. ... Our research suggests that these [medical marijuana] dispensaries may increase crime rates in adjacent areas.” (Freisthler, Ponicki et al. 2016).						

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170	gail cafferata	Further, newspapers and other mass media in the Bay area and elsewhere report that cannabis retailers with large amounts of cannabis and cash on hand have been besieged by thefts in the daytime and at night, most prominently after the George Floyd protests, but also violently and with injuries at other times. https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/07/23oakland-cannabis-retailers-say-theyre-under-siege-from-violent-thefts/ https://www.forbes.com/sites/chrisroberts/2020/07/02/legal-cannabis-b...ed-again-will-police-protect-marijuana-legalization/?sh=404c8bb91009/ https://www.denverpost.com/2020/04/15/denver-marijuana-dispensaries-burglaries-coronavirus/ https://www.kxii.com/22020/06/22/chocktow-county-dispensary-out-thousandso-of-dollars-after-robbery/ https://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2019/09/03/sacramento-police-marijuana-breakins/ https://kptv.com/news/police-id-suspects-involved-in-armed-ne...pensary-robbery/article_c2b42b2c-4c84-11eb-9b98-e30c9cd38313.html/ https://www.laweekly.com/valley-dispensary-						
171	Becky Evenich	On 11/28/2020 a grow in our area was shooting guns/rifles (which I believe is illegal – no firearms on a rural grow). A bullet hit our neighbor’s house and went through the siding and sheetrock and was recovered in the master bedroom. This is a concern not only because of the seriousness of it but what’s going to get hit next. We live in an RR neighborhood but any neighbor that shoots know the proper gun safety measures that need to be taken. Employees, robbers, etc. on a grow don’t know or care about that. They just shoot.	Terrible! Thank you for sharing!	Frightening and a good point. Gun safety likely not as much a concern as protecting the crop.				
172	Who is John Galt?	why are we holding up cannabis in california? these are mostly jerks in the minority by far that want to waste our time here for another 3 years. take them OUT OF IT.						
173	Valorie Dallas	Temporary electricity going to a hoop house should have the same permit requirements as permanent electricity going to a greenhouse. Fire hazard?						
174	veva edelson	How do you have transparency with all of this not talking about what is going on at a site.						

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176	Douglas Fisher	How many deputies partrol the county at night?						
177	Who is John Galt?	what about the sherrif protecting cannabis farmers from repeated harrassment and lies from these "neighbor groups"?						
178	Brantly Richardson	Prohibit cultivation on roads that do not meet the fire safe standards for firefighters egress and concurrent resident evacuation. Allow cultivation only in areas with adequate public safety and accessibility by police and fire public services. Roads must adhere to the Ca. Board of Forestry standards. No permits on dead end roads over one mile long and less than 20 feet wide. Local reinterpretation of the BOF rules by the fire marshall must stop or more of our firefighters and residents will be put at risk. 20 feet is 20 feet.						
179	Who is John Galt?	why are we all playing DEFENSE to these proven lying neighbor groups?	Why are you stirring the pot. Don't you have empathy for your nieghbors? Why should you get to grow cannabis if you really have no concern for your impact on your nieghbors?					
180	Chris Eggers	Understand state and local rules and regulations need to be considered. Inventory tracking and security go hand in hand. Understand how you intend to address inventory and loss prevention plans. Consider who has access to limited access areas and should be job specific. Confirm your guards are licensed and insured properly by the BSIS. Follow these to avoid unnecessary headaches ^^^						
181	Bridget Beytagh	What does the County plan to address the problems of bad players with permits who harass or threaten neighbors	Good question					
182	Moira Jacobs	Only safe place: indoor secured operations in industrial zone. Please start with real scientific testing of both THC drug products and CBD products first before you promote this whole hog as Sonoma has done. You are putting all our lives at RISK, you are NOT following long held public health or safety policy approaches. You have jumped head first very irresponsibly without studying anything! You just promote, promote, promote THC drugs thoughtlessly.						
183	Caroline Koss	why do some growers blindfold their "trimmigrants"? This reeks of lack of transparency and fear of crime. And the growers want us to not worry about crime???	Yes, please answer this question.					
184	Michael Ely	By limiting cannabis operation, we could reduce the need for protection						

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185	Who is John Galt?	these manipulative groups are pushing and pushing. this is LEGAL and the county should not let these sophisticated and ver vocal minority group from making the laws even more difficult. CHAPTER 38 was a GREAT START	Not everyone agrees wiht you. I don't.					
186	Lauren Marra	As a result of a pending cannabis use permit near our home, we have experienced multiple threats, acts of vandalism, and theft. The business applying for the permit prides itself upon displays of weaponry, piles of cash, etc. All of this clearly associated with and actually marketed publicly by this business. . Crime associated with legal commercial cannabis operations exists. It's a matter of time before criminals come searching for the cash and marijuana located on these properties. These facilities belong nowhere near residential homes, within neighborhoods, nor near our children. We should not have to live in fear wondering when criminals will target our homes by mistake, or use our properties for access to cash, drugs and weaponry just nextdoor.	Agree!	Thank you				
187	Moira Jacobs	No retail out in rural areas! Keep both production and retail in one area, indoor facilities, in industrial zone.	agree	Right	agree. keep it where there is police already			
188	gail cafferata	One scientific study of crime and marijuana dispensaries reported (Freisthler, Gaidus et al. 2017): This study (along with previous research) suggests that the effects of the physical availability of marijuana outlets on crime do not necessarily occur within the specific block groups within which outlets are located, but are occurring in adjacent areas. ... This study (along with previous research) suggests that the effects of the physical availability of marijuana outlets on crime do not necessarily occur within the specific block groups within which outlets are located, but are occurring in adjacent areas. The effects of outlets on crime may occur in adjacent areas as people move in and out of the areas where these marijuana outlets are located. Interpreting these findings within the framework of routine activities theory, the property (e.g., automobiles) of dispensary customers, particularly those who may be tourists, may be suitable targets.						
189	Ray Krauss	Consider alloweer growers to create attractive tasteing and sales venues in urban/commercial areas to accomodate canitourism.						
190	Who is John Galt?	other comments :) love you ladies. this is our lives being threatened by these dishonest and manipulative opposition groups. my neighborhood LOVED me and my wife. and now i am a STRAIGHT A operator w county and state and now they HATE me. isnt that impotant to understand. great work. you lasies make this tolerable.	Do you think that some men and women aren't feeling thretened by what cannabis operations bring into our midst ? Why so opositional ? this is our time to share ideas.					
191	Jake D	no tasting or retail at growth/processing sites						

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192	Julia Kozitsyna	no retail in rural / residential areas	Agree.					
193	Kimberley Carbonaro	Perhaps that clients for retail locations must make advance appointment.						
194	Valorie Dallas	This is so different than any other product. I can't think of another product other than diamonds that need such protection. Maybe keep it where it can keep everyone safe.						
195	gail cafferata	No tasting or packaging in rural areas.						
196	Who is John Galt?	retail should have a good security plan like the prmd already uses						
197	Chris Eggers	For to-be-built retail spaces, start designing your space and include security design. For example, entry vestibules vs. not, location of safe room, transportation security and cash management plans should be considered. ^^						
198	Lauren Marra	Retail should be in a town, strip mall or even a commercial area where longer hours, a lot of visitors/shoppers can take place with adequate parking, infrastructure etc	indeed!					
199	Who is John Galt?	advance appts is unreasonable. no one does that.						
200	JOEL HOYT	Could we please have delivery vans that aren't big white Ford Transit, Dodge Sprinter, or ... We might as well have a big sticker that says "ROB THIS VAN"						
201	Bob Storms	I envision caps. Right now there are none.						
202	Who is John Galt?	the regs and requirements for dispensaries is REALLY TOUGH.						
203	Brantly Richardson	Why are all these visioning workshop questions focused solely from the industry point of view rather than through a neighborhood compatibility lens? Every question asks how the public can accomodate this industry. Why not pose some questions to the industry? How do they think they should be regulated to lessen negative compatibility issues and avoid despoiling natural resources?	I second this — why are you making the community bend over backwards to figure out how to accomodate this	Yes. The cannabis industry must do the work to create trust. Give some ideas that take care of neighborhoods needs.				
204	Who is John Galt?	security cams						
205	Caroline Koss	Lots of communities have retail cannabis establishments. Hopefully you have already contacted many of them about their safety parameters and minimum criteria. Not sure that the community would be experts in this area?!	Agree. What have other places done?					
206	Bob Storms	NO on-sight consumption						
207	Becky Evenich	a licensed and bonded security company that has a good relationship with law enforcement. A hiring process that is stringent and includes oral boards, backgrounds and polygraphs to “weed out” the unqualified or suspicious.						
208	Who is John Galt?	allow for residence use in the same bldg for full time security live in.						
209	Julia Kozitsyna	retail should only be in areas where there is already a high security (police) presence, where there is infrastructure and parking for visitors, where this does not impact residential neighborhoods	agree					

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210	Who is John Galt?	DISPENSARY: allow for residence use in the same bldg for full time security live in.						
211	Chris Eggers	Retail has different risk profiles than other license types, but proper security plans and systems can lead to reduction in crime and net positive for community steak holders.						
212	Moira Jacobs	Have you studied anything regarding THC drug retail and production sites and their exposure to THC long term? Did you know THC was placed on TOXINS list by State of CA in January 2020? It's on the list of toxins now.	I am referring to both employee exposure and customer exposure?					
213	Deborah Eppstein	limit amount of cannabis on site	And limit the cash on site too.					
214	Jake D	limit advertising alongside roads	Agree					
215	Who is John Galt?	24/7 live monitoring						
216	Bridget Beytagh	Most of the problems with safety are not centered around the retail - but the cultivation sites.						
217	Who is John Galt?	thats too expensive for beckys idea						
218	Bill Krawetz	Suggestion for County staff: We understand you want to know what is "acceptable" and what a "successful operation" is . Somethings its easier to start with what's "Unacceptable" and "Unsuccessful" and from there you can narrow down to what is acceptable. So see many of the comments already. Cheers	agree!					
219	Who is John Galt?	simplisafe with panic button and video full time live monitoring						
220	Chris Eggers	No, because the state dictates what the transportation vehicles can display on the outside.						
221	Lauren Marra	What if you propose a specific area where cannabis retailers can sell their products ie an area with multiple businesses where tasting and events can take place such as in a commercial zone	similar to an area with multiple breweries and beer gardens	love that idea.	Great idea.			
222	Kimberley Carbonaro	Professional licenses for retail sales personnel so that they can be vetted for criminal background checks.						
223	Who is John Galt?	dispensaries amke the neiyhborhood SAFER. that is proven						
224	Who is John Galt?	a stdy from UCLA showed nieghborhoods w dispensaries make them SAFER.	could you please link that study here?					
225	Moira Jacobs	So you are making my point for me: these are operations that require vicious guard dogs and armed guards. Marin and Napa get a prize for highest IQs in area for not allowing this.	Agree - if this product requires such a high amount of security and armed staff, it confirms the high level of danger. Keep it out of our County until the Feds make it legal...	live answered				
226	Who is John Galt?	dispensaries pay SO MUCH tax \$. ; let them thrive and help the county pay its bills.						
227	Chris Eggers	State regulations available on the DCC website. County can make rules that are more specific but not less strict than the state rules.						
228	Who is John Galt?	too controlling to get involved in all employees						
229	Who is John Galt?	attack dogs :) just kiddin						

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230	gail cafferata	Disoensaries increase property crime such as car break-ins and burglaries in an area within one mile of the place as customers discover new places to plunder to support their habit. Sicientific studies cited above.						
231	Moira Jacobs	Why have you not mentioned anything about THC drug products and their effects on mental health and homelessness? Why are you promoting this unhealthy drug?	Cannabis has proven medicinal value					
232	Brantly Richardson	Doesn't the industry recognize that residents have a basic right to health and safety on their own property? If cannabis was grown away from residential uses and had appropriate setbacks their existence would be so much easierr. All stakeholders would benefit if the industry didn't try to locate next to residential homes.	Agreed					
233	Who is John Galt?	all of the above						
234	Who is John Galt?	on same parcel.						
235	veva edelson	An ideal sight for onsite consumption is located in an industrial zone with plenty of existing law enforcement personnel on hand to address any issues that may come up with intoxicated people driving after consumption onsite.	Shouldn't the same apply for wine tasting rooms?					
236	gail cafferata	Dispensaries need to be in areas that are highly patrolled by police. On main arteries like Santa Rosa Ave and Mendocino Avenue						
237	Who is John Galt?	dispenmsaries should be given the right to add tasting and consumption to their permits if their property and buildings meet code.						
238	gail cafferata	No cannabis clubs in residential neighborhoods!!!!	agree. that needs to be in commercial zones	agree.				
239	Who is John Galt?	clubs are cool but freedom is way better						
240	gail cafferata	The County is too cozy with the industry!!	the minority view like yours is given too much of a voice.	You do know we have thousands of cultivators and less than 200 are permitted???				
				Your statement is wildly inaccurate and disrespectful to our county officials attempting diplomacy				
241	Virginia Hair	No on site consumption or events should be allowed.						
242	Who is John Galt?	boomer bed and breakfast. im all in.						
243	Caroline Koss	Can't people taste/smoke wherever they want today? (Not sure what the current law is, but based on smells when I am walking around town, it seems it's pretty much everywhere.)						
244	Brantly Richardson	No on-site consumption. Result? Impaired drivers	agree					
245	gail cafferata	No where near schools!						
246	Dani La Noire	OMG. Are you kidding me right now?	agree...					
247	Ray Krauss	Even if State allows onsite consumption (on cultivation sites), Sonoma County should not. Move all processing, packaging and sales and combine with dispensaries in commercial zones where tasting could be also accomodated.						

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248	Bob Storms	It seems that this county is straining toward Cannatourism, what an abhorrent idea.						
249	gail cafferata	All the County is thinking about is tax dollars not the harm to the community!	that's certainly what it feels like at times!!	But is simply not accurate. So few permits have been issued in comparison to cultivators once part of Sonoma county that there has been a major financial loss				
250	Who is John Galt?	we are given the very vocal minority sway this ordinance. CHAPTER 38 was a GREAT start that was HIGHLY vetted. why cant we please dicuss this?! that was already too restrictive.						
251	Valorie Dallas	Value of product should be considered. Cannabis is worth 20 times an acre of grapes --\$300,000 for grapes versus \$6,000,000 for cannabis. Where product and cash is stored and how it is transported should be considered.	Yes!! Cannabis value far outweighs any Ag product and needs proper controls to protect everyone (grower, neighbor, etc)					
252	Deborah Eppstein	There is no approved method to determine cannabis impairment for driving.No unregulated on-site consumption of cannabis products even if allowed by state-sampling only in retail outlets in commercial/industrial zones for smelling cold buds (ie, no inhaling of vapors). Having testing limos like they do for wine might work for tasting						
253	Michael Ely	In my opinion, we should not be encouraging cannabis consumption. It is not the responsibility for Sonoma County to develop cannabis marketing plans.						
254	Valorie Dallas	When I looked at the list of chemicals being proposed to be stored on site in my local cannabis permit application, I wondered how volatile these chemicals are. Science should determine if these are safe to store near residences in case of fire. Will the processing facility 30 feet from my neighbor's house blow up in a fire? And if it does, who rebuilds our town of 100 houses?						
255	Who is John Galt?	on sighte at LIMITED COMMERCIAL dispensary properties in qualified buildings						
256	Valorie Dallas	Along with allowing legal cannabis we should add an enforcement department that is funded by those growing the cannabis. Design it with a phone number that someone can call other than the police or sheriff that will help in disputes, problems, etc. Have people who can enforce the rules and protect local residents. If it proves unnecessary, it can be removed.	Already exists. The regulatory agencies have an arm of enforcements	But why are there so many cannabis sites that have compaints on the record and nothing being done?				
257	Kimberley Carbonaro	Tasting rooms for Cannabis should not be located anywhere near be separate from Cannabis production areas. No Cannabis tasting rooms in rural areas. Rural areas are already overrun by winery tasting rooms and the resulting high volume of traffic from retail clients participating in "social consumption".						
258	Who is John Galt?	ON SITE consumption at dispenseris.						

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259	Who is John Galt?	the only people who are here are angry old hateful liars. why cant i say that?	Dear Who. You have the freedom to make comments. Because of the naturee of your comments, we have the right to dismiss them.					
260	Who is John Galt?	i want to test these boomers for their psycho pills						
261	gail cafferata	I am deeply concerned about driving under the influence with cannabis. No safe way to regulate this.	me too					
262	Who is John Galt?	these folks are on chemical DRUGS that mess with your head and they are driving around with weird smiles. AUTHORITARIAN.						
263	Becky Evenich	Onsite consumption should be limited to private areas meaning (dispensaries, tasting rooms, etc) not where the smoke will impact other people. You can go to a winery and have a DD but if you in a space with smoking cannabis anyone near is affected.	agreed					
264	JOEL HOYT	Keep with the regulations in force with cigar use.						
265	Who is John Galt?	tastings on busses and licenses for dispansries and cultivators to add on to their permits.						
266	Who is John Galt?	FREE JAMIE BALLACINO						
267	Moira Jacobs	No consumption sites anywhere. You have ZERO voter mandate for any of your "grand plans" to promote this unhealthy DRUG. You are engaging in an absolutely insane and thoughtless public policy, no thought about public health. What about the children? You haven't mentioned children or youth yet since yesterday. You are nothing but drug pushers right now. It's truly disgusting.	agree	Time for a ballot initiative! The citizens need to take back control of this process. This is completely out of control, train is off the tracks folks. Also we need at least two new supervisors to manage the staff who are now running our county into the ground.				
268	gail cafferata	It is outrageous that the county is encouraged cannatourism.	agree	agee	agree			
269	Lauren Marra	The county must keep these operations and tours, tasting rooms etc with bus loads of people away from residential neighborhoods. This removes our right to live peacefully and safely in our homes and yards, with our families and children.	agree	and away from rural areas. They belong in commercial areas only- if cultivation is kept in Industiral sites, then a tour buss could visit that facility				
270	Who is John Galt?	nobody wants any couchsurfin at consumption liunges						
271	Valorie Dallas	Do we have data on what has happened in locations that have tasting rooms and farms. Maybe we need that.	indeed. why are we being pushed to be forefront of this?					
272	Jeff McConathy	Going back to single lane residential roads from earlier discussion, adding onsite visits and consumption seems that it would make that situation even worse. I think traffic surveys should be required.						
273	Who is John Galt?	sup with the boomer talking about bad news for consumption lounges while there are a thousand alcohol tasting rooms for wine and beer which are MORE harmful.	that's where DD's come in					

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274	Brantly Richardson	Agree with the pastor.						
275	Lauren Marra	How can you even consider tasting and tours when you haven't figured out how and where to permit and enforce cannabis growing alone?	how indeed? good question.					
276	Who is John Galt?	jeff has a target in mind. roads is that operators perceived weakness. this is SO DISHONEST						
277	Jake D	opinion will change over time. so if this will be written and voted on in a couple years, this will likely be outdated and need to be redone						
278	gail cafferata	"First, do no harm." That is the Hippocratic Oath. We need to avoid all actions that are potentially harmful just as doctors do.						
279	Who is John Galt?	family cannabis farmers have invested a ton of money into their lives and they should be given the right to provide consumption						
280	Moira Jacobs	Moira Jacobs (You): Time for a ballot initiative! The citizens need to take back control of this process. This is completely out of control, train is off the tracks folks. Also we need at least two new supervisors to better manage the staff who are now running our county into the ground.						
281	Who is John Galt?	this is giving a loud voice to spiteful opposition	It's not spiteful. Over 77% of Sonoma county citizens in PD poll stated they don't want THC drug operations anywhere near them. It has nothing to do with spite. It is about citizens rights to safety, security, public health, environmental protection, water resources protection, private property rights to demand security and safety and peace and no noxious fumes on their propertyr Nothing personal here. We have a right to our views and our definition of quality of life for our children and fam..					
282	Who is John Galt?	yes to consumption at cultivation and dispenasries						
283	Michele Parr	Dispensaries, tasting rooms and tourism allowed in urban and commercial zones only, similiar to in-town wine tasting rooms, maybe in suggested tasting room zones. Do not allow tours/visitation in rural areas where traffic will occur on narrow and winding roads, particularly with the threat of unchecked DUI drivers.	agree					
284	gail cafferata	On-site consumption should not be allowed until there is a reliable and valid test for marijuana intoxication!!						

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285	Who is John Galt?	i can tell you first hand how intense their inspection are.	Neighbors to grow areas can tell you first hand how superficial those inspections feel!					
286	Who is John Galt?	anyone who claims these inspections are not rigorous is misinformed.						
287	gail cafferata	There are tests for alcohol consumption so comparision of pot tasting and wine tasting is nonsense.						
288	Julia Kozitsyna	If operations are behind high walls and closed doors then how are violations going to be observed and reported?						
289	Ray Krauss	Agree!						
290	Julia Kozitsyna	are the results of these inspections public? are they published and accessible to neighbors?						
291	Dani La Noire	And also, why is such an important decision that affects the whole county being decided by 5 people (Board of Supervisors) and not the voters of Sonoma County? And Maggie, respectfully, there is NO code enforcement happening right now so how can you convince us that you will do that in the future? There are quite a few code violations ahppeing out on Pepper Rd and we have been told time and again that you are "doing your best". That is not enough to convinvce any of us that you will be able to enforce any of what we are talking about tonight?	agree!!!!	Yes. What isn't the code violations even mentioned by the county. This is what breaks down the trust.				
292	Deborah Eppstein	County needs to increase enforcement- currently they dont' even have resources to destory illegal plants after a raid!	Agree. My neighbor closed up operations two years ago and still hasn't clean up the violations the County issued					
293	Who is John Galt?	good luck to most people to be able to comply with these tough regs. if anything there should be a mellowing out for operators who prove compliant. having small children it seem crazy to have surpise inspections. it is so traumatic even for me and im an A operator.						
294	Bob Storms	Mandatory testing of cannabis products:	Is already the law	Cannabis undergoes more scrutiny than organic food				
295	Lauren Marra	There needs to be a moratorium on any new or pending permits until you can enforce the currently permitted cannabis property violations	couldn't agree more	I agree.	Right	INdeed. There is no enforcement happening right now!!!	Inaccurate.	
296	Caroline Koss	WAY more transparency about complaints and what (If Anything) is being done about the violations.						
297	Who is John Galt?	treat compliant cannabis operators like human beings. there is a time and place for surprise inspections. please use with descretion and treat cannabis farmers fairly as they are already paying high taxes.	If they aren't doing anything wrong, a respectful surprise visit should not be an issue.					
298	Bob Storms	Cannabis products can contain high levels of pesticides, solvents, and bacteria including e. coli and salmonella.	This is inaccurate. All cannabis products are tested beginning with raw flower					

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299	Kimberley Carbonaro	Like restaurants, they should be subject to very frequent, unannounced inspections by the County. the results of any inspection should be made public via PRMD						
300	Forest Houtz	Do you inspect during the "grow" season for odor and harvest season for the impact of trimmers in rural areas.	Thanks for joining us! Please email the County with any questions: cannabis@sonoma-county.org.					
301	Lauren Marra	Will the county release something regarding number of complaints per grow operation and what they've done to enforce each violation?	will they? good question	This information would be helpful.	Definitely need this info!			
302	Who is John Galt?	hold repeat harrassing neighbors accountable and dont make compliant operators live like criminals.						
303	Julia Kozitsyna	There are appear to be MANY aspects of permit conditions that the county itself has admitted it has no way to enforce — for e.g. road traffic / congestion, use of high occupancy vehicles for transport, diversion of water from shared streams						
304	Jake D	if cannabis operators are not in compliance, they need to be prohibited from continuing to operate.						
305	Bridget Beytagh	First step would be for the County to enforce current rules. Second, take the complaints from neighbors seriously.	indeed					
306	Who is John Galt?	the inspectors are doing quality work. there is no need for improvement here.						
307	Caroline Koss	Pay for the enforcement and transparency with the increase in taxes that SoCo receives from cannabis. In other words, be honest that there really is no increase in revenue for the county, because all the "windfall" is chewed up via enforcement and auditing and other cannabis-related costs SoCo incurs.						
308	Lauren Marra	How large is the county's current enforcement team? What are your plans for expansion of that team should you approve more commercial cannabis operations in the future?	enforcement needs to grow propotinally. this needs to be written into the ordenance.					
309	Kimberley Carbonaro	Who does inspections to adhere to excessive smell and BAAQD requirements?						
310	Becky Evenich	Inspections should be done reguarly...2x a month. The cost of added inspections should be covered by the permit holders as part of their fees. After their initial inspection they start changing/adding stuff which recently happened near us	good idea!					
311	Deborah Eppstein	Comments from people who are using fake names should be ignored in your summary.	Agree.					
312	Who is John Galt?	you guys should see how serious these inspection are to a young family like mine.						
313	Julia Kozitsyna	there appear to be no actual concequences for violations - fines that are then deffered or waived entirely, no permits revoked	yes indeed. there needs to be enforcement.					

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314	Douglas Fisher	County employees have said in public meetings that the county simply doesn't have adequate staff to monitor such things as water use, that it won't happen. What is the current staffing of "monitoring"? What is the current staffing of "monitoring"?						
315	JOEL HOYT	My experience in the licensed cannabis industry in Sonoma County is that we is that those industries are very motivated to comply with all regulations. It wouldn't take much. Maybe a phone call?	phone call to whom? I will be glad to talk to the cannabis industry					
316	Who is John Galt?	torture insoections for compliant operators would be a dream for the opposition., is this not clear?						
317	Who is John Galt?	should i propose electric shock therap for cannabis operators. i bet it would win a straw vote. fun chat.						
318	Bridget Beytagh	The Industry has consistently stated how much tax money it generates, so why are there not more inspections? Not prenotified.	exactly! The cannabis enforcement/inspections/etc. should be self-funding from the increased taxes and permit fees.					
319	Kimberley Carbonaro	Bay Area Air Quality District has restrictions for industries that emit odors. Who is enforcing these restrictions?	who is enforcing odor?	who is enforcing anything?				
320	Moira Jacobs	Please report to citizenry ALL costs of this THC drug promotion program, all costs: law enforcement, helicopters used, permitting, promotion, all liaisons, all financial support, all unpaid license fees, etc. We need to see all costs of this.	Also, all costs related to adding to homeless problem, crime, vehicle trips...	Vehicle trips meaning net addition to traffic in area, each pot site has a lot of traffic in and out, so adds pollution, also the DUI related costs.				
321	veva edelson	The County must have an enforcement team dedicated to monitoring cannabis operations. Implement and enforcement	Totally agree. There can be no "success" without this!					
322	Who is John Galt?	drug tests for boomer to prove they arent peeing chemicals into the water table before they can complain about their neighbor's cannabis farm.						
323	veva edelson	Our Neighbor on the 80 acres next door intends to operate a commercial cannabis grow as soon as they can get a permit. I don't think that their high security system will make me feel more safe than I do now. In fact I am sure that will be more concerned about running into some body some day on my property with a gun trying to get to their property and steal their crop just before or after harvest.						
324	Who is John Galt?	you guys should videotape an enforcement and see how rogorous and intimidating it is. DONT make this a nazi state enforcement thing						
325	Bridget Beytagh	Why should the neighbors be accountable for a commercial operation						

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326	Becky Evenich	When asking the Ag Dept about cannabis permits timelines and violations we were questioned as to why we were so concerned about information on these grows and asked if we would we be doing this if it were a vineyard instead of a cannabis grow? Why should that matter and why is a county employee questioning our asking for public records? This is borderline harassment and intimidation. On another note we have had very positive experiences with Maggie at code enforcement and appreciate that.						
327	Kimberley Carbonaro	Who does the public contact when there are safety concerns?						
328	veva edelson	until it is federally legal it is bound to be unsafe. One of my former tenants has a business processing money for the cannabis industry. They at times have large amounts of cash in their office for short periods of time. All of there activity is very quiet. They don't advertise what they are doing or have sign out. One day one of the employees arriving with some cash was held up at gun point in the parking area of the building. The business had to relocate as a result.						
329	Julia Kozitsyna	expecting neighbors to have to take on monitoring duties is outrageous — we don't get any benefits from the taxes, we don't get paid for this, its our time, effort, nerves, and money						
330	Who is John Galt?	enforcement is doing a GREAT job already. props to them.						
331	Deborah Eppstein	Operations in the Penalty Relief Program were prior illegal operations where the appropriateness of the site was not analyzed. Sonoma County has allowed them to expand and operate for 4 years without analysis of the safety - such as traffic, fire hazard, odor issues, crime. Neighbors have alerted the county to these safety issues over the past 3 years to deaf ears; such operations must be terminated without further delay.						
332	Caroline Koss	No one goes to bed afraid!!!						
333	Who is John Galt?	fences. security cams.						
334	Who is John Galt?	panic buttons						
335	Deborah Eppstein	To be successful, please listen to the issues of neighbors that have been ignored for the past 3+ years!	Yes, exactly. You are asking for the feedback of the community and we have been giving it for years!!! Yet here we are again, discussing the same concerns and issues.	yes please	agree	Exactly!!! We need to take back control of our local government. Marin and Napa citizens don't put up with this abuse.		
336	Who is John Galt?	full time monitoring is cheap now. i have it. panic buttons and motion sensors. cheap. simplisafe						
337	Who is John Galt?	attack dogs.						
338	Moira Jacobs	Yes, moratorium now! No new licenses until after we fix this mess.						
339	Who is John Galt?	please allow cannabis farmers to have their god given and constitutionally protected right to bear arms on their cannabis premissis						

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340	Kimberley Carbonaro	In General, retail sales operations need to be farther away from residential housing, and growing & processing operations need to be farther away from rural residential structures.						
341	Lauren Marra	Commercial cannabis in industrial areas allows those businesses to work within a secure environment and have a security team/plan. Then you ensure neighborhood safety and compatibility. Both sides safe and cannabis businesses can thrive	agree	thank you for sharing				
342	Valorie Dallas	Keep families safe. Prioritize neighborhoods. Keep public areas safe.						
343	Julia Kozitsyna	why are cannabis grows allowed to harvest 24/7? this is highly disruptive to residential neighborhoods	agree					
344	Forest Houtz	Cannibus Farms that experience excessive safety violations and safety problems should loose their permits immediately						
345	Deborah Eppstein	please enforce the fire safe regulations of the state	I see you are ignoring these comments!	agreed! if you're not enforcing current regulations what faith should we have that you'll enforce any new ordinances your write?				
346	Who is John Galt?	consequences for spiteful and dishonest complaints						
347	Becky Evenich	Agree with the moratorium of permits (over the counter ag and through PRMD) until the EIR is complete	Agree, this is a must	yes no ministerial permits	Totally agree			
348	veva edelson	I love that I currently don't feel any threat when I am at my home in Bloomfield. If there is a commercial cannabis operation with out of town owners next door I am not sure that I will feel safe. It does not make any sense to me to have this type of operation next to residences.						
349	Virginia Hair	Most rural communities are only served by volunteer fire departments that are not manned 24/7. What would the County do to support these departments?	Those fire departments will be counted on to protect those areas around the cannabis farms. Definitely should be added support					
350	JOEL HOYT	Processing should be allowed near or at the same location for cultivation.	yes in industrial areas	great point jake that allows all parts of the business to be in one place				
351	Bridget Beytagh	Much stricter enforcement after complaints and violations.	100% agree!!					
352	Kimberley Carbonaro	Traffic impact is part of the safety issue for any cannabis operation near a rural residential area.						
353	Julia Kozitsyna	please enforce current regulations — we have very limited faith that the county takes its own regulations seriously given all the lax enforcement						
354	Who is John Galt?	guttzman operates kringles corner next to luther burbank center. she runs a horse farm that smell like crap. she is a chubby hater. CANCEL KIRIGLES CORNER						

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#	Asker Name	Question	Answer(s)	Answer(s)	Answer(s)	Answer(s)	Answer(s)	Answer(s)
355	Moira Jacobs	Follow fire safe road regulations!!	they are ignoring these comments!	Do not ignore! I haven't hear you say one thing about drug operations down unsafe fire roads. You placed operations down long dead end and narrow roads.				
356	Bob Storms	We recently were unsuccessful in opposing a retail pot shop in our residential area...it never should have passed the Planning Dept. It was inappropriate for a residential area.	this does not belong in residential areas.	Agree! No pot operations in residential areas!				
357	Who is John Galt?	processing should be allowed if the building meet code						
358	veva edelson	Since growing cannabis is federally illegal at this time, ones ability to get a mortgage or to cary insurance can be negatively impacted if the underwriter knows that any illegal activity is going on in the area. Also those of us that live rurally and are used to agricultural smells and sounds are not used to high security, lights and the threat of surveillance drones and armed private security next door to where we live. This is significantly different than any of our other agricultural neighbors. Loosing insurance or not being able to refinance poses a significant tangible loss to property value at the expense of those choosing to grow, process or sell cannabis.	Very good to mention. That is a horrible reality for home owners.					
359	Who is John Galt?	get cannabis farmer us trucked water so that they can help in case of fire						
360	Who is John Galt?	i want jasons background image						
361	Julia Kozitsyna	Again — it is ridiculous to put the burden of “accountability” on neighbors — we are not getting paid to do the county’s job!!	and burden of safety too.	agree!!				
362	Who is John Galt?	the neighbors should NOT be burdened. TAKE THEM OUT OF IT. if you keep these vocal minorities feeling like they have a disproportionatley large voice you will creat nieighborhood hatred and seed ill will. this is WRONG	You can't silence us, that is rude. We have opinions too> I assure you we are not the minority!					
363	Valorie Dallas	Thanks to everyone!!!						
364	Who is John Galt?	great work staff. fun times.						
365	Jake D	let's have other countries be the guinea pigs not us. Learn from other counties. let's not be on the forefront of this	Or understand why Napa and Marin said no. Might get us to the answer faster than these meetings.	And lets look at the other counties mistakes and not make them. Santa Barbara looks like a disaster				
366	Who is John Galt?	adrenaline rush for operators defending their family farms from spiteful and dishonest people.						
367	Marcy Greeley	I'm unable to attend tomorrow. Will there be a recortding for later viewing?						

Cannabis Visioning Session - Water Considerations - August 11, 2021 - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

#	Asker Name	Question	Answer(s)	Answer(s)	Answer(s)	Answer(s)	Answer(s)	Answer(s)	Answer(s)
1	rachel Zierdt	Need to get an accurate set of reports as to current water conditions in the county. Do not use old information. Otherwise the EIR will not be accurate.	Good point!	Agree!!					
2	Moira Jacobs	There must be an immediate moratorium on all marijuana production operations in Sonoma County. We are in a serious drought and these THC drug production facilities require 6x as much water as vineyards. No additional licenses should be granted until AFTER the EIR is completed. Moreover, the EIR must include an extensive updated assessment of the water resources in Sonoma County, including full review of the impaired water sheds, updated maps, updated technical water studies, updated review of f	including full review of the impaired water sheds, updated maps, updated technical water studies, updated review of flora, fauna and fish populations along protected creeks such as Matanzas Creek. The water studies need to look at Sonoma County projected population growth for next 50 years, and planning for development corridors in high density areas and needed water resources.	Spot on	Yes - we're worried enough about our Sonoma vineyards drying up our water in Sonoma Valley.				
3	CECILE ISAACS	Ministerial Permitting I love the idea of ministerial permitting. For one thing, it removes the friction from citizen interactions with government departments. Definition of the person empowered to grant "ministerial permits" A person who may/must grant permits to all projects that exactly fit the code and regulation definitions for that type of project. No judgement is required or allowed. If the project fits, it gets a permit. If it doesn't, it doesn't. No discussion is allowed for whether unusual benefits of the project outweigh detriments. No evaluation of mitigation is allowed. Obviously that requires extraordinary front loading on the workload to get the codes and regs in great shape before such permitting is put in place. What are the disadvantages? Every parcel in the develop-able area must be evaluated in advance in case an applicant comes forward with a request to develop it. Many parcels will be evaluated which will never be developed. This is a cost that can't be re-couped in fees	Disagree. Neighbors deserve the right to know about any pending permits next to their homes. These are large scale commercial operations. We are impacted directly by noise, odor, dusty gravel driveways, light, environmental impact, impact on our wells, property value, and more	Building an operation only 300ft from someones home (any commercial facility) will cause friction if there's no notice given to neighbors	That's why codes and regs need to be so carefully drawn in advance. Perhaps not feasible to have ministerial permitting, but trying to lay out what is required to make it work.	I feel the same way when you build houses next to farm land and then complain about agriculture			
4	Barbara Barrielle	How can I get the recorded session for Monday and Tuesday and the slides? Writing for industry publication.	Hi Barbara. You can find the sessions here: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/	thanks Sarah -	Will this include the recording?	Are copies of the Q&A available?			
5	rachel Zierdt	stop permitting now. There needs to be a moratorium on permitting on any projects (not just cannabis) that requires increased water usage. Otherwise the EIR will have a moving target on water availability and will not accurately reflect the true picture.	Agree!	agree	Totally agree. We need to stop all the permitting under the no plan plan, which is currently not working.	I agree			
6	LAURA WALDBAUM	If net zero water use is required what parameters will be used to determine if use is actually net zero and how will this be enforced.							

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7	CECILE ISAACS	Other disadvantages of Ministerial permitting:	The EIR is for a new ordinance, and the State requires project-specific environmental review. Ministerial permitting does not meet most CEQA requirements as it requires discretionary permitting.	No discretion is allowed for ministerial permitting. That is the definition of "ministerial". Check off list is used to evaluate every project. If it fits, it gets a permit. If it doesn't, it doesn't. If the list is incomplete or inadequate, the EIR isn't adequate and ministerial permitting would not be appropriate.					
8	gail cafferata	For two days now I've heard people on screen say, "What are some POSITIVE IDEAS about sites for commercial marijuana cultivation, operations for tasting, location of dispensaries, etc. What would an IDEAL cultivation site, dispensary location, etc. look like?" Well, that's simply assuming that the community wants ANY commercial cultivation sites or ANY tasting sites or ANY dispensaries of any kind. Allowing any commercial marijuana cultivation, tasting and dispensaries in this county is outrageous given climate change to our water table and supply, the increasing risk of catastrophic county fires, the absence of any valid and reliable test for marijuana intoxication, and proven criminal activities associated with dispensaries in Denver and elsewhere.	I agree.	Agree!					
9	Rick Luttmann	How can I disable the crawl? It's blocking the screen.							
10	CECILE ISAACS	Advantages Ministerial permitting What are the advantages? The cost PER PARCEL to analyze impacts is lower. Staff time, review cost and enforcement cost are potentially much less once all parcels have been evaluated. Developer time to completion is much shorter. Developer cost to complete can be lower. Developers are encouraged to work on more projects in a climate of increased certainty. BUT Changes in State or federal rules may require the process to be redone periodically.							
11	rachel Zierdt	My concern is how balanced report will be sent to the supervisors. I don't find that this visioning sessions seem to be presenting both sides.	So far only the oppositional monologue	live answered	Opposition, without compromise will make this whole process useless. Pushing for indoor grows in industrial areas has its own issues. POLITICO: https://apple.news/Abfd3TPyGQpGSyU6MXQVlsQ	Great to see you again Rachel. Thank you for joining us. The report we are writing will be part of the 9/28 Board of Supervisors meeting which will be published online before the Board of Supervisors date. You can also contact cannabis@sonoma-county.org around that time. Thank you!			
12	Richard Rudnansky	Great comment Gail. Board should consider whether the citizens of the County want any expansion of the cannabis industry or any at all rather than how to accomplish it.	I fully agree.						
13	rachel Zierdt	explaining the moderator's research does not help with the impartiality of this process.							
14	Carol Taylor	Protecting established residential areas has to be one of the top priorities. We should protect our children as much as we protect wildlife.	Can we have all these verbal water use numbers be shown in written form?	Carol Taylor (You): Can we have all these verbal water use numbers be shown in written form?					
15	kjmil	I am concerned about water use for both legal and illegal grows. If someone is aware of an illegal grow who do they report it to?	Hi kjmil, thank you for joining us. You can report concerning or illegal cannabis activity by calling (707) 565-1992.						

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16	Moirra Jacobs	Ban it! That's what I want to see. If you must have your THC drugs, produce it where all legal drugs should be produced: indoor industrial zone with strong air filtration. Indoor marijuana uses least amount of water. We don't need to produce THC drug production for entire United States. Why are you pushing this unhealthy drug and actively promoting and pushing this when over 75% of residents here don't want this?	Where are you sourcing your information from?	Not true	This comment is incorrect at every level and a lack of basic understanding of cannabis and it's history	I regret you are offended by some peoples medicine. Cannabis is now legal after being legal for medical use for over twenty years voted by the majority of Californians.			
17	Lori Pascarella	This is false information. Vineyards use 3-4 times as much water acre per acre as cannabis. All cultivators are subject to hydrogeological resource studies as part of permitting unlike other water users. All cultivators are subject waterboard permit and reporting of water use to county and state.	Exactly! When you look at water to value cannabis uses much less water. The EIR should look at water to value, not water to area. An acre of cannabis is far more valuable than an acre of grapes.	Not what they are saying-listen.	Cannabis can be grown with 0 water it's call dry land farming	Thank you for your comment. The information I provided comes from the County's published water use guidelines. According to those guidelines, here are typical water use rates: - Vineyards: 0.6 acre-ft/acre/yr - Irrigated Orchards: 1.8 - Outdoor Cannabis: 2.0 - Residential Lawns and Irrigated Pastures: 3.6 - Indoor Cannabis: 4.0	exactly		
18	gail cafferata	My vision does not include any "positive" comments on commercial marijuana cultivation. There is no "ideal" commercial marijuana use of water in this county. It is inappropriate given the drought that is likely to reduce our water table for years to come.	I agree	Not true	Cannabis can be grown regeneratively which increases biodiversity/increase of habitat for beneficial organisms and last but not least retaining moisture in the soil positively impacting the environment and waterways				
19	ron ferraro	that would be diaster and no point for a eir cause every operators will not last on such a small footprint	I agree						
20	Mary Plimpton	The session questions would be better couched from the position of "What would the best water policy be for the residents, communities, organizations, businesses, industries of the county" vs what policies would make anything-cannabis successful. We look to the BoS, County depts, agencies (heads and staff) for long-range vision & leadership that represents ALL our interests, not just the interests of a potential new tax source. In a hierarchy of water uses, we ask the county to prioritize & publish how you rank & will provide for needs, including but not limited to: reliable clean drinking wter; water for hygiene; water for food crops; for other ag (incl dairy & non-dairy animals); non-food crops; recreation. The EIR should use current Extreme Drought conditions as a base and looking forward to a future in which water resources may diminish. The questions today on how to make cannabis successful are out of touch with today's realities - and conceivably those of the future.	^^^^ Thank you. Well said.	I hope that the people summarizing these sessions fully capture your view with which I fully agree with you.					
21	gail cafferata	The EIR for the General Plan was completed in 2000. Given the current drought and the UN's changing climate report, https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg1/downloads/report/IPCC_AR6_WGI_Headline_Statements.pdf , it is clear that any policy decisions about marijuana commercial cultivation in Sonoma County need a NEW EIR reflecting these realities. The UN Report (attached) says unequivocally: "Many changes in the climate system become larger in direct relation to increasing global warming. They include increases in the frequency and intensity of hot extremes, marine heatwaves, and heavy precipitation, agricultural and ecological droughts in some regions, and proportion of intense tropical cyclones, as well as reductions in Arctic sea ice, snow cover and permafrost. Continued global warming is projected to further intensify the global water cycle, including its variability, global monsoon precipitation and the severity of wet and dry events."							

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22	Lauren Marra	Permitting cannabis operations in unincorporated sonoma county, where the operation uses well water impacts an entire neighborhood. If one operation uses a lot of water, you risk all of our wells running dry. Water is incredibly expensive, its essential to life and we need to protect our resources.							
23	LAURA WALDBAUM	Water resources we should protect - watersheds identified by the state as critical Green valley, Mark West, Mill Creek and Dutch Bill watersheds	Get rid of grapes						
24	Moira Jacobs	Ban it!	Nimby						
25	gail cafferata	What we are confronting here in Sonoma County with the threat of commercial marijuana cultivation is the tragedy of the commons. The tragedy of the commons refers to a situation in which individuals with access to a shared resource (also called a common) act in their own interest and, in doing so, ultimately deplete the resource. This economic theory was first conceptualized in 1833 by British writer William Forster Lloyd. In 1968, the term "tragedy of the commons" was used for the first time by Garret Hardin in Science Magazine. This theory explains individuals' tendency to make the best decisions for their personal situation, regardless of the negative impact they may have on others. An individual's belief that others won't act in the best interest of the group can lead them to justify their selfish behavior. When facing the use or potential overuse of a common or public good, individuals may act with their short-term best interest in mind, for instance, using an unsustainable product, and disregard the	Grapes are the problem 70,000 acres worth						
26	Anna Ransome	PD article today stated "signs of inadequate compliance" with mandated curtailment of water rights in the upper Russian River. Why is the county even considering allowing a new water-intensive crop right now?	It is not a new use. The EIR should study how this is a traditional use.	Opening up 60.000 acres is a new use/expansion	Wrong. This is totally new use, new program. The old illegal activities are not considered at all. This entire program is a huge drug production experiment of a new decriminalized drug. There is no voter mandate given to Sonoma County for this massive and aggressive promotion of commercial scale drug production all over our drought stricken, wildfire susceptible county.				
27	judith olney	Water is our most precious public trust resource, and now is the time for the County to both plan for current and future uses and address cumulative impacts. Multiple reports already show chronic overdraft in impaired watersheds and priority groundwater basins. In addition to projections based on historic use, develop modeling scenarios that plan for multiple dry-years and hotter temperatures.							
28	gail cafferata	In the United States, groundwater is the source of drinking water for about half the population, and roughly 50 billion gallons are used each day for agriculture. Because of the tragedy of the commons, groundwater supply is decreasing faster than it can be replenished. In drought-prone areas, the risk for water shortage is high and restrictions are often put in place to mitigate it. The tragedy of the commons shows us how, without some sort of regulation or public transparency of choices and actions associated with public goods, there's no incentive for individuals to hold themselves back from taking too much. In fact, individuals may even have a "use it or lose it" mentality; if they're aware of the inevitability that the good itself will be depleted, they may think, "I better get my share while I still can." Sonoma County must do a new EIR in compliance with CEQA or the county water supply here will ultimately become unsustainable for everyone who depends on it, especially ranchers and farmers.							
29	Bonnie Brown	Protect ALL water resources.							
30	Moira Jacobs	Water for people and FOOD, not drugs!	What about grapes it alcohol also a drug they should be banned as well						

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31	Lauren Marra	We need to protect neighborhood well water. This impacts an entire neighborhood if you approve a permit on a parcel which uses well water. If one person uses a lot of water, you risk all of our wells running dry. Water is incredibly expensive, its essential to life and we need to protect our resources. How can we afford to truck in water or drill new wells if ours run dry?	I agree							
32	Anna Ransome	Blue line creeks, rivers, lakes and natural ponds, wetlands, springs, artesian wells, seeps, swales								
33	Craig Harrison	It is disrespectful to residents of neighborhoods who feel they are defending their homes against the commercial cannabis industry for pot growers to participate using fake names. Using fake names to cat call and mock the legitimate concerns of county residents reveals a Cheech & Chong attitude. I doubt anyone from a neighborhood is using a fake name, and if anyone is they should be removed from the dissuasions. Who is Henry Burbank? Henry Edison-Burbank? These seem to be a fake names. Who is John Galt, other than the lead character in Ayn Rand's Atlas Shrugged? This seems to be a fake name. Who is Nancy Nancy? Please take control of this. It undermines your stated goals.	I agree							
34	judith olney	Water related permitting criteria should exclude water scarce groundwater zones 3 and 4 and impaired watersheds. Catchment basins are not adequate mitigation as water scarce areas have confined aquifers subject to overdraft and reduced groundwater replenishment.								
35	Greg Harder	we need to protect those that are here. no permits, residential,commercial,or agriculture until we identify and develop additional water sources.								
36	Vince scholten	Cannabis can be dry land farmed requiring no water at all	Really?							
37	Jean Hegland	We must protect								
38	Ann Storms	County water maps are severely out-dated. An EIR will require a current assessment of water, or the EIR could be null & void.								
39	Craig Litwin	Water catchment should be encouraged, for all water zones.	Agreed							
40	L Williams	Well monitoring Twice a year with well draw down test and visual inspection by county official.	This is a basic enforcement step without which there can be no responsible permitting.							
41	Greg Harder	up until 30 years ago this was primarily dry farmed country because we are in a drying Mediteranian (sp) climate that will be worse based on climate change.								
42	gail cafferata	No cannabis cultivation in Sonoma County because we are living with a tragedy of the commons. No more water permits!	Get rid of grapes as well and all the food farms cause ho needs food							
43	Douglas Fisher	Context: Many scientific studies are currently showing that climate change is advancing significantly faster than formerly thought. In our area drought has become the norm as rainfall in all but two of the last 7 years has been far lower than average. Four years ago rural residents in water-scarce zones were asked by the state to monitor/meter their water use. This year in particular the water crisis is severe in Sonoma County cities and reservoirs. Mendocino Reservoir threatens to run dry during the next fire season; Lake Sonoma is not far behind. Questions: E.I.R.s are fundamental to planning any fundamental change in land use. Why is this E.I.R. occurring now rather than as the beginning and foundation of cannabis regulation.? Why are permits being processed and issued before the results of the E.I.R. are released? Why are we even considering permits in Zone 3 and Zone 4 water-scarce areas?	I agree							
44	veronica madrid	I agree with rachel zierdt - stop permitting now.								

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45	Lori Pascarella	Every single cultivation license applicant must submit for waterboard permit, provide biotic resource and hydrogeological resource studies. All water use is tracked and reported. Many cultivation sites are utilizing filtered recycled water, not ground water. The current regulations regarding water use and reporting are more than adequate to address water use on an individual site basis and collectively for the cannabis industry in Sonoma County.	I definitely agree.						
46	Jean Hegland	I agree with T Levey's comments							
47	Lauren Marra	Its been 40 years since the county has assessed the 4 water availability zones. A detailed study of this should be a critical part of the county environmental impact report. In the meantime, there must be a moratorium on pending and new permit applications as we don't fully understand the impact these facilities will have.	This is essential before permitting more water intensive uses of any kind.						
48	Anna Ransome	Cumulative impact studies of all proposed cannabis grows are needed to determine impact on water resources.							
49	Craig Litwin	Permaculture like design principles should be encouraged, with on contour swales infiltrating water, companion planting, mulching, and topsoil building.	Agreed	Good point.					
50	Kila Peterson	Rainwater catchment and permitting small farms that can meet that condition.	Agreed	Cannabis is not the only crop we should be thinking about. Maybe county needs to revamp all criteria for all agriculture and urban development .					
51	katherine yates	In a drought, many large trees come under threat of dying. Trees are crucial for keeping temperatures down, particularly in urban areas. So they should have a priority with water allocation	I agree						
52	Bridget Beytagh	How does the County plan to provide water, when it has stated that it would allow up to 60,000 acres?							
53	judith olney	Both the Sonoma and Napa county studies estimated that 1 acre of cannabis cultivation uses 1 million gallons/ acre/ harvest/ year. All resources must be protected - especially adjacent wells	This is not true	This is true					
54	Craig Harrison	Cannabis cultivation can adversely affect directly or through habitat modifications at least five aquatic or riparian species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species. A biological assessment for a cannabis cultivation found that Matanzas Creek and its riparian corridor provides good refuge habitat for amphibians and reptiles, and identified five rare species that are found in this watershed: California giant salamander (special concern); foothill yellow-legged frog (candidate threatened); red-legged frog (federal threatened); reed-bellied newt (special concern); and California freshwater shrimp (federal endangered). The piecemeal diminution of aquatic habitat is why the species that live in this habitat are listed as threatened, endangered, or are being considered for listing. A factor the California Department of Fish and Wildlife considers in listing a Species of Special Concern is when they occur in small, isolated populations or in fragmented habitat, and are threatened by further	By further what? Any human activity can disturb any habitat, that's common sense. Cannabis has to follow the same laws regarding water habitats and protected species as any other activity.						
55	gail cafferata	The alarming UN report on climate says that precipitation will decrease in CA and soil moisture will decrease: "Precipitation is projected to increase over high latitudes, the equatorial Pacific and parts of the monsoon regions, but decrease over parts of the subtropics and in limited areas of the tropics." And "Annual mean total column soil moisture change (standard deviation)" will be affected "Across warming levels, changes in soil moisture largely follow changes in precipitation but also show some differences due to the influence of evapotranspiration." Because of proven impending catastrophic climate change, to assure sustainability of water in the county, Sonoma County must: Do a baseline analysis and determine all current and projected water usage needs in the County. include all uses (residential, agricultural, commercial and industrial) then determine amount of water available for new uses under 1. drought conditions and 2. historical averages.							
56	veva edelson	I would like to see a moratorium on all cannabis permits until an EIR is completed. We time to study the availability of water during our extreme drought. WE don't miss our water till our wells run dry							

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57	Jonathan Saler	Needing protection are Rural areas depending on wells, near creeks that empty to Russian River such as Franz Creek, Porter Creek etc.. Vineyards have already been tapping these for decades. To add more agriculture in a drought prone area is	To add more agricultural water drain in a drought prone county with unstudied conditions is not a wise idea at this time.						
58	Bob Storms	If cannabis is fostered in our beautiful area, the valuable cachet that attracts tourists & visitors from around the world will be degraded.	Not true	TRUE					
59	Anna Ransome	Farmers and ranchers are abandoning crops and sacrificing animals due to drought. Is there a significance shortage of cannabis to justify taking water from these established businesses?	Not true						
60	Carol Bokaie	I question the amount of water used by cannabis grows stated by the moderator. Cannabis uses 6 times more water than grapes.	That is false- please cite your source.	Pease State why it is wrong	Not true	False information			
61	ron ferraro	water availabilty should be the determining factor for giving permits and how much acres, NOT what zones they are in, but the availbilty of the property well, and should be net zero impact. i believe this was already figured out by cannabis ad hoc and ag deparment	Exactly. Assess the property of what water is available. If there is enough there is enough.	Would you agree to dry farming?					
62	Bridget Beytagh	Would the industry be willing to dry farm?	Some						
63	gail cafferata	You are not listening to me. I have cited the UN recport on Climate Change.							
64	judith olney	No water or recycled wastewater trucking to cannabis operations as the nitrates and other unprocessed chemicals may degrade confined aquifers and impair the health of residential well users.	Not true						
65	veva edelson	The climate is becoming more Mediteranian and I would like to see all farming be dry farming.	Agreed	Agree-grape should be mandated to replant and practice dry farming					
66	steven sommer	I have vineyard and cannibus uses less water winery use propbly wineryuse more water then both cannbus vineyuae together	Why don't we dry farm grapes in this county!	Good question veva					
67	Craig Harrison	County water maps are 40 years old. It is unscientific to base cultivation decisions on ancient information.	Agree!	This is so important!	And yet the wine grape industry should also be looked at	County water maps need to be updated before any cannabis land use decisions are made			
68	Lindsay Blyth	By further what?							
69	gail cafferata	Because of proven impending catastrophic climate change, to assure sustainability of water in the county, Sonoma County must: Do a baseline analysis and determine all current and projected water usage needs in the County. include all uses (residential, agricultural, commercial and industrial) then determine amount of water available for new uses under 1. drought conditions and 2. historical averages. Study rainwater catchment reservoirs (net-zero water plans) and determine if they interfere with groundwater recharge of the aquifers and/or downstream flow. Prohibit cultivation in the already impaired watersheds. Water intensive commercial use will further exacerbate conditions. Prohibit cultivation in groundwater availability zones 3 and 4 and other areas where groundwater supplies are limited, uncertain and vulnerable to overdraft and reduced water recharge. Tests of wells of adjacent neighbors in water zones 1 and 2 should be current. Some are 30 years old.	Agree!	I agree					
70	katherine yates	groundwater does not obey property boundary lines, so one heavy use well operator can suck up the water in adjacent wells. This must be taken into consideration when a permit application is reviewed, particularly in a severe drought	Look at grapes						
71	Carol Bokaie	I agree with those emails that were just read							
72	Anna Ransome	An expanded streamflow monitoring network and direct measurements of cannabis water use would improve our ability to quantify (and mitigate) impacts to streamflow and sensitive species. (UC Berkeley Cannabis Research Center)							
73	L Williams	40 currrent acres at 2 acre feet is 80 acre feet, not really much water use. It seems that protecting neighbors wells is important. So truely proving each cannabis project has water.	40 is current. What is projected?						

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74	Jean Hegland	No operations on water-scarce areas. Not only will it take water from the land and current water uses, but we We also need water for fire fighting.							
75	Jeff Nash	I would say water for food first and cannabis, a mostly recreation last	Tha's how it works already.	Wine grapes are not food					
76	katherine yates	Agreed: the county's data is woefully out of date regrding groundwater							
77	CECILE ISAACS	Is chat disabled for most participants? I am only allowed to write in "question and answer"	live answered						
78	Craig Litwin	The board is moving twoards regulations, not prohibition. Can we please keep this focused on how to regulate instead of falling back to the "Just Say No" mentality?	in light of our climate crisis there might be places in the state that are better suited to growing cannabis IE they have abundant water and fewer people.	And what about grapes maybe they should be grown somewhere else	As the climate changes they probably will be.				
79	Lori Pascarella	Every single cannabis operator must submit a written Site Management Plan that addresses water use, waste management, sight security, and implementation of erosion and sediment control best managment practices to waterboard, Sonoma County PRMD or Agh Deparment as part of the application permitting and licensing process. There are already enough controls, regulations, inspections and processes in place.	Disagree. Once approved these operations use millions of gallons of water per year, theres no regulation or enforcement. This is threatening all of our wells within a neighborhood	Yes, in public meetings officials have said that there is not enough staff to monitor.					
80	kjmil	PD reports that well water main resource for grows and we also see reports of well water running dry. I feel we can ship in cannabis from areas that have more water. We dont really need to grow it here.	Not true and the PD is not facts						
81	gail cafferata	The ideas I am hearing from Rob all assume new permits. There needs to be moratorium on all new permits until there is a new EIR. The current one is too old in view of climate change.	Agree!	Do not agree	I whole-heartedly agree.	I agree			
82	Mary Plimpton	Immediate moratorium on all permitting, until completion of comprehensive science-based EIR that conforms with CEQA.	This is essential!	No	I agree	I support Mary's position.			
83	Gary Allen John Birch	protect our water from ALL polution. organic and narural cannabis growers dont polute the water table at all compared to the pharmcuedical drugs taken by all these old control-freak marxists disguised as cannabis opposition	Agreed						
84	Rick Rogers	cannabis cultivators drill wells to avoid the state water board requirements for cannabis surface water use, which require summer forbearance and storing water during winter high flows. make sure that groundwater use for cannabis cultivation follows the same rules.	cannabis cultivators drill wells to avoid the state water board requirements for cannabis surface water use, which require summer forbearance and storing water during winter high flows. make sure that groundwater use for cannabis cultivation follows the same rules.						
85	judith olney	For new cannabis permits in ALL groundwater zones, use permit conditions must follow the State Agency requirement that hydrogeologist reports, in addition to well pumping tests, are necessary to determine long-term water availability. All tests and reports are to meet industry standards and performed under the direction of licensed professionals.	"Every single cannabis operator must submit a written Site Management Plan that addresses water use, waste management, sight security, and implementation of erosion and sediment control best managment practices to waterboard, Sonoma County PRMD or Agh Deparment as part of the application permitting and licensing process. There are already enough controls, regulations, inspections and processes in place." -Lori Pascarella in earlier comments						
86	Anna Ransome	It's impossible to limit comments to your questions with an issue so complex.							
87	gail cafferata	THERE IS NO MODEL FOR A SUCCESSFUL CANNABIS cultivation program!!!	these sweet old ladies will never be satisfied	Not true	you should listen to sweet old ladies , we've seen a lot				

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88	Gary Allen John Birch	drug tests for all citizens in order to use septic and polute our water with their poison psyocho drugs								
89	Cameron Hattan	a recent study from the University of California Berkely Cannabis Research Center in conjunction with adjunct fellows at the Public Policy Institute of California's Water Policy shows that permitted cannabis farmers are sonsuming less water than previously thought. Cannabis farms are considerably smaller than other crops, on average so cannabis has a very small footprint and accounts for just a fraction of the water used by California agriculture overall. The study states that "legal outdoor production uses the same amount of water as a crop like tomatoes"	Please add this study to the EIR, Sonoma County!	Exactly!	Thank you Cameraon! Can you please email us a link or the PDF for the study? We apprecaite it: Cannabis@sonoma-county.org	Agreed	email has been sent with summary added	Thank you Cameron!!	is any of this going to be included in this discussion?	
90	Craig Litwin	A succesful program catches silt and runoff.	Yes, all the Water Quality Control Board requirements should be met.	Agreed						
91	Marcy Meadows	No new wells. Monitors on existing wells with fines for going over allotment. Not taking from rivers or steams. Cease and desist oridance if well usage cause nearby residences to have their well production fall or fail.	Agree!	agree	This is already in place.					
92	judith olney	Must be adequate protection against well interference. Deny a new use permit if the hydrogeology report demonstrates the project water demands draw from the zone of influence of neighboring wells or if there is any drawdown on neighboring wells.								
93	Lauren Marra	Protecting our resources: keep commercial facilities away from neighborhoods especially those who rely on well water for cooking, eating, bathing etc. We are in a historic drought. We are all restricting our own personal water usage. Its essential during this time that we carefully preserve water for human consumption as well as for crops and animals that provide us with food. It's irresponsible of the county to even consider approving a commercial cannabis permit during such a critical time.	Quit building on ag land	I agree						
94	gail cafferata	You are leading the witness by asking for an "Ideal" commercial marijuana permitting process. There are many of us who do not want ANY commercial cultivation.	Does this include grapes	no						
95	Carol Taylor	Carol Taylor (You): Can we have all these verbal water use numbers be shown in written form?								
96	Jean Hegland	NO trucked in-water! Also, water catchment takes water from existing water needs. Especially in water-scarce areas, water catchment is utterly inappropriate	Not true							
97	veva edelson	a succesfull operation would implement dry farming on counteur swails on poly culture farms with farmers that are owners living on the land and in the comunity that they are growing.								
98	Lori Pascarella	Cannabis is cultivated in a raised bed or smart pots with drip irrigation with zero water waste, all irrigation water is used by plant. Use is monitored and reported to county and state. The cannabis industry already has more than adequate controls imposed upon it via county and state regulations, inspections, and enforcement.	Drip water is still water being used from aquifers, rivers, watershed, catchment.							
99	L Williams	following State water guidlines of all 102 pages, but without enforcment and monitoring it is useless.								
100	judith olney	Neither conservation nor catchment cannot reduce a water demand of over 1 million gallons per acre per harvest to 'net zero' – these types of mitigations are not allowed under CEQA.	That's not a realistic amount of water. What about recycled water, Judith?	Can't produce enough						
101	Anna Ransome	Moratorium is essential. Humboldt's cannabis ordinance gives the county the right to reduce the extent of any cannabis activity in the case of sustained drought or low flow.	Thanks for this info Anna. This is essential.	Important	Don't agree					

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102	Carol Taylor	Are these questions and comments now part of a public record? There are really valuable insights here.	Hi Carol - We post the meetings here: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/ The first two days are already posted. Thank you for joining us!							
103	Gary Allen John Birch	what about the wine industry? why did all the previous generation (read BABY BOOMERS) get to start buisnesses and live their dreams and now these spoiled CHARMED old bullies want to disrupt the next generations.	Agreed							
104	Ann Storms	I see nothing at all wrong in stating an opinion of "No cannabis" in Sonoma County. In reality, only a few well-placed individuals are benefiting(\$\$\$) from the marijuana industry. The rest of us, including our precious lands and our wildlife, suffer.	Agree! I say only allow some long term local THC drug producers in good standing to participate in industrial zone indoor production site. Collocated at that site should be testing labs by multiple top rated drug safety labs to do the desperately needed SCIENCE to study both THC drug products as well as CBD products on human health. You have put the horse before the cart. Any responsible government policy would first assess exactly how safe or unsafe are any of these drugs.	The Indian Hemp Commission of the 1800's showed the safety of cannabis. The La Guardia report of the 1940's confirmed the safety of cannabis, THE Schaefer commission of 1970 showed the safety of cannabis. The American pharmacopiea from the 1800's to 1940 touted the safety and medical benifit of cannabis. Tens of thousands of years of human consumption showed the safety of cannabis. thousands of medical studies from dozens of countries show the safety and medical benefit of cannabis. It has only been illegal for 80 years based on racist policies. The basis of everything you have said is verifiably false!	I feel the same way about grapes and them sucking our wells dry for years already and now that we are in a drought still the water flows to grapes and nobody says a word					
105	katherine yates	Residents have to curtail their water use when there is a drought, and so should cannabis operators.This will require a sufficient county monitoring and enforcement team,								
106	L Williams	inground growing uses half the water as above ground smart pots.	Ah, but fewer crops!							
107	veronica madrid	Dry cultivation. I think I saw a comment that that is possible with marijuana	Yes it is							
108	Cameron Hattan	This study goes on to show that a single large almond farm in the central valley "utilizes 33 times more water than all of the permitted farms in Humboldt combined. crc.berkeley.edu	Thanks for siting sources!	So? We are discussing how much water would be used here.						
109	Bonnie Brown	Sonoma Water does not supply recycled waater now, only for tankers that spray water to keep dust down on new developments!!! This is rediculous.	No one said Sonoma Water, City of Petaluma does.							
110	Anna Ransome	In this equation water is the more limited commodity and, unlike cannabis, is essential for our survival.								
111	Gary Allen John Birch	no poison nutients and pesticides	Not allowed anyway							
112	katherine yates	It is my understanding that over 60% of the residents of Sonoma county depend on well water. Human livelihood should always trump commercial enterprises.	agree	Agree	Quit building houses on ag land	Agree				
113	Douglas Fisher	Rainwater catchment does not permit groundwater recharge. So called run off goes to streams, It is part of the hydrological cycle.								
114	Gary Allen John Birch	DCC and county mandates extremely strict controls on what you can use fior nutrients and pesticides								
115	L Williams	no dry farming	Explain why							
116	veva edelson	Limit to one crop per year dry farmed	Yes	Agreed						

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117	Lauren Marra	Why not allow these operations in commercial and industrial zones? Then water usage can be easily tracked and monitored, and these businesses can thrive without continued delays in the permitting process and without harming neighborhoods and families?	Stop building houses on ag land							
118	Jonathan Saler	No large commercial grows from outside the county owners should be allowed to sap our precious water. Small local farms should have rain catchment, ponds or reservoirs which many vineyards already have.								
119	Greg Harder	develop more storage, and clean out the Russian River like it was prior to 1976 when the banks were free from water alders and willows the use incredible amounts of water.								
120	Gary Allen John Birch	mandate DRY farming for all crops and we will starve out (read BOLSHEVIK REVOLUTION)	Russiandisinformation							
121	Craig Harrison	Water should e protected not just in depleted watersheds. We should employ the precautionary principle and prortect watersheds before they are impaired. Same with aquatic endagnered species. Stop them from becoming endangered in the first place.	Look hard at the grape industry							
122	Anna Ransome	Catchments are not the solution as they can de-water entire areas depleting groundwater and surface flow and depriving neighboring parcels of access to water.	I agree							
123	katherine yates	have the cannabis industry invest in developing strains of cannabis that use less water, and have the county require only these strains be planted	Agreed							
124	Lori Pascarella	Cannabis cultivators are already subject to Sonoma County Department of Agriculture Best Management Practices, inspections and enforcement to address sediment and erosion controls, water usage, pesticides use and reporting, nutrient use and reporting, waste management and many other things. There is no need to re-write something that has been successfully in use in cannabis and other agriclutlural compliance for a long time in Sonoma County.	Apparently there is, as neighbors have been impacted with only 44 acres.							
125	L Williams	limiting mega grows, during this drought.								
126	Richard Rudnansky	Regardless how much water cannabis cultivation uses, how does it make any sense to exacerbate the water problem by even considering expanding commercial cannabis operations given the current drought, on going climate change, and continued developement of housing for people in the County? Please consider a moratorium.	Better yet put moratorium on the rampant residential housing development on rezoned Agricultural lands.	I think we all agree on that.	I agree					
127	judith olney	Net Zero Water Plans and the viability of catchment basins have not been adequately studied	So study them. Isn't that the point of this?							
128	steven sommer	Dry farming vineyard will go broke if you dry farm I have b een farming 60 years	How do other countries manage? Oh right, lower profits.	Not true it farmed here already						
129	Lori Pascarella	These are not cactus plants, they need water to thrive. No water equals no quality to product and unmarketability of product which would kill a thriving local agricultural industry.	During a historic drought, we need to prioritize. We need to preserve water for human consumption as well as for crops and animals that provide us with food. Also water for fire fighting	Not true	I agree					
130	Gary Allen John Birch	the oppostion uses every single issue to damage this young industry. cant anyone see what these same 15 hateful boomers and wash up HACK lawyers like harrison are doing? they are making a joje of this process. these permits need to be ministerial to keep these hateful and spiteful LIARS out of the family farmers lives	YES! There is definitely a hateful prohibitionist group fighting progress in Sonoma County!	What do you think progress is? Seriously asking.	Agreed					
131	Rick Rogers	tackling water resource planning and conservation upon the backs of only one user (cannabis) while conventional ag avoids any regulation is doomed to fail. all water uses should be exposed to the same analysis and scrutiny.	tackling water resource planning and conservation upon the backs of only one user (cannabis) while conventional ag avoids any regulation is doomed to fail. all water uses should be exposed to the same analysis and scrutiny.	Agreed						
132	Gary Allen John Birch	the setbacks from creeks is currently too extrem	Agreed							

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133	Craig Harrison	Follow the expert advice from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in its March 2021 letter: CDFW recommends the County assess the aquatic carrying capacity of watersheds to support cannabis cultivation and propose a limit on density or number of cultivation sites. The focus of the assessment should be to determine the maximum water use availability from watersheds that maintains adequate water supply for fish and wildlife species, considering the cumulative impact of existing and future legal and illegal diversions. Prior to issuing permits for new cultivation sites, the County should prepare the assessment at a watershed scale describing a) existing water use and availability, b) potential for sediment and other pollutant discharge, and c) percentage of habitat fragmentation within a given watershed. Hemp should be incorporated into this analysis since it requires essentially the same cultivation techniques and water use.	Thank you for sourcing this!	excellent.	And grapevines as well				
134	Douglas Fisher	How will many of these concerns with water be monitored?	Already happening						
135	Ann Storms	Adopt a Moratorium while Sonoma Co. prepares an EIR to determine environmental conditions-----and water is THE #1 environmental factor.							
136	Gary Allen John Birch	the setbacks from wetlands is more extreme than any other crop	Agreed						
137	Craig Litwin	The EIR should study how the number of cultivators is arguably reducing when you look at how many traditional growers there were under medical rules and the elimination of many of these farmers through legalization. There is a net water savings which should be documented.							
138	Carol Taylor	How fire resistant will the cannabis fields be? Does that depend on the time of year? How does that compare with urban, forested areas, apples orchards and vineyards? What about other crops?	Safety was covered in yesterdays meeting.	data is stil being gathered around this Carol, however, Cannabis appears to be a fire resistant plant because its water content ad because it is manicured routinely and dead material removed = no fuel for fire.	Either it has high wTer or high oil.	Thanks			
139	Cameron Hattan	considering agricultural output per gallon of water used for other crops like tomatoes, lettuce or almonds a gallon of water produces between a tenth of a cent to two cents of value in yield. For Cannabis, a gallon of water produces nearly \$7.00 worth of value making cannabis by far the most water efficient agricultural product in California. study linked at crc.berkeley.edu	Thank you						
140	katherine yates	current research data is so critical to the question of cannabis operations in this county.	I agree						
141	L Williams	Water sheds that have had studies done, and low recharge rates should have proven hydrology reports that it will not effect our water							
142	Greg Harder	why are we discussing using a necessary resource to produce a luxury item. bad decision	Cannabis is medicine for many not a luxury.	Bingo!	It's a luxury. Period. The FDA not only outlaws it , a medicine is dispensed in a licensed pharmacy by licensed pharmacists.	And can be grown where there is water. No problem with that			
143	Gary Allen John Birch	what about GAY FROGS from the psycho drugs these opposition boomers take all day and all night and pee into our water?							
144	LAURA WALDBAUM	The County's well permitting process needs to be updated to a conditional use permit away from ministerial process which does take into effect the effects a newly permitted well has on neighboring wells							
145	veva edelson	Permitting so many vinyards that are maximizing plants in the ground rather than planting on contuere. We should be thinking differently about how we farm across the board.							
146	steven sommer	you cant farm without water is the best fertilizerst	People have farmed without watering for thousands of years. Google it.						

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147	Craig Harrison	More from California Department of Fish and Wildlife: CDFW recommends the County assess the aquatic carrying capacity of watersheds to support cannabis cultivation and propose a limit on density or number of cultivation sites. The focus of the assessment should be to determine the maximum water use availability from watersheds that maintains adequate water supply for fish and wildlife species, considering the cumulative impact of existing and future legal and illegal diversions. Prior to issuing permits for new cultivation sites, the County should prepare the assessment at a watershed scale describing a) existing water use and availability, b) potential for sediment and other pollutant discharge, and c) percentage of habitat fragmentation within a given watershed. Hemp should be incorporated into this analysis since it requires essentially the same cultivation techniques and water use..	That is already required.						
148	Bridget Beytagh	Numbers being quoted by industry does not point out that is for 1 crop-not 3 or 4. Multiply and then multiply again for up to 60.000 acres.							
149	Gary Allen John Birch	cannabis farms have to be very safe with poisons or their product wont pass strict testing and the product must be destroyed. cannabis farmers already are compelled by this to stay haelthy and organic.	Yes! The EIR should study how commercial cannabis is a much healthier way to support the economy than toxic vines or housing developments on large parcels in rural lands.						
150	L Williams	All farms must have LSA's as needed. CDFW must sign off on all projects, as they already do. follow their suggestions on preparing heavy impact areas that are no grow zones							
151	Gary Allen John Birch	on the other hand, these old retired hateful neighbors will never accept cannabis. just like all of the new generations wont accept their terrible influence poisoning this planet since their selfish days as flower children. what happened to grama? why is she so hateful?							
152	Craig Harrison	"That is already required." Not for minsiterial permits that are now stacked 4-5 per parcel to occupy an entire acre. They don't do much of anything.	Not true						
153	Craig Harrison	More from California Department of Fish and Wildlife: "In many watersheds, parcels that do not have access to municipal water sources often extract water from the stream either; through direct diversion from the stream or from near stream wells that intercept subterranean stream flow; or from groundwater wells. Groundwater extraction has the potential to impact groundwater dependent resources and reduce streamflow, especially during the late spring and summer months.."	This is also not true Craig I wish you would site your stats or quit with info that is not true	March 17, 2021 CDFW letter. That's a public expert agency. Where do you get your information?					
154	Greg Harder	we did not have riparian corridors until we had people that chose to protect them. The wildlife and fish did alot better when the ripairan zones were cleaned out. Also the ripairian zones contribute to the movement of the fires in our counties. Maybe we should put them back to mother natures design.							
155	Bonnie Brown	Given this is a Mediterranean climate zone and will probably be in drought for years, perhaps cannabis growers might think of moving their business to the Northwest where water is available. Need to think ahead.	And remove the grapes please						
156	Gary Allen John Birch	the biologic assessments and archaeological studies required for a cannabis permit are ver rigorous. cannabis has to be set back much further than any other crop. on the other hand HEMP can be planted much more liberally and it is the SAME plant requiring the SAME growing techniques.							
157	L Williams	learning that the county has 60,000 acres of vines and 40 acres of cannabis, makes it look like any regulations on cannabis should then be followed by the wine industry. That would truly save our habitats	But they want to allow 65.000 acres of cannabis - hence the problems	Agreed with original comment					

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158	judith olney	The California Department of Fish and Wildlife's March 18, 2021 letter warned that Sonoma County has a high density of sensitive species, essential habitat areas and over-drafted groundwater basins that require State regulatory oversight. Thus, the siting and permitting of cannabis cultivation in Sonoma County will continue to be limited.	Cannabis cultivators upon applying for a permit/license must undergo a biological assessment as well as a hydrogeological assessment. If the location is deemed unfit due to being habitated or POSSIBLY habitated by this species- it will not be pushed through.						
159	Anna Ransome	100' minimum setbacks from wetlands, riparian corridors, blue line creeks, natural lakes and ponds to protect the resource and the survival of threatened and endangered species							
160	Gary Allen John Birch	waddle and hay to sop up any overflows or spills							
161	Moirra Jacobs	Best way to protect, ban it!	Not true	the majority of Californians voted to remove racist drug laws.					
162	steven sommer	i dont see my commets							
163	Craig Harrison	More from California Department of Fish and Wildlife's March 2021 letter: "The County should limit cultivation on parcels with the potential to support special-status species and their habitat. The Ordinance should establish a current baseline of permitted cannabis cultivation areas and project where new cannabis cultivation expansion may occur on a map. Geo-spatial analysis should be used at an individual property parcel scale, to exclude ministerial approval of cannabis cultivation within areas with habitat to support special-status species and where special-status species occurrences are documented within the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB). Exclusion area boundaries should be mapped at a parcel scale. In addition, species-specific protective buffer distances should be developed as part of the Project MND to limit activities that can occur adjacent to mapped exclusion areas."							
164	LAURA WALDBAUM	Exclusion zones for the impaired watersheds							
165	CECILE ISAACS	Can Mia clarify whether her statement is simply her personal ideas or if those recommendations are grounded in state and federal law and regulation?							
166	ron ferraro	Mia information was great, i think we should be listen to what she has to provide	Well said!	Agreed					
167	Gary Allen John Birch	any disrupted topsoils must be covered w hay and waddled to elimintae dust and runoff.							
168	Carol Taylor	Yes - David's presentation	live answered	Sonoma County Water Supply, Use, and Conservation Assessment Guidelines can be found here: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/PRMD/Policies-and-Procedures/8-2-1-Water-Supply-Use-and-Conservation-Assessment-Guidelines/					
169	Gary Allen John Birch	setbacks NEED to be the same as ALL other crops.	Sonoma County Water Supply, Use, and Conservation Assessment Guidelines can be found here: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/PRMD/Policies-and-Procedures/8-2-1-Water-Supply-Use-and-Conservation-Assessment-Guidelines/	Absolutely not. Other crops don't require security fences, guard dogs etc.	Agreed				
170	L Williams	100 foot setbacks are already state law	Exactly.						

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171	Lauren Marra	A way to protect natural habitats would be putting these operations in industrial areas where the infrastructure is already there and no expensive environmental studies will be needed since the area has already been developed. Saves everyone time and allows the businesses to succeed without threatening the environment and endangered species/habitats								
172	judith olney	Protect the larger riparian corridor setbacks defined by the State Water Resources Control Board Cannabis Policy, follow additional protections of the Ca Department of Fish and Wildlife mitigation measures and all other state requirements.								
173	Gary Allen John Birch	if setbacks are made more extreme then you are taking away value from farmers land	Thus reducing farmers							
174	ron ferraro	they need setbacks from habitats and riparian corridros								
175	Gary Allen John Birch	do you see how these folks simply want to BAN. this is a dishonest discussion.	Agreed							
176	katherine yates	Answering this question requires scientific analysis of water flow patterns in any given riparian area. So this analysis needs to be funded somehow								
177	Greg Harder	don't forget about the poachers								
178	Moira Jacobs	Why is it in the public's interest to waste our resources in favor of the profits of the very few?	Please ask the grape industry	my cannabis farm provides quality paying jobs for Sonoma County, our taxes benefit Sonoma County.						
179	Craig Litwin	Cannabis cultivators are natural partners for habitat restoration, fire protection work, and water savings.	Some cultivators actively, in coordination with regulators, put water into the streams for protected species. We should look for these opportunities.	Not at all! The huge, unsightly, noisy, smelly, light polluting THC drug production site near us looks like an industrial operation, nothing "traditional Ag" about it. It's also a net new fire hazard with electrical, generator and workers living in trailer illegally. This is industrial drug production. It belongs in indoor facilities in industrial zone.	Thanks Craig					
180	Craig Harrison	Cumulative water impacts seems to be ignored. Why not study some of the sensitive watersheds such as Matanzas Creek to find the endangered and sensitive species before allowing any pot permitting?	Please do this with grape as well. Please.							
181	L Williams	Figure out if you should double state water setbacks, or follow the most strict standards that are already in place for any ag								
182	Gary Allen John Birch	these folks want to stop all cannabis applications and permits without a new law. they are bullies and are using leftist tactics straight out of RULES FOR RADICALS	Agreed							
183	Diana Barnacle	The only way to truly protect our environment is to grow it inside using recycled water.	Not true-please read this article. Read in POLITICO: https://apple.news/Abfd3TPyGQpGSyU6MXQVIsQ	Not true and do not agree						
184	katherine yates	a hundred foot setback assumes one size fits all, which is never the case in nature								
185	LAURA WALDBAUM	No new commercial water uses in impaired watersheds. Exclusion zones. Please protect our water resources	Please look at the wine industry							
186	Gary Allen John Birch	too bad anne. my land and family suffers from you not letting us live in peace.								
187	L Williams	40 acres isn't a problem. Its cleaner than any other farming in the World	Agreed							
188	Gary Allen John Birch	as boomers stop drinking wine there will be a glut of empty vineyards. the net water use will be lower.								
189	Lauren Marra	Will the county research what other counties such as mendocino have done? And will the county work to understand why marin and napa counties do not allow commercial cannabis?								
190	Anna Ransome	Cumulative impact studies of all proposed cannabis grows are needed to determine impact on water resources.								

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191	Craig Harrison	I agree with Ann Storms. In 2016 the county assumed there were 5,000 commercial growers, which was probably exaggerated since most were for their own consumption. They are the 1% What about the 99% who don't gain anything	Agree!	Yes						
192	steven sommer	David how much water are vegetable are using								
193	Michael Ely	There should be no cannabis farming in Sonoma County. Why shouldn't the costal zone exclusion also apply to the rest of the County	Do not agree							
194	judith olney	The County must conduct an independent Water Resource Availability Study for each groundwater basin or watershed, ensuring supply for all current permitted uses, setting acreage caps and other measures to protect against continued groundwater overdraft.								
195	Jonathan Saler	Many studies will have to be done on each ecosystem where a cannabis farm is or wants to be. For starters, each creek system will have to be monitored several times a year to check for species. This should already be done.								
196	Gary Allen John Birch	no poison seratonin uptake inhibitors like prozac in the toilet. why is grama so mean and filled with poison she pees into the water supply?	this is innapropriate and it is bullying in my opinion							
197	Bonnie Brown	Pollinators are in decline and we need to protect ALL habitats. They pollinate the food we need.	Come and visit my cannabis farm and see all the pollinators I have invited.							
198	katherine yates	As with just about every aspect of cannabis grow, funding to research, monitor, and enforce this subject is essential to success. No amount of wonderful rules will matter if they cant be backed by this	We are visited often.							
199	Gary Allen John Birch	the ladybugs and bees around my crops is a thing of beauty and great from the environment and habitat.								
200	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	I am a licensed cultivator I invite anyone to come to my farm and see how I am increasing biodiversity. The amount of predatory birds, wildlife and insects is astonishing compared to what was present previously. With the endangered Monarch butterfly spotted often. I grow benficals, use mulch, automated irrigation and a covercrop in the down time thus reducing my watere use and retaining moisture in the soil.	I would love to come and visit and talk with you. How can we encourage good stewardship in all farming.							
201	Lindsay Blyth	(13)Property Setbacks - Riparian Corridor Stream Conservation Areas. Structures used for cultivation shall be located outside the Riparian Corridor Stream Conservation Areas (RC combining zone) and outside any designated Biotic Habitat area (BH combining zone). Outdoor cultivation areas shall conform to the agricultural Riparian Corridor setback set forth in Section 26-65-040. Outdoor cultivation areas shall conform to the wetland setback set forth in Section 36-16-120, unless a use permit is obtained.								
202	L Williams	Setbacks is the real Key! Follow science, and double state setbacks if you still dont trust what the science say.	Hope you do this for grapes as well							
203	Lindsay Blyth	County Ordinance 26-88-250.								
204	L Williams	No wells should be at the same height as nearby streams.								
205	Anna Ransome	This is why setbacks are so important. Ag allows all kinds of activity in these setbacks but the attempt to classify cannabis as ag has failed. Cannabis production is not considered ag by the state and does not have right-to-farm privileges.								
206	Gary Allen John Birch	give the authoritarian hall monitor grandmas someone to bully around since grandpa left her and the kids cant stand her. she needs someone to bully. choose the topic. grandma can hate with the best of them. i wonder who though this would happen to america when devlopment projects take 5 years to get accomplished. this eliminates all independent family businesses and mandate banks and corps.	again this kind of othering is no productive							
207	judith olney	Require much larger setbacks for wells drilled near riparian corridors - groundwater drawdown acually does reduce stream flow, impacting special species.								
208	Jean Hegland	Sonoma County's natural beauty is one of our greatest treasures—and also a draw for tourists. We have to protect our ripirian corridors and the creatures who live here	strongly agree!	Strongly agree!						
209	gail cafferata	As a pastor, I follow the Golden Rule. What we do for ourselves we should do for others, and for Mother Earth. That means DO NOT POISON our earth with pesticides and herbicides.	Legal cannabis does not allow for chemicals such as these. I increase biodiversity on my farm not reduce it.							

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210	Gary Allen John Birch	protection would be the saem as now. the ag dept takes this extremely seriously.							
211	Greg Harder	50 years ago there corridors were much smaller a less dense.. Why won't we consider the water loss to excessive foliage. We have stopped the flow so much that the seeds don't get flushed out. Excessive plant material is choking our water supply. This is all recent justification for make people feel good. Quit messing with mother nature.	We used to have more water flowing to flush. Now the water levels are too low						
212	Gary Allen John Birch	the setbacks are too extreme compared to other crops.	The attempt to classify cannabis as ag has failed. Cannabis production is not considered ag by the state and does not have right-to-farm privileges.	It's a DRUG product. We need to first thoroughly test scientifically the exact safety or harms of both THC drug products and CBD based products. Both very different, different potential uses, but still no testing on any of this.					
213	judith olney	Protect the larger riparian corridor setbacks defined by the State Water Resources Control Board Cannabis Policy, follow additional protections of the Ca Department of Fish and Wildlife mitigation measures and all other state requirements							
214	Moira Jacobs	Protect riparian corridors: ban this. Place only in indoor facilities in industrial zone.	Please read this article Read in POLITICO: https://apple.news/Abfd3TPyGQpGSyU6MXQVlsQ	We don't need a huge facility. We only need one facility for the testing lab purposes. Marijuana can be grown in industrial Ag areas with water rich environments. The first step is this: prove to society these THC and CBD are safe drugs! So far ZERO scientific proof, only reams of scientific data on the HARMS of THC!	Do not agree				
215	CECILE ISAACS	Protection of riparian corridors requires frequent, scientific monitoring.							
216	Gary Allen John Birch	double setback are done to penalize cannabis growers							
217	Lindsay Blyth	If you want to protect streams and RC, increasing accessibility to cultivators to legally grow and they will gladly follow laws regarding water.	Unfortunately, where there is a lot of money to be this doesn't happen.						
218	Lauren Marra	We need a thorough EIR. When has the county last assessed and evaluated these areas?							
219	Carol Taylor	There are many other places in California and the US where weed is grown. We are not preventing cannabis production, just preventing it here at least for a moratorium period. The harm caused to the many is far greater than the gain of the few.	Thousands of cultivators reside in this county. Many families reliant.	Thousands? Citation please	I see now a County estimate. Thank you so much for taking the time to answer my questions. I really appreciate your doing that.				
220	Gary Allen John Birch	cannabis grows are extremely beustiful to most younger generations. just like grandma boomer loved the looks of vinbeyards.							
221	Craig Harrison	Growers are placing wells along Matanzas Creek, a sensitive riaprian corridor. They are drawing water from essential riparian habiait. This should be stopped.	strongly agree!	For grapevines unfortunately					
222	steven sommer	all agricultue shouldc treated the same set. out in the ag element	Agree	Agreed					
223	L Williams	Class three set backs should be state setbacks. all other setbacks should conversed with a BOS meetings.							
224	Gary Allen John Birch	the surprise inspections are many and intense. they are rigorous. none of the opposition seems to understand this. they are full of it.							
225	Lori Pascarella	Many vineyard and dairy owners are willing to convert acerage to cannabis to improve their cash flow to sustain their primary agricultural operations. This trade of of 2 acres per 1 of cannabis results in NET ZERO use and should be continued to be allowed in new ordinance in zone 3 & zone 4							
226	L Williams	Please state current water setback. Class 1,2,3 so public is aware.							
227	Gary Allen John Birch	the new ordinance NEEDS to minimize setbacks to treat cannabis like a normal ag crop							

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228	Craig Harrison	Parcels without access to municipal water sources often extract water from the stream either through direct diversion from the stream or from near stream wells that intercept subterranean stream flow; or from groundwater wells. Groundwater extraction has the potential to impact groundwater dependent resources and reduce streamflow, especially during the late spring and summer months.	Please look at the 60000 acres of grapes							
229	Craig Litwin	Create incentives for larger than required setbacks, applicants who work with Conservation Districts to restore riparian areas, and utilize open space money to protect some of these properties that are applying for small grows on large acreage.	I agree							
230	Greg Harder	again, why discuss this without a plan for water?								
231	Gary Allen John Birch	boomers pee poison in the water. GAY FROGS	You are acting like a bully. That's really not cool							
232	judith olney	Current County setbacks do not meet state requirements. Protect the larger riparian corridor setbacks defined by the State Water Resources Control Board Cannabis Policy, follow additional protections of the Ca Department of Fish and Wildlife mitigation measures and all other state requirements.	The county cannot supercede the state requirements.	Not true						
233	steven sommer	ARE uilding more homes hurting Habitat								
234	Bridget Beytagh	The County setbacks have been shown to be completely inadequate- a huge problem. They need to change.								
235	Gary Allen John Birch	soon cannabis will be ag by the state and fed								
236	LAURA WALDBAUM	We need more funding for enforcement of illegal grows using riparian areas for mixing chemicals and withdrawing water.								
237	Lori Pascarella	Setbacks are more than adequate to address odor mitigation and protect wildlife resources. Cannabis operators are subject to very strict waterboard, CA Dept Fish & Wildlife, county and state regulations to ensure resources are protected. County ordinance should mirror state laws.	Agreed. No need to reinvent the rules that already exist at the state level.	Could not agree more!	Odor is not the only issue. 300 ft setback from the wall of my home, with pesticide area, parking lot, dusty gravel driveway, light pollution, parking lot, noise, vibration, environmental impact, and more all even closer than 300 ft affects families' quality of life and well being. 300 ft is not sufficient. There should be a 1000 ft setback from residential property lines. There are so many viable areas for people to grow without threatening families and neighborhoods. We deserve the right to live peacefully in our homes and yards.					
238	Craig Harrison	Any biological stuides aboutt riparian habitats must be done in the wet season. Allowed those studies to be done in, say, August, is calculated and intended to make sure you don't find the rare and endangered species.	Cannabis operators are already subject to complete biotic resource studies, including spring studies.							
239	Gary Allen John Birch	ag land has rights that cant be threatened by spiteful old hipocritical silver pony tails.								
240	Diana Barnacle	What is the disposal process for the soil filled with excess nutrients after cultivation?								
241	Jean Hegland	Excellent point about cannabis about not being an agricultural activity. The cultivators themselves refer to "the industry." Cannabis is an industrial product, and does not deserve the same rights that farming does	It only a matter of time	Agree						
242	Craig Harrison	Whistleblowers should be given a bounty for finding illegal grows and illegal water diversions	Or fined if they are wrong.							
243	L Williams	in season Bio studies should be mandatory	they already are!							
244	Gary Allen John Birch	organic operators should be given an incentive like cheaper taxes if they are organic like my farm and land is.	Good idea							
245	Bob Storms	I agree with Craig Harrison re: wells being drilled on Matanzas Creek now. If there's no oversight now, what will happen if the floodgates are opened??	Look at grapes							

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246	Craig Harrison	Lindsay: I agree with a fine if there was bad faith. But there are few such claims.							
247	Greg Harder	Instead of pumping the clean recycled water to the Geysers, we should irrigate with it and let it recharge the groundwater as if filters and cleans.	Agree that our water resources should be protected for agricultural, and community uses, not pumped to the Geysers!	Agreed					
248	Carol Bokaie	I agree							
249	Lori Pascarella	It is clear as you see comments how misinformed the average citizen is about the already strict local and state regulations, inspections and enforcement that is mandated of every single cannabis cultivator. The county should align with state ordinance and stop allowing prohibitions groups to stop progress in development of a viable economic, jobs creating, tax creating agricultural industry.	Agree	AGREED!	Agreed				
250	steven sommer	thans							
251	Dave Jefferson	Wine grapes and wine making is genericly refered to as "the wine industry." Does that make wine grape growing as NOT agriculture?							
252	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	reducing the loss of top soil by planting beneficials alongside grants for water catchment; ponds and/or tanks cover crop during down time							
253	Gary Allen John Birch	good thing the hateful boomers werent around during the start of the wine industry in norcal. what went so wrong with this entitlked and privlidged generation? why do they get to keep disrupting and cuasing problems for all other generations? they have made our country broke, weak, and sadly immoral. and now they cause extreme division with silly mask crap so that they never get sick while the rest of us have our lives damaged and our babies grow up in clown world. when will these charmed old sweet boomers butt out like grandparents used to do? when will they pass on the torch to the next generations and stay out of it?							
254	Jonathan Saler	Studies documented from a 1979 report of rural Sonoma County flora and fauna have already shown a severe reduction in species during the last 40 years. There needs to be a published update and all farmers, grape and otherwise, plus housing developers, should be held accountable for what they do to the land henceforth.	So many cannabis cultivators should be praised for the regenerative efforts						
255	L Williams	Starving any crop of water is not acceptable. Proving water availibilty is key. Sustainability is can only go forward from there							
256	judith olney	Conservation mitigation is not enforceable, especially given water self-reporting. Conservation or catchment can NOT reduce a water demand of over 1 million gallons per acre per harvest to 'net zero' – these types of mitigations are not allowed under CEQA.	should be monitored unlike vinyards	Water is not "self reporting" water meters are required to record water use. Get the facts!!!					
257	Gary Allen John Birch	stop using water as a tool to stop this crop							
258	L Williams	Water catchment is not real, unless you have a pond.							
259	Anna Ransome	Catchments are not a benign solution as concentrations of them can de-water entire areas depleting groundwater and surface flows and depriving neighboring parcels of access to water.	And depriving streams of replenishment.						
260	steven sommer	like most vineardshould be on drip	All vineyard are either on drip or dry farmed.	Please include the overhead frost protection					
261	katherine yates	Research into trapping and recycling humidity in inside grows sounds very intriguing, as this would lead to one of the most efficient uses of irrigation of cannabis plants.							
262	Craig Harrison	Protect Matanzas Creek. The creek and its riparian corridor provide good refuge habitat for amphibians and reptiles, and identified five rare species that are found in this watershed: California giant salamander (special concern); foothill yellow-legged frog (candidate threatened); red-legged frog (federal threatened); reed-bellied newt (special concern); and California freshwater shrimp (federal endangered). How can you approve cannabis operations in this watershed?	Sounds like this is personal to you, and not about the county as a whole.	Please look at how much water the grapes in your neiborhood use					
263	veva edelson	This format is really hard. I can't read other peoples comments. I can't believe that this counts as visioning and including resident input.	Agree	Agreed					
264	Jean Hegland	Wine isn't grown under lights							
265	Gary Allen John Birch	boomers cannot keep bulling all next generations after their generation proved that they have made every single wrong decsion. arguing with dishonest boomers point by point is a loser waste of time. TRUTH.							

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266	Craig Harrison	Why do you call marijuana "cannabis?"	it has been called "cannabis or hemp throughout all of human history" in fact linguists trace the age of " a language by it's use of the word "Hemp" The word "Marijauna" was introduced by Harry Anslinger with his Reefer Madness Campaign in the late 1930's he popularized the word marijauna which has nothing to do with cannabis to get unsuspecting people to vote to ban "Marijauna" without them knowing what they were actually voting for.						
267	Gary Allen John Birch	drip is good to control overuse							
268	L Williams	drip system mandatory							
269	LAURA WALDBAUM	While I am pleased to hear about new strategies to preserve water we also need to recognise that conditions now are much different than 50 years ago. We don't have the water now than had in the past. We do have more housing and we need to recognise the reality that we can't just keep giving out more permits for commercial water use when we are cutting allotments for current users							
270	Lauren Marra	There is an interesting new operation under construction near UC Davis right now. (they grow lettuce primarily and are working closely with UC davis). The operation is within greenhouses and thier system uses 95% less water. I think the county could learn a lot from what this operation is doing. https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/gotham-greens-accelerates-growth-with-west-coast-expansion-301237779.html							
271	judith olney	The State Department of Food and Ag regulations classify cannabis as a product - it is not a crop and differs significantly from traditional ag							
272	Diana Barnacle	We are in a drought and all these are great water storage ideas, it's insane we are talking about water storage for pot and not for drinking and growing food.	Cannabis has been proven to be VERY helpful medicinally. Here's a cited source- https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK425767/	Diana please consider updating your vocabulary. Cannabis as it is not referred to has been recognized by the state of California since mid 90s					
273	katherine yates	drip drip drip, and mulch mulch mulch. This can dramatically reduce evaporation and loss	Agree						
274	Gary Allen John Birch	wells are all different depths and rarely interfere with each other. that is a lie.							
275	Carol Bokaie	no dry farming							
276	Jonathan Saler	Franz Creek also has California freshwater shrimp.							
277	Maira Jacobs	Sonoma should focus on being USA Center of testing, collocates with an indoor facility in industrial zone. You all who support this blindly, put your money where your mouth is: prove THC drug products and CBD products are safe. If so great, then produce it in industrial Ag areas in water rich industrial scale farm lands in other areas, not Sonoma. You still have finished step one: testing the product! Even the potency is totally unregulated, untested.	This is false information. All cannabis is subject to testing by and independent licensed laboratory and must submit a Certificate of Analysis to the state which tests potency of cannabinoids and for any contaminants such as pesticides, molds, trace metals, or other non-cannabis material.	Not true about testing it as a drug. No FDA testing, no regulatory regime around THC potency, etc, etc. These are drugs, they need public health policy to drive this issue first. If it turns out to cure cancer, great. Then manufacture it in appropriate areas, not Sonoma.	again, there are THOUSANDS of studies showing the safety and medical benefit of cannabis!!! our final cannabis products are tested at higher levels than any other agricultural product in history!!! please educate yourself and stop pushing falsehoods! your organic produce can't pass cannabis cleanliness and safety testing!!!	Oh yes, all those thousands of pro marijuana industry studies....yep I've seen those. No credibility.			

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278	Craig Harrison	Why do you call marijuana "cannabis?" Propostion 64, which legalized it, used the word marijuana!	The scientific name of the marijuana plant is Cannabis Sativa or Cannabis Indica depending upon the flower strain.	It's a marketing ploy. The two chemical compounds being used are THC for hallucinogenic drug production and CBD for various other drug or therapy products. It's time both drug product categories be looked at separately, fully tested for safety and true scientific benefits or harms. Where is the Science!? Have we devolved into snake salesmen!? Look at visiting 1860s if you wish.	It's pakalolo in Hawaii. Literally translated, crazy weed.				
279	Gary Allen John Birch	send ALL farmers to siberia and starve them at work camps. the cannabis consumers will always get their product. it will be supplid by the blacl market as you continue to make cannabis farming impossible for family organic farms.							
280	Craig Litwin	The EIR should study the economic viability of cannabis to other crops in relation to water use. Arguably, reducing other crops and development will save more water than cannabis.							
281	Greg Harder	adopt the Israel farming techniques.							
282	Gary Allen John Birch	let the friendly old ladies do a rain dance for us. wacky old timers walk aroud the frontage of my parcle with little hand drums and do weird dances already. the more pills they take the friendlier they get. please grandma dont pee that poison into the water my babies drink and bath in.							
283	LAURA WALDBAUM	The "drought" is our new normal.							
284	Craig Harrison	Is "Gary Allen John Birch" also known as "Henry Burbank," or "Henry Edison-Burbank," or "John Galt?" Too many fake names.							
285	steven sommer	cannibbus grower are required to mesure use							
286	L Williams	Many farms in California are limiting their planting to 75% of their available space. Maybe a Perecnt of reduction should be enforced on all AG							
287	Jonathan Saler	Everyone should be conserving water. Let the color brown be the new rage. Dirt doesn't burn!							
288	Gary Allen John Birch	better than a fake person with fake concerns to stop a fake threat in order to bully people.							
289	Rumer Melendrez	The same people complaining about water usage for cannabis, are probably the same people that have grass lawns.							
290	rachel Zierdt	Update all the county tools such as water ground availability. The current map is old.							
291	katherine yates	in times of drought, water-demanding commercial crops such as almonds, alfalfa, grapes, rice, and cannabis should be severely restricted or banned.							
292	judith olney	Agree with County and State Agencies: The Department of Water Resources criteria applicable to priority groundwater basins should apply to all new use permits. Hydrogeologic report prepared by a qualified professional must demonstrate and conclude that commercial cannabis water use will not result in 1. . Chronic lowering of groundwater levels; 2. Reduction of groundwater storage; 3. Seawater intrusion; 4. . Degraded water quality as may happen with recycled water; 5. . Land subsidence; or 6. Depletions of interconnected surface water.							
293	Gary Allen John Birch	how are growers supposed to protect themselves from dishonesty like what we have in this chat?							
294	Lauren Marra	There is an interesting new operation under construction near UC Davis right now. (they grow lettuce primarily and are working closely with UC davis). The operation is within greenhouses and thier system uses 95% less water. I think the county could learn a lot from what this operation is doing. https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/gotham-greens-accelerates-growth-with-west-coast-expansion-301237779.html							
295	Gary Allen John Birch	there are maybe 1% of growers here. most have to WORK unlike grandma boomer and HACKS like harrison.							

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296	Carol Bokaie	I agree							
297	judith olney	Require verified reports that meet all water use requirements of the State Water Resources Control Board, including demonstration of long-term water availability.							
298	Lori Pascarella	The county and state already have a successful programs. Cannabis is one of the most heavily regulated, monitored, inspected and enforced industries in California. County should mirror state regulations and not try to make things even more complicated than they already are to do business here!	Agree	agree	disagree, there are many operations with violations right now that are not enforced.				
299	veva edelson	Cannabis cultivators maybe should undergo training similar to that of surgeon. Learning to farm sustainable is an intensive process that takes a long time. Not just knowing about cannabis strains and how to get the most luscious buds and sell for the most money. This is a fetish luxury product.	This implies that cultivators are uneducated.						
300	Lisa Lai	if you want cannabis farms in zone 1&2 only there will be more neighbors impact. allow 3&4 if hydro reports say there is enough water. allow hoop houses and require water catchment	Agree						
301	Anna Ransome	Wasn't water survey data used for the draft ordinance from 1980, 41 years ago? No new projects should be approved until after the EIR is complete and impacts on water resources are adequately studied and projected.	So needed.						
302	katherine yates	require all grows to be indoors, and recycle water. Power the grows with solar energy							
303	Gary Allen John Birch	the inspections currently are rigorous and intense. this industry is next to impossible							
304	Bonnie Brown	Gary and John, we are not grandma old lady boomers.							
305	Gary Allen John Birch	make regs same as state norms							
306	judith olney	Put new cultivation in greenhouses located in industrial and commercial zones requiring all new water conservation measures.							
307	L Williams	Can't ban plants or ag, but we can regulate it. Lets find a reasonable solution. State regs are very strict as it is.	Agreed						
308	Lori Pascarella	Next year appellations programs, organic and sustainable farming certifications will be available to cannabis cultivators. Currently they are not.	Isn't that in ground only?						
309	judith olney	All water users are required to reduce demand during a drought: Commercial cannabis cultivation and manufacturing should be held to the same standards in terms of required reduction in water use as other commercial uses - residential and commercial users have strict limits with required percentage decreases, and fines attached. The County also has the option to deny permit renewals for plantings during drought conditions							
310	Gary Allen John Birch	these neighbors are usually in smaller parcels that were originally broken off of parcels like mine. why do they have more rights and more of a voice?							
311	Gary Allen John Birch	these people have no respect for cannabis operators. they lie and try to get their neighbors swattes.							
312	steven sommer	we use less water in hoop houses	But hoop houses cause visual pollution for other properties	3 crops, so no, not less.					
313	Greg Harder	Please explain why we are discussing this program without a water supply. Isn't developing water storage more important?							
314	Lisa Lai	anything required by cannabis should also be required for grapes. cannabis is medical and wine is not. food should be a priority but cannabis over laws	Yes!	Do Cheech & Chong use medical marijuana?	cannabis is not medical. FDA approved drugs are medicine. There are cannabis based drugs that are FDA approved on the market which is very different. The majority is recreational	Pretty well agree.	Still it is a drug, a recreational drug. The active ingredient these drug producers market is THC, marketed as "cannabis," since sounds better. THC is listed by State of CA as a toxin, as of January 2020.		
315	Moir Jacobs	Good, I hope our comments end up on front page of NYT!	Send them to "60 Minutes" also.						

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316	Gary Allen John Birch	hoops houses should be able to be up all year and not 180 days to conserve water and protect plants from opposition views.	YES! Hoop houses also help mitigate odor drift, prevent crop contamination from other surrounding ag operators spray drift, and improve quality by protecting against excess heat and sun exposure.							
317	L Williams	Polymers in soil to hold hydration, will not work in the cannabis industry. The Cannabis would not pass the one parts per billion. Most likely the uc Davis study								
318	rachel Zierdt	If permits are only for 1 year, the water situation could be more accurately assessed and production dialed up or down depending on rain situation.	good idea		Excellent point!					
319	Dr. Natasha Khalouf	in ground planting only faster permitting of Greenhouse/mixed light	what do you do about gophers?	it is a challenge. increase predatory						
320	Cameron Hattan	Traditional agriculture should be worried. This can happen to you too!	100%							
321	Bridget Beytagh	Hoop houses produce 3-4 crops a year, so they actually use more than is being stated	incorrect- vs. a full season cultivation it would actually be less water used because the plants would be smaller and use less water.	Still 3-4 crops would use more.						
322	judith olney	In the winter, then hoop houses are protecting plants from natural rainwater.	using the hoop houses as water catchment actually conserves water and reduces ground water evaporation. the covers can also be easily removed to allow the rain in.							
323	Gary Allen John Birch	cannot restrict in in ground.								
324	Jonathan Saler	Again no permits should be issued to out of County land owners. So tired of people only coming here to use Sonoma County's resources and not support it. Live here and farm it!	Agree	Agree	Agree!	yes, agree!!!	Agree.	100%	agree	agree
325	Gary Allen John Birch	same as every other crop								
326	Gary Allen John Birch	he/him/his. cool i got that one right.								
327	Lisa Lai	let's assume that applicants are professionals who got into the white market to comply. enforcement through education the first time. chronic abusers are rare and should be fined.								
328	L Williams	If you don't fund the enforcement through taxation, non of this will work. 30% of the taxes minimum, should go to County infersructure.								
329	Craig Harrison	Heavy fines for rule breakers and a percentage of the fines to whistleblowers. The county's notion of enforcement is 8-4 M-F. You need the public to help locate illegal use or over-use, and incentivize the pulbic. Perhaps use those whsitleblower funds to establish an independently funded and independently-run enforcement organization not associated with a government agency.								
330	Gary Allen John Birch	giving the public private information about their neighbors who they already hate is a terrible control freak idea. bad idea. robust inspections and requirements are already to overbaring. stop treating cannabis farmers like criminals to appease people. they will never be satisfied. give the young cannabis industry a chance to help this county.								
331	LAURA WALDBAUM	We need "real time" monitoring of all commercial water uses and impose specific significant fines for use beyond what is permitted. Self reporting is totally meaningless. We have traffic police monitoring traffic speeds - we dont rely on self reporting for speeding violations	cannabis farmers must have water meters installed in our gardens. we have to report realtime numbers for water usage							
332	CECILE ISAACS	Can David say more about how audits help self reporting work?								
333	judith olney	Agree with Water Board: Self-reporting of water use is not reliable or enforceable. Use well monitoring equipment and periodic inspections or audits are required.	agree	we use well monitors and county and state officials do inspect.						
334	Anna Ransome	PD article today implies that it is impossible to determine who is taking the water illegally. Is compliance going to be voluntary?								

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335	Cameron Hattan	not true. regenerative cannabis cultivation promotes biodiversity, improves soil health and ground water retention.	Is the cannabis still grown in mono culture groupings of an acre of the same kind of plant?							
336	Kila Peterson	Cannabis is not the only crop we should be thinking about. Maybe county needs to revamp all criteria for all agriculture and urban development . New time calls for new guidelines for all! Tired of cannabis being the only crop requiring accountability. Transparency for all!	For ALL! we are tax paying businesses.							
337	katherine yates	Agreed: no permits issued to out of county operators!	then we need to decrease the cost of entry and increase the ease at which the small family farmer can enter the regulated market							
338	Bonnie Brown	Self-control, monitoring, and reporting is problematic. Inspection is expensive and not reliaby done. Don't know the soution.								
339	Gary Allen John Birch	can we also hold to account the neighbors who make repeated calls and emails that are proven to be exagerations and lies to be punished for wasting county time and illegally harrasing their neighbors who grow a plant.								
340	steven sommer	May the david department classes on water use								
341	Gary Allen John Birch	there is too much enforcement already. its CRAZY. this is a LEGAL crop								
342	L Williams	Set up at least two individuals from the county to work with interagency teams.								
343	Carol Taylor	Monitoring neighboring wells should be part of determining effect on total well water impact.	good point							
344	Gary Allen John Birch	heaby fines for HACKS who make up stories and waste peoples time like a HACK would do.								
345	Moira Jacobs	Since state of CA has listed THC as a toxin in January 2020, have any studies been done on THC going into ground? Effects on groundwater? On wildlife? On worker health	What about Prop 65?							
346	veva edelson	If a cultivator is breaking rules, give all their profits to the county for 10 years	I do not support indentured servitude.							
347	Carol Bokaie	Why can't the county identify larger tracks of land away from rural residences, forests, and parks, that are accessed by fire safe roads that then can be subdivided into lots for purchased for cannabis growers. During drought truck water into cannbis grows.	Might be worth giving this idea more thought.							
348	Greg Harder	loss of permit for violations								
349	Moira Jacobs	Loss of license!								
350	Lori Pascarella	The county already has a very intensive inspections and monitoring program through Sonoma County Department of Agriculture and PRMD code enforcement cannabis teams, in addition to all of the state inspections required. It seems like increasing above what is already being done for inspections and enforcement would seem to be more financially motivated by the county, than to actually improve cannabis cultivator accountability. (Cultivators pay fees for inspections as part of their annual permitting process)	Sadly, Ag. Dept. prefers to work with violators - as they keep repeating. This is a very real reason neighbors are fed up. No enforcement.							
351	Gary Allen John Birch	to eavch their own. not boomers and hacks ruke w an iron fist								
352	Craig Harrison	Greed trumps good behavior every time.								
353	katherine yates	set up a grow certification program through the junior college system that will teach responsible practices, and require all current growers and future applicants to get a certificate from the program.	interesting idea	already done						
354	Gary Allen John Birch	cultivators barely make profits	Consider another line of work.							
355	Gary Allen John Birch	most cultivators DONT make profits.								
356	L Williams	enforcement keeps all of your neighbors happy								
357	Gary Allen John Birch	there is a study that shows a psycholigical tweak that happened to the baby boomers that make them have a God Complex.								
358	Craig Litwin	Wells are already monitored, inspections done randomly, and permit holders do lose permits for non compliance. Follow the existing rules!	Nice.	Exactly.	So, why violators still operating?					
359	Mary Plimpton	County must adequatley staff for compliance enforcement. - Budget should be augmented from taxes collected from cannabis businesses.								
360	Gary Allen John Birch	neighbors make up lies or get a hack like harrison. and then the inspections surpise the next day and we get AAAAA from county and state. this is dishonest and they will not listen. they just want to throw everything they can at this industry								

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362	Greg Harder	Again, please have our board of supervisors create a water supply before any permits for anything are issued.								
363	Moira Jacobs	Put one indoor coop facility in industrial zone. Test safety of these drug products first before expanding anywhere.								
364	rachel Zierdt	Unfortunately, if current enforcement is an example of how enforcement will go forward, it is very poor. Immediate revocation of permit is needed...fines should be steep....the crop should be destroyed or confiscated. Broad discretion is the verbiage that needs to be deleted.								
365	Gary Allen John Birch	maybe we should send some of the friendly enforcement officials to these neighbors houses and see their illegal residences, illegal land moving, illegal bed and breakfast, etc.								
366	judith olney	Limiting cannabis operations to commercial and industrial zoned lands is important as these areas can be served by water and wastewater facilities. The EIR must assess increased public costs for public utilities, such as the need to upgrade water supply and conveyance facilities, wastewater treatment plants, landfills and compost facilities. The County has many separate Sanitation Districts, some with limited capability to deal with industrial waste streams, such as pesticide residue or high organic constituents from hydroponic operations that generate large quantities of wastewater	Thanks for bringing your expertise to this discussion!							
367	Gary Allen John Birch	these folks are throwing stones from illegal glass houses.								
368	Richard Rudnansky	It is never good public policy to reward bad behavior. Revoke permits for violations.								
369	Gary Allen John Birch	call them into enforcement for their broken rules and there should be zero double standard.								
370	L Williams	40 acres is .0006667 percent of vines. the permits should be expanded.	Agree!	Oh don't worry, they want 65.000 acres. Read the ordinance						
371	Gary Allen John Birch	i want to see water rights for landowners not be interferred with at all								
372	judith olney	Have not addressed wastewater discharge requirements	Water board already addresses this!							
373	katherine yates	A recent study by the Petaluma Groundwater Sustainability Agency found the groundwater basin in the NORTHWEST area of the valley is in decline. As this region has one of the greatest densities of residential wells, there should be a ban on any grow operations in this region.	Thank you for joining us Katherine! Please send us a copy of that study, we would really appreciate it. We want to make sure the County has all the resources they need: Cannabis@sonoma-county.org							
374	Cameron Hattan	Is this just a forum for "fact free" complaining or are the comments citing "real studies" going to be included in the discussion?								

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376	Greg Harder	we need to adopt so. cals methods of water capture and recycleing								
377	Carol Bokaie	Why can't the county identify larger tracks of land away from rural residences, forests, and parks, that are accessed by fire safe roads that then can be subdivided into lots fo purchase or lease by cannabis growers. During drought truck water into cannbis grows.								
378	Gary Allen John Birch	i want to see water rights for landowners not be interferred with at all. this is my god given natural right that bolsheviks in disguise should not be able to touch.								
379	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	We need to be able to truck in wter during emergencies. Especially since many cultivators in California have helped to fight off fires from spreading	So, where does all this trucked water come from??							
380	L Williams	discharge should be regulated by the waterboard, they are the pros. they aren't slouches!								
381	judith olney	The County should heed the findings of the Napa Report https://www.winebusiness.com/content/file/9111_Report_082019.pdf								
382	Greg Harder	For the Presenters:								
383	Cameron Hattan	crc.berkeley.edu multiple comments/ emails citing this study								
384	Greg Harder	Who owns the water below our gound?								
385	Gary Allen John Birch	trucked water also helps fight fires.								
386	Jonathan Saler	This year should be a year of recording effects of the drought on plant demise, stress on trees, wildlife, etc. Who is recording what's happening in various areas? Noticed many more butterflies, baby lizards and toads so someone is happy.								
387	Anna Ransome	Water Board could have a adequate budget for inpsctions on cannabis wastewater discharge								
388	steven sommer	Discharge would b e important industrial growe								
389	L Williams	Lake County has 1000 foot setbacks from certain residential areas								
390	Gary Allen John Birch	stop trying to mess with my private land and well. you dont have the right.								
391	Moira Jacobs	What are ALL the costs of this drug promotion program? Licensing, enforcement, safety, law enforcement, increased traffic, impacts on water resources, fire safety, light pollution, public health, children education on dangers to their brains and hearts, whatever are ALL the COSTS, please add them up. We need to know full costs of entire program.	Echo that hope! We need to know full costs of entire program.	Cannabis is a medicinal plant.	https://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/news/santa-rosa-girl-who-takes-medical-cannabis-to-treat-seizures-attends-her-fi/	People deserve access to their medicine grown locally.	Many children have benefited from cannabis rather than strong and harmful pharmaceuticals			
392	judith olney	Cumulative water demand must be assessed: Many operations harvest 2-3 times annually, the County must determine cumulative impact for current permitted acreage at 1-3 million gallons/acre/year, assess water availability and then set acreage caps by watershed or groundwater basin	Agree							
393	Lori Pascarella	State Water Resources Control Board already has a separate cananbis program that all cultivators must submit for permit from, provide site management plan, monitor uses, be subject to regular inspection, report use and discharge. No need to duplicate stuff that is already intensely regulated at the state level!								
394	Gary Allen John Birch	monitor water for pharmacuedical drugs. if they are in there (which they are) then the local neighbors who have poluted the water supply should be HELD ACCOUNTABLE. these poisins are way more damaging than anything canbabis does.								
395	jim Barnacle	what happens to the soil in these grow bags after harvest... does this affect runoff safety?	Soils are amended and re-used.							

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396	Craig Litwin	Encourage commercial cannabis as supplemental farming on land with other crops. Farmers can reduce water on one use to accommodate cannabis farming. This increases the value per gallon of water used, helping the local economy while saving water.	100%	Agreed! Diversification of agricultural uses and resources makes much more sustainable operations!					
397	Gary Allen John Birch	the water reporting and monitoring is already too intrusive. it is not the right of government to meddle with my properties water rights.							
398	CECILE ISAACS	Water trucks are too heavy for our local unpaved roads.	Agree!						
399	Greg Harder	can anyone comment on the private property rights?							
400	Gary Allen John Birch	there is not a shortage of water in my deep wells. i paid for this property for that reason. why do i have to subject myself to this authoritarian obstacle course to satisfy a minority anti-cannabis agenda?							
401	gail cafferata	Please stop using the expression "ideal cannabis growth site" . It assumes there is an ideal site. There should be NO site, let alone an Ideal site.	Agree! Please stop using your biased language promoting this environmentally costly program.						
402	L Williams	Thank you for this discussion!							
403	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	Thank you for helping support dialogue!							
404	Gary Allen John Birch	cannabis industry are being discriminated against. this is unjust.							
405	Bridget Beytagh	Many people suggest trucking in water, but, where does the water come from??	it's fantasy water	city					
406	steven sommer	beside lookinking rightht to farm would look at the ag elemrnt of general plan							
407	veva edelson	We should not assume that the cannabis industry belongs in Sonoma. The original intent was to bring small local farmers into compliance. Instead we are seeing an industry emerge that has little empathy for residents concerns.	Agree						
408	Gary Allen John Birch	this is torture for cannabis operators. so many lies and so much dishonesty by spoiled brat old folks.							
409	Gary Allen John Birch	thanks everyone							

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1	https://www.saveoursonoma.com/	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
2	Cannabis cultivation and related structures and development cannot be located within the Biotic Habitat Combining Zone, pursuant to Section 26-66, of Chapter 26 of the Sonoma County Code. (Chapter 38)	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
3	This is a long timeline. What happens to applications already in the pipeline?	Leona Judson	Hi Leona! Thank you for joining us tonight. Feel free to email the County at Cannabis@sonoma-county.org regarding your question.	80 year old pothole lawyers will shut everything down					
4	I've heard from friends that crystal acker is very good at her job. i hope cannabis operators can be treated fairly without devoting so much time to this redo. Chapter 38 was a good start but needs to add tasting rooms and full year long hoop houses for many reasons. paying attn to 75 year old POTHOLE LAWYERS and folks that may pass away before this ordinance is apporved is ludacris. lets not make monsters out of these folks like harrison anymore. permits need to be ministerial. if not the cannabis operators will be tormented for years to come. sorry for any frustrations but this is a nightmare having to chat w manipulting nimbys twice a day for days in a row to defend ourselves from lies and scare tactics. great job to staff and i pray you understand how overrepresented the boomernimbies are. please give this young industry and young family farmers a chance to thrive and enjoy their lives. why do 75 year old POTHOLE LAWYER HACKS get to fling mud at this process for 3 years. how do you defend from lies?!	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
5	Wetlands Setbacks. Outdoor and hoop house canopy must comply with the wetlands setbacks in Section 36-16-120, of Chapter 36, of the Sonoma County Code. All other development must comply with the wetlands setbacks in Section 11-14-110, of Chapter 11, of the Sonoma County Code.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
6	Riparian Corridor Setbacks. New permanent structures must be located outside the Riparian Corridor Steam Conservation Area, Section 25-65. Outdoor and hoop house cultivation canopy must conform to the agricultural setback set forth in Section 26-65-040. Cannabis cultivation and related structures and development must comply with all provisions of the Riparian Corridor combining zone district, pursuant to Section 26-65, of Chapter 26 of the Sonoma County Code, including setback requirements. C. Biotic Habitat Areas. Cannabis cultivation and related structures and development cannot be located within the Biotic Habitat Combining Zone, pursuant to Section 26-66, of Chapter 26 of the Sonoma County Code. D. Wetlands Setbacks. Outdoor and hoop house canopy must comply with the wetlands setbacks in Section 36-16-120, of Chapter 36, of the Sonoma County Code. All other development must comply with the wetlands setbacks in Section 11-14-110, of Chapter 11, of the Sonoma County Code.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							

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7	Habitat and Special Status Species. 1. An application under this chapter shall include a biotic resource assessment prepared by a qualified biologist that demonstrates concludes that the cannabis cultivation site area and related structures and development will not impact sensitive or special status species habitat; and 2. If the cannabis cultivation site is area and related structures and development are located within a designated critical habitat area, then one of the following criteria must be met: a. The biotic assessment concludes that "take" of a listed species within the meaning of the federal and California Endangered Species Acts is not reasonably foreseeable; or b. Applicant obtains all appropriate permits from the applicable state and federal agencies with jurisdiction over the listed species.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
8	Creeks, rivers, water table, Esteros, wells, the ocean.	Valorie Dallas							
9	protect the creeks and waterways the exact same as other crops	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
10	With the Governor calling for all Californians to reduce our water by 15%, how can you allow for continued growth of Cannabis growth? Whether outdoors or indoors, vineyards, orchards, residential developments, or cannabis, all use water and to increase ANY development is an increase, when we've been asked to decrease.	Victoria De Crescenzo							
11	Treat cannabis the same as any other agricultural use	Joanna Cedar							
12	There are several studies that have been recently conducted and published around Cannabis water use compared to other crops. It is far less water intensive across the board.	Sam De La Paz							
13	Don't forget the at risk aquifers	Leona Judson							
14	protect cannabis farms and their wells from 80 year olds pharmaceutical poisons they pee in the water table.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
15	The impact of grapes on water is actually far greater when you actually factor in processing to make a bottle of wine.	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	Show us your data.	https://issuu.com/metrosiliconvalley/docs/north_bay_cannabis_gatefold_2021					
16	Have the cannabis farms lead in water conservation projects	Valorie Dallas							
17	A major goal of the EIR: protect our water resources on a sustainable yield basis and avoid long term decline.	Brantly Richardson	I agree						
18	Cannabis should not be considered an agricultural crop	Carol Bokaie.com			2.0 acre feet of water is still three times the use as grapes for just one crop. The county proposes 65000 acreage of cannabis. so that's 3 times for 65000 acres.				
19	The 2.0 acre feet of water mentioned that cannabis uses. Is that for one harvest?	rachel zierdt	good question!	Excellent question. I believe that rate assumes one harvest.					
20	cannabis farmers cannot use toxic pesticides and poisons. cannabis is the most tested crop their is. the cleanest farms you have in the whole county are cannabis farms	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							

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21	Please address the decrease that has been asked via the governor	Victoria De Crescenzo	Thanks for joining us! We are in the start of a three year process, feel free to send us an email Cannabis@sonoma-county.org. You can also learn more about the process here and timeline: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/						
22	the point of the EIR is to take away the ability for 80 year old LAWYERS to appeal the adoption of CHAPTER 38+	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918			the county wants to increase it to be 65000 acres. this is unsustainable				
23	Cannabis is a relatively high water use product: Why does Sonoma assume 2.0 AFY per harvest when Napa assumes 3.38 AFY -	judith olney	Both yours and Napa county's numbers are incorrect...Cannabis uses a lot less water than other crops and has a MUCH smaller canopy...Grapes - 65,000 acres. Cannabis <40	It is all dependant on temperature, hydrologic state and farming practices. I am unsure how Napa could have any data on Cannabis as they have restricted cultivation in Napa. I am sorry, but unless we are going to focus on water use of 65,000 acres of grapes... this is a moot point.	agree	yes, indeed			
24	Sonoma County is in the middle of a historic drought. While it is possible that we will get rain this year, I believe that it is clear that significant drought years will be our reality for the foreseeable future. There is no question that we do not have adequate water this year for existing uses in the county, including residential uses, grapes, etc. Unfortunately Sonoma County's groundwater map is also quite old, meaning that there isn't adequate information about our water future. Going forward, we are expected to building in excess of 20,000 homes in the County (Generation H states we need to build 58,000 homes), on top of new agricultural demands, and cannabis cultivation. There is no way we can know whether there is adequate water available for all of these new uses, and we will not know any answers until completion of the cannabis EIR. The EIR will evaluate how much water is available and where it is, about groundwater recharge needs, etc.	Sonia Taylor	I agree. We need more data and figure out water use for everyone as climate changes	agree!					
25	We need to encourage rainwater catchment/storage across the State and as constituents we all need to REALLY understand where are water is going... Mendocino being pumped to Sonoma, Sonoma pumped to Marin and then we have large bottled water Corps selling our own water back to us.	Sam De La Paz							
26	Groundwater, for sure!	Caroline Koss							
27	Mr. Kuszmar's comments regarding different water demand of uses are helpful. However, when we evaluate new water demands, we need to evaluate our limited water sources perhaps in a worse case scenario of multiple consecutive years of drought. This would apply for any new development/project. Cannabis as a new project may displace agriculture, then if winegrapes, for example, then the outcome may be less water usage.	Arthur Deicke	I agree	It is not new in this county just now regulated.					

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28	Average per acres production for canabis: 5.7 million cultivation tax on total production: 4.1 million VERSUS Grapes Average per acre production for wine grapes: \$11,000 Cultivation tax: ZERO SOURCE: https://issuu.com/metrosiliconvalley/docs/north_bay_cannabis_gatefold_2021	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	I am beginning to understand the real issue here is trust. How do we build trust?	Instead of this vocal and at times hostile oppostion let's build a bridge. Tjose of us that have entered the regulated market are trying to do the right thing. I welcome anyone to my farm where I have increased biodiversity with an abundance of wildlife; birds, insects and even endangered species.					
29	The county has not reassessed the four water availability zones in recent years. This is a critical issue for Sonoma County, especially with the drought we are currently in. There needs to be a detailed study of the zones as part of the EIR. In the meantime until water availability is reassessed there should be a moratorium on all permits – including those currently in pipeline.	Becky Evenich	Building trust requires that the county act in good faith and enforce what it passes. Too many operators have been allowed to flaunt the rules and get away with it. Also trust requires that the growers understand that the process of permitting in anything in the county is hard...try getting a permit for a generator...its a big deal...so yes, a product such as cannabis needs regulation since it affects the quality of life here in the county.						
30	Do a baseline analysis and determine all current and projeccted water usage needs in the County. Inncude all uses (residential, agricultural, commercial and industrial) then determine the amount of water available for new uses under 1. drought conditions and 2. historical averages.	Brantly Richardson	Agree	as long as that baseline includes pre 2018 cannabis farms					
31	While you may not be addressing policy, the govenor has addressed the drought. Therfor, you should put a moratorium on all development until we address the drought. Sonya's comments are spot on-drought is the issue!	Victoria De Crescenzo	The suggestion by some in the industry is follow the state...why reinvent...so we should therefore follow the state in calling for a decrease in use....						
32	Both State of Calif Fish and Game and NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE pointed out in their comments to the recent draft that surface water and well water are linked! Cannabis grower can't use one without affecting all water sources. We are in a drought	Bill Krawetz	agree						
33	the average age of the anti cannabis folks is like 75-85 years old. they are using facts and stats from the 80s. they have no interest to learn the new facts. its so funny and maddening how these bommernimby's get to steal our life energy in this way on their way out of this world. why do they feel entitled to do this to this bautiful young industry that can keep this county thriving for generartion past the age of these 80 year old lawyers?	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918	negative energy here						
34	Net Zero Water Plans and the viability of catchment basins have not been adequately studied – they may interfere with groundwater recharge and impact neighboring wells:	judith olney	More data needed!	"Net zero" should be dropped as a term. Who decided they have a net zero impact?					
35	Cannabis "development" is not new development...and its water use is not new use...just new permitted use. Also, Sonoma County has a hemp program that is not required to meter and measure their water use. Stop scapegrating cannabis farmers.	Joanna Cedar							
36	Projection is for a La Nina next year=less rainfall.	Ann Storms							

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37	Prohibit cultivation in the already impaired watersheds. Water intensive use will further exacerbate conditions.	Brantly Richardson							
38	i like lenny kravitz	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
39	Align the water requirements with the state water board requirements	Joanna Cedar			with more than 60,000 acres of grapes cannabis is not the problem.				
40	I am very concerned about ground water in residential parts of unincorporated Sonoma County where we depend on wells to survive. Thousands of residents will be impacted if the aquifer water levels are drawn down to the point wells can no longer produce water.	Jeff McConathy	I agree	'+1					
41	All uses should have their water use metered and monitored, and publicly available.	Sonia Taylor	Why do we allow cannabis growers (or anyone else) to read their own meters and report their own usage? Require smart meters and send the information to the cloud. No cheating allowed. Our mutual wate company invested in smart meters and they alert us to a leak.		agree				
42	Prohibit cultivation in groundwater availability zones 3 and 4 and other areas where groundwater supplies are limited, uncertain and vulnerable to overdraft and reduced water recharge.	Brantly Richardson	I agree	agree					
43	Water would not be allowed to be trucked into a grow site.	Virginia Hair	Why when all other crops or agiculture can? Please provide unbiased reasoning.		Trucking of recycled water risks contamination of confined aquifers - especially related to nitrogen and organic chemicals				
44	No trucking of water or recycled wasterwater under all circumstances	Brantly Richardson	trucking water is currently not allowed ut should be in emergencies	Why this bias only toward Cannabis. Emergency crop loss is serious in ALL agricultural practices.	agree				
45	Water demand is based on inches of irrigation/ year or acre-feet – water should never be allocated based on the profitability of the product produced.	judith olney	Agree!	Yes. Otherwise we would only have wine and pot and no lettuce!					
46	Cannabis is highly regulated and pesticide, heavy metal testing is mandated by the state. Even if we had 5k acres of Cannabis in our county, it would not touch the 65,000 of comparitvely unregulated pesticide and fertalizer use.	Sam De La Paz	We also need to focus on runoff from ALL agriculture, not just Cannabis.						
47	Dry farm for all growing from tomatoes to cannabis	Valorie Dallas	agree - we all need to further explore dry farming techniques! Our apples are totally dry farmed.						
48	setbacks the same as other crops. organic farms get better tax rates	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
49	water trucks help for fire prevention	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918	carbon footprint from trucking water... be real						

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50	Water impacts of cannabis production are quite different in upland aquifers than in groundwater basins. Water use in the groundwater basins is subject to the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Groundwater basins are alluvial and store significant amounts of water available for use year round. The SGMA is intended to allocate water among users so that cumulative withdrawals from the basin do not exceed seasonal recharge. Streamflow impacts are managed by assuring that the basin is not overdrawn. Water use impacts of cannabis production in ground water basins should be adequately mitigated by compliance with the requirements of the SGMA.	Harriet Buckwalter	Upland aquifers are not subject to SGMA and are generally fractured rock aquifers with highly variable storage and yields from area to area depending upon the underlying geology. Upland fractured rock aquifers store accumulated winter rain which is gradually released into streams thus maintaining the year round streamflow necessary to sustain the migration and reproduction of rare and endangered salmon. Monitoring and modeling hydrology studies have shown that upland waters are already over allocated and the stream flows are marginal at best for salmon survival.	agree					
51	Have the cannabis farms lead in water conservation projects. That will create trust in our community.	Valorie Dallas	Yes most of us have BMPs with conservation in mind.		There are also regenerative methods that can be used to reduce water use heavily, as Natasha stated above. These solutions should be explored and even incentivized. In hopes to encourage ALL ag practices to consider these solutions.				
52	Grants for rainwater catchment. Best managment practices such as mulching, automated irrigation and the additon of benefical plants	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	agree	Yesss					
53	fire trucks if you can get them on the single narrow country roads, not paid for by the county	Victoria De Crescenzo							
54	you want to have me as a neighbor. i have a big filled water truck and i have hosed down before fires. i would help save my 80 year old neighbors houses too. no one but the old generation around because they made the rules different so that they will be the last rich and free generation. thanmks grandpa.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
55	no more limiting cannabis by stupid boomer spiteful suggestions.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
56	W	Mandy Clendenen							
57	no poison pesticides at vinbeyard or cannabis operators can sue	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							

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58	<p>Five upland watersheds in Sonoma County are designated as “impaired” for stream flow and have been targeted by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the State Water Resources Control Board for improved protections and management in order to maintain and restore salmon habitat.</p> <p>The State has invested significant amounts of public funds to study and to manage and restore these watersheds. Most recently, the State Wildlife Conservation Board funded the Sonoma RCD to assist private landowners in the Mark West Watershed to build rain water capture and storage systems in order to reduce late season ground use and help maintain stream flow. To date, nearly 500,000 gallons of capture and storage has been built at a public cost of half a million dollars.</p>	Harriet Buckwalter	<p>Monitoring and modeling studies on the Mark West and Green Valley watersheds demonstrate that current flows are critically low in the fall of the year can be adversely impact by the extraction of additional ground water in the amounts required for cannabis production. Cannabis production, based on actual measurements, consumes between 1.5 and 3 million gallons of water per year per acre with the heaviest using coming late in the year when stream flows are at their lowest. Even one such operation would more than offset the water savings accomplished to date and reduce late season stream flows below critical levels.</p> <p>It is strongly recommended that no cannabis production operations be allowed in</p>	No cultivation in the impaired watersheds. Period.				
59	Who would then monitor all these regulations?	Mandy Clendenen	<p>Thanks for joining us Mandy! We will be talking about accountability later in the session!</p>					
60	<p>Dry farming, also called Dryland Farming, the cultivation of crops without irrigation in regions of limited moisture, typically less than 20 inches (50 centimetres) of precipitation annually. Dry farming depends upon efficient storage of the limited moisture in the soil and the selection of crops and growing methods that make the best use of this moisture. Tilling the land shortly after harvest and keeping it free from weeds are typical methods, but in certain latitudes stubble is left in the fields after harvest to trap snow. Moisture control during crop growing consists largely of destruction of weeds and prevention of runoff. The ideal soil surface is free of weeds but has enough clods or dead vegetable matter to hinder runoff and prevent erosion.</p>	Carol Bokaie.com	Agree.					
61	<p>Test of wells of adjacent neighbors in water zones 1 and 2 should be current. Stop accepting tests that are 30 years old. Yield and water levels may have changed.</p>	Brantly Richardson	<p>Must be adequate protection against well interference. Deny a new use permit if the hydrogeology report demonstrates the project water demands draw from the zone of influence of neighboring wells or if there is any drawdown on neighboring wells.</p>					
62	<p>In drought years, cannabis operators (and others) should have as a condition of their permits that they could lose their rights to water, if necessary to protect our rivers, streams, habitats, groundwater, etc.</p>	Sonia Taylor	<p>This is exactly what happened to current water rights along Russian River watershed</p>					

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64	Crops adapted to dry farming may be either drought resistant or drought evasive. Drought-resistant crops, such as sorghum, are able to reduce transpiration (emission of moisture) and may nearly cease growing during periods of moisture shortage, resuming growth when conditions again become favourable. Drought-evasive crops achieve their main growth during times of year when heat and drought conditions are not severe. Crops adapted to dry farming are usually smaller and quicker to mature than those grown under more humid conditions and are usually allotted more space. https://www.britannica.com/topic/dry-farming How is cannabis drought resistant or drought evasive?	Carol Bokaie.com	Cannabis cannot be dry farmed						
65	Allow operators to manage their farms with more flexibility for best water management. Flexibility means rotation, smaller setbacks	Joanna Cedar							
66	38 was a great start. we do want to look at that	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
67	Sonoma County residents are taking "boat showers", i.e. 3 minutes, for the foreseeable future. Should we seriously be considering a water-thirsty plant like pot?	Ann Storms	Cannabis is considered a medicine by many including children not a luxury such as wine with little medicinal value. The people of sonoma would like access to locally grown cannabis. https://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/news/santa-rosa-girl-who-takes-medical-cannabis-to-treat-seizures-attends-her-fi/						
68	andrew and his office worked on that for years.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
69	Cultivators as well as other Ag should not only be limited to groundwater use. Catchment is a major solution and provides wildfire preparedness storage.	Sam De La Paz							
70	Evaluation of water use by cannabis operators should include evaluation of water needed for each expected crop, to ensure that there is water available for up to four crops a year.	Sonia Taylor	Our water is monitored and reported annually.	Only the water sources declared on the application - not all sources on the parcel. And it's self-reported, which leaves it vulnerable to dishonesty.					
71	the supervisors want a new bill attached to an EIR request and budget. START with the approvable CHAPTER 38.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
72	For ideas, please make sure that you look at the massive amount of work product that came out of the Cannabis Advisory Group.	Joanna Cedar							
73	protect farmers from new onerous regs that the insatiable opposition may pull out of their....	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							

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75	Study rainwater catchment reservoirs (net zero water plans) and determine if they interfere with groundwater recharge of the aquifers and/or downstream flow. The term, "net zero" is a euphemism until scientific studies are conducted.	Brantly Richardson	Agree with studies and data being necessary. While we are at it, let us look at the heavy traditional Ag uses and pumping of water from Sonoma to Marin. There is some serious data there that can surface more of our water than anyone may realize.	I agree					
76	cannabis farmers love the environment and polute it less than any other industry. look at the testing standards. they are the strictest. the cleanest farm you can have in your neighborhood is a cannbabis farm.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918	Agreed						
77	Agree with CDFW - carrying capacity analysis is required with a limit on density or acreage of cultivation sites	judith olney							
78	Thank you Mia!	Valorie Dallas							
79	The worst thing to put in a region with limited water is a house. It's also the last thing that will ever be planted on a parcel. Cannabis is an annual plant, unlike grapes. Any disussion of drought mitigation and economic conversion due to climate change should centrally include cannabis as its flexible and provides significant tax revenue per acre.	Joanna Cedar							
80	Can cannabis be dryfarmed if it is grown in bags?Dryfarming conserves the water in the ground after the rainy season by weeding so the water does not go into the weeds.	Carol Bokaie.com							
81	Agree that we should look at all water use in the impaired watersheds. Water use should be prioritized for people and fish. Water for any commercial use whould be limited. Big residential use should also be limited.	Harriet Buckwalter							
82	A "successfully protecting natural habitats and species" program would look better than we found it. We must acknowledge that most of these areas have been compromised over the years by human activities.	Bill Krawetz	I agree						
83	Exclude all cannabis production in impaired watersheds.	Harriet Buckwalter							
84	EIR or CEQA to protect species.	Valorie Dallas							
85	LOVE sarah and BJ are great at this format. quite enjoyable.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
86	Protect all aquatic species in rivers, streams, water sheds.	Valorie Dallas							
87	Biotic Habitat Areas. Cannabis cultivation and related structures and development cannot be located within the Biotic Habitat Combining Zone, pursuant to Section 26-66, of Chapter 26 of the Sonoma County Code. D. Wetlands Setbacks. Outdoor and hoop house canopy must comply with the wetlands setbacks in Section 36-16-120, of Chapter 36, of the Sonoma County Code. All other development must comply with the wetlands setbacks in Section 11-14-110, of Chapter 11, of the Sonoma County Code.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
88	Put water planning on the front burner. Share the environmental technical studies in the cannabis EIR with the required update of the General Plan. The EIR for the General Plan was completed in the year 2000. The tech studies and analyses relating to water are also out of date (by 40 years?). If those tech studies are not brought upto date, they should not be used in the cannabis EIR. Otherwise the the cannabis EIR will not be based on current facts. Why do all this work with out-of-date figures?	Brantly Richardson							

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89	lenny kravitz	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
90	Thank you Mia! Compared to every other type of agricultural practice conducted in Sonoma County, or in California for that matter. It is the cleanest and least pollutive ever to be seen. Cannabis the most transparent testing and pollution aversion of any farming practice and has more regenerative farmers than any industry to date.	Sam De La Paz							
91	Education on what that is. The cannabis growers by me plowed up all the badger holes of their property and probably had no idea they were. I imagine they did not do this on purpose.	Valorie Dallas	I will assure you those neighbors were also not "permitted" to do so...						
92	As an annual plant - then during drought the permit renewal should be denied	judith olney	Why would grapes be allowed then?	Grape vines or orchards are not annual - must lower irrigation but do not kill the plant	I agree	sensitive habitats identified by biologists are prohibited from being eligible for cultivation. However, I will say that through my cultivation methods and stewarding of the land I have actually supported wildlife including endangered species such as the monarch butterfly by providing a food source such as milkweed and other nectar bearing flowers.		thank you for providing food for monarchs.	
93	Protect parcels identified with sensitive habitats and/or special status species. Follow the CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife recommendation to use Geo Spatial analysis to map boundariies at parcel scale.	judith olney	I agree	agree	have to AGREE here				
94	treat cannabis like any other crop in the county. this is sonoma county. our seal has AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, RECREATION. it doesnt say retired residential 80 year old hack pothole lawyers.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918	I disagree	about what?					
95	Cannabis does not pollute the waterways with pesticides...unlike vineyards	Joanna Cedar							
96	Mia did a great job in listing possible inclusion in an ordenance: * Adequate water storage approved by an expert, * Setbacks to avoid run off of pestisides, and other erosion. * No diversion during low water flows, which will come every summer.	Leona Judson	I agree	Yes to no diversions during low water flow					
97	dumb question: can indoor-grown cannabis be grown as a perennial, since climate can be controlled? would that reduce water use?	Caroline Koss	no	It's a great question! While cannabis cannot be grown as a perennial, multiple crops (i.e., harvests) per year are possible when using mixed-light and indoor growing methods. This may explain why the County assumes 2.0 acre-ft/acre/yr for outdoor grows, and 4.0 acre-ft/acre/yr for indoor grows.					
98	the strictest attn to details with farming is with cannabis already.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
99	perenial. that is dumb	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918	tomatoes can be grown as a perenial in a greenhouse.	as can peppers.					
100	Require setbacks at least to the level required for vineyards and orchards in non-sensitive areas. Prohibit growing in sensitive/protected habitat areas.	Michele Parr	As long as it is treated in parody with other Ag practices and/or all Ag practices are accountable are held to an improved enviromental impact mitigation, I am all for it.						

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102	Cannabis will continue to set the accountability and transparency standards for all of agriculture. This industry cares about the environment, honorable stewardship of the land it' s inhabitants. Can we name another industry that has this level of respect or accountability? Why, other than antiquated bias, are we chastising Cannabis alone?	Sam De La Paz	agree	I hope to see the cannabis industry lead the way to a better world!					
103	Thank you Robert	Carol Bokaie.com							
104	Whatever decisions are made with regard to protecting riparian corridors should be applied to all agriculture	Joanna Cedar	Agreed!	Agree!					
105	Protect the larger riparian corridor setbacks defined by the State Water Resources Control Board Cannabis Policy, follow additional protections of the Ca Department of Fish and Wildlife mitigation measures and all other state requirements.	judith olney							
106	chapter 38 really did all this work for us. we spent years ging back and forth to settle on the redlined chapter 38 that finally made it through planning after a huge amount of work. why are we disrespecting that work by not working from it? we compromised enough already. we had a deal and we won. if the supervisors want an EIR thats cool. we should have done that years ago. what a crafty way to spitefully penalize growers! as of this point we have damaged so many farmers and great families who brought vibrant culture to this county. they are being extincted along with the culture. all beacuse we want to appease the unappeasable POTHOLE LAWYER and the personal vendettas of these 80 year old hateful grandmas.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918	Chapter 38 did not meet State law and has been set aside. There will be a new ordinance that meets state law and CEQA						
107	Again, align with state law	Joanna Cedar	Agree						
108	do we have to give grandma this much attn? cant yo all see this is a ploy to suck us into their pathetic boring old world chasing bicycle accidents and bullying cannabis families.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
109	STATE LAW	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
110	give cannabis farmers a chance to thrive	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
111	Is anyone going to address the disrespectful comments regarding the age of lawyers?	Victoria De Crescenzo	just consider the source...	I was called "you ladies" yesterday. Go high when they go low! It's not everyone. Bad look for them.					
112	its a generation gap. it is relevant	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
113	Since the county gets tax money from the cannabis industry, what about some of that tax money go toward the county folks that help to maintain a healthy riparian cooridor	Leona Judson	That would be great but the county has not provided enough reasonable pathways to permitting to afford the staff to develop and maintain the programs that would make the cannabis industry successful	Sure! With an actual functioning Cannabis sector, I am sure this would be welcomed by all. But we are about to lose the entire market here if we are forced to wait 2 more years to farm.					

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114	do we still go by our grandparents rules for how many genders and what marriage is? no we dont. there is a clear divide between the old retiring folks who wont be around much longer anyway. usually in past generation the old grandmas and grandpas would lean back and let the younger generations move forward in their own way. whay is it not relevant to mention the age of the meddling dishonest opposition?>	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
115	i agree fully with emitter instead of hand in general but dont want to add more regs to restrict this exciting new industry that can help the county so much if it is allowed to thrive.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
116	If every proposed cannabis cultivation project that is in the county pipline, were to be permitted it would be less than 40 acres. The canopy is so small that some of these discussions seem obtuse in the face of 65,000 acres of grapes	Joanna Cedar							
117	What is normal? When was the last time we had a normal year? When will we get one again?	Mandy Clendenen							
118	Indoor cannabis grows with soil probes will limit water use.	judith olney							
119	keep the weather out of it and the govt out of it. these older folks will want test the rainfall until they can use it to shut down farms	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
120	Impaired watersheds were overdrafted before the drought.	Harriet Buckwalter	And before any permitted cannabis.						
121	Have a plan where we understand how much water our county can devote to cannabis and then allow that.	Valorie Dallas							
122	How does cannabis qualify as drought resistant or drought evasive plant to be used successfully in dryfarming when it uses so much water?	Carol Bokaie.com	it doesn't use that much water...you are mistaken						
123	metered wells on Cannabis farms in rural areas	Forest Houtz	already the case on all legal farms.						
124	Grapes can be dry farmed and have been. Can cannabis?	Victoria De Crescenzo							
125	BJ - The comments by this "real" person, who had a different name last night and the night before, continues to be insulting, rude and very off topic. It is distracting and offensive.	Dani La Noire							
126	We are about to lose much traction in the Cannabis market, as Sonoma County productions. Operations need to be allowed immediately. If we are forced to wait 2yrs after falling behind by 4yrs, we are screwed. Taxes from these operations could be allocated to these water and regenerative farming solutions right NOW.	Sam De La Paz			agreed	Agreed - in places where it's been demonstrated that there are enough water resources to support it!	We have solutions that no other industry has ever implmented to conserve water and reduce environmental impact. We have to be allowed to be a part of the conversation with the county to introduce these solutions. Not trailing behind at BOS meetings to submit public comment.		
127	Encouragment of in-ground planting Mulching Automated irrigation Incentivizing the cultivation of a cover crop during the down time	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	I agree.	YES!!					
128	my nieghbors decades ago drained creeks to make private lakes. seems like it must have been nice living in the world when grandpa 80 year old was in his prime building his business with relatively no givernment meddling and harrasment from guys like him.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918			New Frontier study looks at the profitability - not actual water use. Water should never be allocated to the highest bidder				
129	Napa did an assessment that shows that 32 to 64 acres of cannabis cultivation would result in new water demands of 108.16-to-216.32-acre feet/year (AFY). This is 5 times more water use than 32 to 64 acres of vineyards.	judith olney	and New Froteir data and UC Berkeley did a study on this as well and put the use at 1.3	Thank you, Judith!	I agree	agree			
130	We have a drought, so how about a moratarium?	Victoria De Crescenzo	Totally agree	Yes!!					

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132	You ask what "a successful cannabis operation" looks like: 1) Caps on permits 2) Moratorium on new permits until the extent of Climate Change, i.e., water supply can be adequately assessed.	Ann Storms	I agree	I agree					
133	let operators get lower taxes for keeping water trucks in the neighborhood to help the fire forces	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918			Yes. Any commercial/large use of water impacts our water resources.	Very much agree.		thats correct HOWEVER one has currently over 60k acres in production and little medicinal value and the other approximately 40 acres with proven scientific medicinal value that improves the quality of life for many	OK. But this is about a cannabis ordinance, which is a new use. Agree we should look at water use across the board.
134	It's not about Cannabis vs. Grapes, it's about the health of Sonoma County in total.	Victoria De Crescenzo	totally agree!	Yes!					
135	There is way too much scapegoating of cannabis farmers	Joanna Cedar			agree	Not more esesntial than food and water	You can get it from a state that has water	Yes, we get medicine from all over. Medical cannabis can also be grown where there is more water.	
136	We are in a historic drought. We are all restricting our own personal water usage. It is essential during this time that we carefully preserve water for human consumption as well as for crops and animals that provide us with food. It's irresponsible of the county to even consider approving a commercial cannabis permit during such a critical time.	Becky Evenich	Agree!	cannabis medicine is ESSENTIAL					
137	MINISTERIAL is the only succesful ordinance. or else you will have these same old folks get more and more restrictive and pushy. who put these old timers in control? isnt it a new generation and isnt this california?	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918			Thank you! We will be implementing an EIR. You can read the timeline here: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/				
138	You are asking us to tell you what Cannabis regulations should look like, but how can we do that with limited information and a looming drought, climate chage, etc?	Victoria De Crescenzo	The EIR is critical. Without that, how can anyone move forward?	I agree					
139	STATE LAW. not more restrictive. land owners have RIHGTS!!!	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918			Absolutely! regulated farms are trying to do the right thing!				
140	Cannabis is a legal crop. Don't forget illegal grows are more likely to be wasteful of water and other resources.	Leona Judson	trueness	and the more farmers who have a pathway to permitting, the more responsible water use we encourage	I agree				
141	We really need a detailed study of water by area to know what's there before going forward with more water uses (Ag, housing, etc)	Bill Krawetz	are you gunna go my way?	Agree					
142	The County must conduct an independent Water Resource Availability Study for each groundwater basin or watershed, ensuring supply for all current permitted uses, setting acreage caps and other measures to protect against continued groundwater overdraft.	judith olney	This should apply to ALL agricultural practices as well		Agree that cannabis farmers should be heard, and would love to hear about innovative water-saving ideas that can be leveraged by other crops, too!				

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144	You can call anything a medicine...marijuana is not a medicine. Food is a medicine.	Ann Storms	This is erroneous...alcohol kills	That is some bias sounding rhetoric Ann... I am sorry, but a centuries old medicinal practice. What would your input be on Cannabis testing standards testing cleaner than your Whole Foods Organic produce?					
145	3. Agricultural Production. An application for a cannabis cultivation site that is located within an agricultural zone (LIA, LEA, DA) must be consistent with General Plan Policy AR-4a, in that the primary use of the parcel shall be agricultural production and related processing, support services, and visitor serving uses	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
146	lower tax break for cannabis landowners to keep water reserves for local drinkingf water fountains for old folks,	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
147	Agree, Judith.	Michele Parr							
148	monitoring is already required for county permits. wells already need to have meters for this reporting. maybe we can start w chapter 38 and ask the folks who spent years working on it. or is this groundhog year again?	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
149	Dept Water Resources: Petaluma current GSA study/ model assumes zero cannabis when it's kown that cannabis applications are in process in this area.	judith olney			'+1	Agree		Why not let these poor Mom and Pop Cannabis farmers through the permit program and require vinyards to curb water use or acreage to compensate?? The double standards are very exhaustive.	
150	Wait to authorize any permits for cannabis, grapes etc until water becomes less of a scarcity and there is a scientific understanding of the water requirements. Also, the entire county needs to be remapped as it relates to water scarcity zones. Those zones were created a VERY long time ago and it would be very beneficial to understand the groundwater limitations in all of the county.	Dani La Noire	Agree! It seems pretty simple, but....	ABSOLUTELY!					
151	I'm going to re-iterate, we are in a drought. The Govenor has asked us to lessen our usage by 15%. Folks have removed lawns, upgraded irrigation, removed crops, etc. We need to enact a moratorium on all development while we are in this situation. Until we are out of the drought, we cannot allow any deveopment with a clear consience.	Victoria De Crescenzo	I agree						
152	Do everything Andy Casarez suggested	Carol Bokaie.com							
153	Have a clear idea how much water is being used - meter water and learn about water use.	Valorie Dallas	yes!						

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154	For new cannabis permits in ALL groundwater zones, use permit conditions must follow the State Agency requirement that hydrogeologist reports, in addition to well pumping tests, are necessary to determine long-term water availability. All tests and reports are to meet industry standards and performed under the direction of licensed professionals.	judith olney	this is state law						
155	When was the last time zones were assessed	Mandy Clendenen							
156	Conversion is part of agriculture, when I first moved to this county we grew apples and pears; many of the orchards were pulled in favor of grapes, now we have to make decisions as to how we will use our water resources in times of drought. It's time to incentivize pulling those thirsty grapes and permitting cannabis cultivation with it's small canopy and higher economic yield per acre foot	Joanna Cedar	all crops are thirsty, limit all crops and any development until we are out of the drought!						
157	The new ordinance should include a provision for restriction of water use under special circumstances. We are now experiencing a "special circumstance": a historic drought. The County should reserve the right to reduce the extent of ANY permitted activity including but not limited to the area of cultivation allowed under any issued permit in the event that environmental conditions, (such as a sustained drought or low flows) where commercial cannabis activity (or any other activity) is located and will not support water withdrawals without substantially and adversely affecting existing fish and wildlife resources.	Brantly Richardson	I agree						
158	these folks want all the restriction they can dream up in their authoritarian imagination. how did the flower children generation turn into this?	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
159	The EIR must evaluate the amount and availability of treated wastewater for all uses, including cannabis, including how to get it to properties needing it. Trucking shouldn't be permitted. Remember, Santa Rosa has no treated wastewater available for sale/use -- it's all already spoken for.	Sonia Taylor							
160	joanna=nice one	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
161	Waste Water Discharge. Applicant must submit a wastewater management plan that complies with the department's best management practices and the following requirements: 1. Identify the estimated amount and disposal of waste water, excess irrigation and domestic wastewater, and provide data to support the estimate; 2. Include verification of compliance with or waiver from the waste discharge requirements of the state water resource control board; 3. Direct excess irrigation water or effluent to a sanitary sewer, septic, irrigation, graywater or bio-retention treatment system; 4. If discharging excess irrigation to a septic system, include a system capacity evaluation by a qualified sanitary engineer that demonstrates the system has adequate capacity; 5. Dispose of domestic wastewater discharge from employees in a permanent sanitary sewer or on-site septic system demonstrated by a system capacity evaluation by a qualified sanitary engineer to have adequate capacity.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
162	Whether marijuana is a "medicine" or not has NO bearing on whether Sonoma County should be degraded with pot grows. It is a water/resource issue.	Ann Storms	careful, your irrational bias is showing						

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163	Orchards and cannabis use 2 - 3 AFY while grapes are water efficient, using only 0.6 AFY ... 7 inches of water/ acre vs 2 to 3 feet per acre	judith olney	how many acres are required though ? Grapes-\$2500 per acre and no tax revenue. Cannabis - \$500K per acre and its taxed						
164	too bad they cant rip the plants out of the ground themselves. you would never see fat grandpa and angry abusive grama move so fast.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
165	Sec. 38.16.010. – Purpose. This article establishes provisions that are intended to ensure compliance with the requirements of this chapter and permits issued pursuant to this chapter, and provide for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare of the county. Sec. 38.16.020. – Decisions in Compliance with Chapter. All departments, officials, and employees of the county assigned the authority or duty to issue permits shall comply with the provisions of this chapter. A. Permits in conflict with chapter. Permits that would be in conflict with the provisions of this chapter shall not be issued. B. Permits deemed void. Any permit issued in conflict with the provisions of this chapter, or in error, shall be void and of no effect. C. County may refuse to issue permits. The county shall not issue any permit sought pursuant to this chapter where the property upon which the activity is proposed is in violation of this code.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
166	Enforcement responsibility. The Agricultural Commissioner is authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter and permits issued pursuant to this chapter. The Agricultural Commissioner may initiate proceedings to suspend, revoke, or modify permits issued pursuant to this chapter, act as enforcing officer for the purposes of exercising the authority provided in Sections 1-7.1, 1-7.3, and 1-7.6 of this code, and issue letters of correction, notices of violation, notices of proposed action, stop work orders, and citations for any violations of this chapter or any permit issued pursuant to this chapter.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918			Accountability is great, Cannabis is the most accountable. Can we say the same about much more impactful industries in our County? I think neighbors should be talking to neighbors and these operators are neighbors.	What do you suggest? we already undergo routine inspection by AG. department as well as state officials including waterboard AND must report water use annually.			Agree natasha
167	Accountability needs to be built into the ordinance. We shouldn't be relying on neighbors to turn in neighbors who are violating their permits.	Harriet Buckwalter	I agree. Pitting neighbor against neighbor, and making cannabis farmers feel that they are not part of the "neighborhood" is the county's fault and has poisoned our community discourse	I agree					
168	Why not let these poor Mom and Pop Cannabis farmers through the permit program and require vinyards to curb water use or acreage to compensate?? All of these double standards in the comments and the erroneous focus on Cannabis are very exhaustive.	Sam De La Paz	I disagree	Could you please provide any reason that you disagree, Carol? Or do you have an implicit bias toward Cannabis?					
169	cannabis should be treated like any other crop. the cannabis industry has already endured the strictest permit approval and inspections by far. minimize regs to state law and dont apply penalizing pet projects from tormenting dishonest neighbors who already have the sites in mind they want to shut down for any reason you allow.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918	I disagree cannabis should be considered an agricultural crop.						

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170	Cannabis crops are more accountable than all other farmers combined.	Joanna Cedar	Agreed						
171	There should be financial protection if wells in rural areas dry up when Cannabis farms, who drop deeper wells and suck the more shallow wells dry. Cannabis growers need to post a bond or some insurance to protect rural neighbors!	Forest Houtz	good idea		Cannabis has been growing in SoCO for 50 years...we have this data. Many are just choosing not to see it	I agree	Excellent suggestion - Practice farms pending an in-depth science-based EIR.		
172	Build trust and learn -- Have a few "practice farms" - use the farms already permitted - and monitor them to see how it goes - almost like how a franchise is created. We need more data before we can make such important decisions. Meter their water, disclose all complaints and solutions, have a person on both the county-side and the cannabis farm side who communicate about the issues and have them steward the way forward for others. This can begin now and hopefully help provide data and trust over the next 3 years as the ordinance is developed.	Valorie Dallas	+1	agree					
173	how can you have small children and get morning unannounced inspection? we are ok with that but it is really unfair to be traumatic inspections that feel like raids	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
174	ministerial is the only way to keep neighbors from each others throats.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
175	chapter 38 had that in mind but for some reason we are subjected to this dishonest abuse from old folks who are set in their ways.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
176	The county needs more staff to ensure accountability	Carol Bokaie.com	absolutely		Our mutual water company (80,homes) invested in smart meters when our meter reaper volunteer decided to retire. it's great and they let you know if you have a leak				
177	Water metering should be done using tamper proof smart meters that are inspected instead of relying on self reporting.	Jeff McConathy	Agree	yes yes yes!					
178	Violators do not get permit renewed	judith olney	I agree		Then maybe the county needs to not allow permits near neighborhoods where children and family's grow.	the restrictive permitting process is eliminating the mom and pops from having a chance increasing the cost of entry and thus in turn making it so only larger entities can survive such hostile circumstances	Outside money has moved in and taken over. LLCs are the norm with a local as the "front".	Small business is an issue in our country. Are we are being naive enough to think that this county won't be covered in commercial LARGE SCALE grows ?we will all be proved wrong ... soon!	
179	Does anyone truly think that the "mom and pop" farms are going to the real issue? The commercial grows are the issues when it comes to all of these issues	Mandy Clendenen	agree	the mom and pop farms have no pathway to a permit					
180	They only way the county can afford more staff is if there is a robust permitting program	Joanna Cedar	They can't seem to afford it it now. Is it because it is so labor intensive for a permit?						
181	use cannabis permit fees/tax revenue to fund any accountability measures, so it's self-funding.	Caroline Koss	there have to be enough farms for this. There is no reasonable pathway to a permit for the vast majority of parcels						
182	ask enforcement to be nicer to farms that have earned the respect from passing grades. maybe a little less shock and awe. in general the ag dept is fair and good folks and are just adhering to the ordinance 6245.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
183	County needs more enforcement staff - more Sheriff resources and fire protection. This new commercial use increases the public costs of public services	judith olney	this is a legal crop. The sheriff should nt be involved	Not all operators are following the law - and the value of the crop can cause crime with remote locations are not protected by sheriff resources					

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184	I think neighborhood focused Comm-Unity meetings are in order and our Hessel Farmers Grange would be honored to host an educated, civil, meaningful and informed meeting. www.hessselfarmersgrange.com Please reach out. We are open books!	Sam De La Paz	Please, lets focus on SOLUTIONS and let us do it TOGETHER without bias or aggravation!! Nobody in the Cannabis community I am here for wants to see Santa Barbara commercaillization.	Maybe you are, but that does not mean all of the other grwoers are open books, Sam. You make it sound like these are all a bunch of angels starting these businesses, when we know that is just not the case. Let us know when your house is right next to a grow that is being run but some really scary groups who also run aggressive and active drug businesses in the east bay. Or your kids. Or your wife. When there are gun shots throughout the night and sketchy people driving up and down our roads. If you would just focus on appropriate, industrial areas that many of us have agreed with, much of this opposition would go away. You make fun of us, saying we are old, out of touch and not in our back yards, but none of you have seen the people being really affected by this.					
185	too many potholes on hessel. POTHOLE LAWYERS may sue. or some boomer generation lady will fall in a pothole and take the county for 1.6M	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
186	Permits should expire annually subject to renewal if compliance has been met in the last year in order to avoid long legal proceedings to abate non-compliant operator.	Harriet Buckwalter	Agree. With Global warming, every year is different, so we can't assume a prior water right/use would be ok in a future year	agree					
187	Set criteria for Inclusion and Exclusion Zones based on water data	Valorie Dallas			You betcha!				
188	You are missing the big picture-we are out of water, for everyone! No one, big developments (Bennett Valley Golf Course), low water areas, grape growers, cannabis farmers, etc. It's that simple!	Victoria De Crescenzo	Yes. We do have a problem we don't seem to be recognizing.	Drought is the bottom line issue - all must reduce their water use by a significant percentage.					
189	permits should be 5 years to deactivate these people who harras pot farms	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918			Why do they refuse to address the drought and perils ahead?				
190	Water use shouldn't just focus on cannabis industry - it should be all crops. Droughts are our future, and we all need to focus on reducing water, regardless of the crop or industry.	Caroline Koss	Agree!	Caroline, this is correct! Big development, all crops, etc. I don't know why they keep asking us for ideas, when they refuse to address the issue.	I value water for everyone and we don't have it!	Sam, thank you for not being rude. It's been great reading you comments			
191	Please, lets focus on SOLUTIONS and let us do it TOGETHER without bias or resentments!! Nobody in the Cannabis community I am here for wants to see Santa Barbara commercaillization.	Sam De La Paz	agreed	agreed					
192	why are the old folk opposition such control freaks. is there an opposition in here less than 70? just curious. leave the next generation have the same freedoms you had.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
193	my values are anti-communist	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							

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194	We have solutions that can help many farming practices prevail in environmental considerations. Like methods that can save up to 75% water. Please, again, reach out anytime!	Sam De La Paz			include AR/RR zones	Great question, but with no operations we don't have an example to set. I would logve to discuss this further Harriet!			
195	Lowering restrictions won't necessarily discourage large industrial operations. How can ordinance language encourage smaller operations?	Harriet Buckwalter	Allow cottage license farmers on rural lands. VERY small canopy	reduce the cost of entry.					
196	how to defend yourself with a bully empowered by a broken government? 2016 was 5 years ago.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							
197	Thank you staff for facilitating dialogue.	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	agreed						
198	great work staff. nothing but respect.	The Real Martin Luther White Movement 1918							

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1	good morning	steven sommer	Good morning Steven! Thank you for joining us again!	We have the ability to prioritize small to medium sized operations that show how a crop can be beautifully farmed in a sustainable manner. Rolling vineyards are acceptable, but Cannabis is not? None of the Cannabis industry I align with want to see rolling greenhouses like Santa Barbara...						
2	With the enormous expansion of commercial cannabis that both the Industry and the County are proposing it would be almost impossible to not have significant visual impacts, given the need for security fencing, plastic hoop houses roads,etc. - unless in commercial areas.	Bridget Beytagh	40 acres of cannabis a crop with proven scientific medicinal value vs. 60,000+ acres of grapes for a crop with little medicinal value and has no requirement for visual concealment is unjust.	100% agreed Moira.	This is ridiculous ,the wine industry does not have to follow these rule					
3	The EIR must study ALL environmental impacts of the county's plan to aggressively promote industrial scale THC drug production throughout county lands. The hoop houses are a blight on the landscape, they must be forbidden in all our view sheds. Hoop houses for THC drug production are fundamentally an industrial scale operation. The EIR must study the increase in public costs for landfill and wastewater treatment plant capacity, water pipelines, and additional code enforcement, police and fire	Moira Jacobs	The EIR must study the increase in public costs for landfill and wastewater treatment plant capacity, water pipelines, and additional code enforcement, police and fire services. Some counties, such as Napa and Santa Barbara found that the additional public costs significantly diminished tax revenue projections from commercial cannabis. Colorado has found the same: the tax revenues from recreational drug production only results in far higher social, health and environmental costs.	Totally agree.	Agree	We live in an agriculturally rich and diverse county. Cannabis and hemp is the future of farming.	Disagree			
4	Please don't allow commercial cannabis cultivation to destroy the charm of our peaceful, scenic rural areas. Restrict growing to small, well-screened "micro" or "boutique" producers, away from rural residential neighborhoods, or in warehouses in commercial industrial areas. Preserve our special environment and minimize impacts (visual, odor, water, traffic, etc) by NOT allowing large scale industrial grows, and keeping the number of growers per area limited.	Rebecca Bass	Totally agree with Rebecca	They don't have ugly plastic hoop houses or security fencing, lighting etc.	Yes instead they have stadium lighting during times of high activity.	Grape vines are beautiful! The leaves turn beautiful fall colors, in spring and summer also beautiful, great fire breaks, and grapes are a nutritional fruit! No comparison to THC producing smelly weed. It's an unhealthy drug.	Do not agree. Look at the grape vines	It's agriculture		
5	The County must ensure that visual blight is not allowed in community separators.	Bridget Beytagh	Our county is covered in grapes some would consider this monocropping a blight.							
6	Cannabis operations should never be allowed in any voter protected Community Separators. 173,000 Sonoma County voters adoped the Community Separator ordinance in 2016, and the language of the ordinance makes clear that cannabis operations with security fencing/lighting and/or plastic covered hoop houses are a use the voters did NOT intend to be in those voter protected lands.	Sonia Taylor	Agree. No cannabis operations in Commnuntly Searators.							
7	The scenic natural beauty of Sonoma County is the main draw of tourism, natural bucolic landscapes. Hoop houses destroy this scenic beauty and will result in loss of tourism AND massive environmental damages.	Moira Jacobs	So do grapes it agricultural please move back to city							
8	These sessions are valuable in defining the extremes of positions on this issue. Respectfully request County consider bringing in 3rd part Mediator(s) to help us find our "shared values."	Mary Plimpton		Yes it is, I called the Ag District to verify.	Some of it is. And would be here.					
9	Traveling down 101 this year in the Solvang Valley it was alarming to see a huge Hoop House configuration off in the distanc,e but so huge----- probably>200 acres----that it totally marred and degraded the landscape.We CANNOT allow this in Sonoma County.	Ann Storms	That's not cannabis.	Or from public lands and hiking trails.	It's not a commercial operation. It's growing a plant, there are plenty of hoop structures that aren't growing cannabis that we seem fine with.					

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10	Ag + Open Space already conserve much of the County's natural resources, as well as scenic corridors and Williamson Acts. Places where cannabis can be grown is already heavily limited.	Lindsay Blyth	Not really. No one should have to look at these commercial operations from their home - unless in a commercial area.	Not true	Oldest known cultivated crop do your research please almost 7000 years	These sound like very biased assumptions toward cannabis. The rhetoric is clear in this comment				
11	They only belong in industrial zone, one central facility. This is drug production: THC is the main active ingredient being marketed in this effort. Would we put pharmaceutical plants throughout our rural areas? Why are we using a water scarce area and wildfire prone area to produce a water intensive drug operation?	Moir Jacobs	Sounds like you are prejudice against a plant with proven medicinal value. Grapes on the other hand have little medicinal value and on the contrary contribute to a higher rate of DUIs in this county on our scenic roads	Wine grapes at a blight on this county and using all of our most precious resource which is water						
12	Our General Plan has goals for city-centered growth, protection of our agricultural resources and preservation of rural character. In setting cannabis program policy, Sonoma County supervisors need to make an informed decision based on potential impacts to assets valued by visitors: 1) a quality wine experience; 2) scenic beauty; and 3) rural character and small-town charm.	judith olney	Cannabis IS an agricultural resource and a crop young folks are interested in farming!!	Agreed!	I understand that the appellation applies to in ground only.	Agreed	State law. It must be grown in the ground.	That's great, being grown in the ground would be amazing and much less water intensive. This paired with regenerative techniques are the answer to all of our resource use and abuse in agriculture. We have to address pollution from all of the other Ag activity.		
13	Sonoma County is a leading recognized wine appellation in the world, and soon will be recognized as a leading cannabis appellation. Cannabis cultivators should have all of the tools and resources available in California state regulations so they can grow the best flowers, just as the vineyards grow the best grapes to produce the best wines.	Lori Pascarella	Absolutely! A voice of reason!							
14	Authentic rural character is Sonoma County's differentiating asset – multiple surveys have found this is the primary reason tourists visit Sonoma County. Our scenic landscapes give us competitive advantage – the quality of the tourist experience is an economic imperative.	judith olney		And yet we let 60000 acres of grapes						
15	Rolling hills, pastures with stately valley oak trees, live oaks, uninterrupted vistas, old barns and outbuildings, aeromotor windmills, tank houses, lack of industrial looking fencing, winding drives, fruit orchards, vegetable gardens and small scale farming, dark night skies, wildflowers, riparian areas along Russian River, redwood forests, meandering tributaries, native animals and birds, fish ladders, protected wetlands and marshes.	Anna Ransome	Agree							
16	In my view, Sonoma county has the most beautiful lanscapes in the 9 bay area counties. The beauty of views is from countless roads, not merely the so called scenic routes.	katherine yates								
17	Businesses with large scale buildings and parking lots already disrupt the visual landscape in our Ag zones – this current reality must be factored into visual impact cumulative impact analyses. Siting criteria and visual mitigations must be rigorously applied before our ag lands experience irreparable impacts.	judith olney	Look at grapes 60000 acres and Cannabis at 40 acres	We need to protect actual nutrition producing Ag: food or fruit, dairy, protein, etc., not drug production. Humans can't get nutrition from THC, it only affects the brain and other fatty organs very negatively. We must protect and promote our food supply. We must protect farmers and ranchers producing food and nutrition.	It is food fiber and has huge amount of uses other than smoking					
18	we need to protect ag	ron ferraro	It's not Ag.							
19	Limiting cultivators to indoor industrial areas will keep them from being able to compete with cultivators in the state. Cannabis should be allowed to grow outdoors in temporary hoop structures and be able to use mixed lighting tier 1 in paralel with state laws.	Lori Pascarella	There are counties in California that have wisely chosen not to allow commercial marijuana grows. Why should we allow it? And why should we allow so many outside interests & LLCs buy up our precious land to grow marijuana? A very few monied interests win, the rest of us lose.	The plastic is a blight on landscape.	Grapes are the blight not Cannabis	The plastic sheeting has to be changed out every 2-3yrs and CANNOT be recycled.				
20	plastics are recyled and much needed	ron ferraro	So, all that plastic is being recycled??	Agreed with sam						

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21	We have the ability to prioritize small to medium sized operations that show how a crop can be beautifully farmed in a sustainable manner. Rolling vineyards are acceptable, but Cannabis is not? None of the Cannabis industry I align with want to see rolling greenhouses like Santa Barbara...	Sam De La Paz	Then why the request for year round?	Agreed						
22	Cannabis is a beautiful plant. Hemp can be planted out in the open by right and looks just like cannabis. The EIR should consider eliminating screening requirements for cannabis.	Craig Litwin	The screening requirements are safety mitigations that must be retained							
23	no other rural agricultural product requires high fencing and security lights. These features of cannabis cultivation means it is much more like an industrial product than an agricultural one, and therefore belongs in industrial zones, not in the beautiful rural landscape	katherine yates	Not true those are requirements imposed upon us	Grapes are industrial as well						
24	By definition a landscape interrupted by industrial-looking cannabis operations and more intensive commercial uses will degrade rural character. Rural Character can be defined as ... encompassing open space and agrarian landscapes, with low density, low intensity development, and yielding low traffic volumes.	judith olney	My farm does not look industrial. I have transformed a lot with non native grasses to one of more diversity and natural wildlife.							
25	what about the vegitale hoop house which already in ag zones 30 dry creek	steven sommer	Not so tall.							
26	We must protect our community separators, our parks, our lands protected by the Open Space District, and four categories of visual resources identified in the County's General Plan: Scenic Landscape Units, Scenic Corridors, Greenbelts, Greeways and expanded Greenbelts. Cannabis operations with their industrial character and plastic hoop houses must not be visable from any of those valuable resources.	Sonia Taylor	Do not agree							
27	The General Plan states that development needs to be compatible with the preservation of scenic values along designated scenic corridors.	Anna Ransome	Please do this with grapevine as well	Please point to source of these findings.						
28	46% our the tourism coming to this area are looking to have a cannabis expeirences.	steven sommer	where is the evidence?							
29	All areas should allow for cannabis cultivation if it fits the existing land use table.	Craig Litwin	Agreed							
30	protect ag farmers from 80 year old pothole lawyers who will be passed away before this ordinance is in place. no one wants to keep givinbg all this attn to the vocal MINORITY of these old baby boomers who are stuk in their was and prejudices	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
31	Sonoma County's tourist industry is largely based on its rural character, bucolic countryside vistas and rolling green hills dotting with grazing animals. To protect this valuable industry, Sonoma County must identify existing and eligible cannabis cultivation sites that may apply for a cannabis cultivation permit and provide an analysis of view sheds and simulations of views from public viewpoints such as trails, roadways, parks and scenic vistas to determine the best siting to mitigate visual impacts. (VS)	veva edelson								
32	Visual impacts of cannabis operations will affect both public and private views, will affect voter protected Community Separator lands, scenic landscape units, Greenbelts, Greenways and expanded Greenbelts, in addition to Scenic Corridors.(ST+)	veva edelson	Do not agree	I do not agree and think the grapevines are the blight in bv	Agree with Rebecca					
33	Protect scenic Bennett Valley and Sonoma Valley from commercial cultivation that involves structures like hoop houses.	Rebecca Bass	Agree. Impose moratorium on allowing cannabis operations in these valleys until Board bans in these areas.	Eliminates the nasty odor problem also.	agree with Nancy's comments!	Do not agree				
34	If all cultivation were indoors we wouldn't need to have a visioning session on visual impacts because there would be none. This isn't a crazy idea. Indoor produces a higher quality crop and uses less water. Since California's energy supply is heaily weighted with renewables, energy consumption would not be a drawback. Already there are incentives for off-peak use. There are even Tesla power walls to take solar powered buildings off the grid during peak times. Grow lights can be timed to respond to the load and can be turned off during emergencies. Permit only outdoor grows with plants in the ground (not tubs) for the terrior market. Determine the size of this market for this higher priced product. No green houses, no ugly hoop house, no unsightly pot fences. Grow indoors in industrial areas.	Nancy Richardson	I like these ideas! Agree!	I know. But someone suggested no fencing. I doubt they would be willing.						
35	Would the Industry be willing to grow without security fences?	Bridget Beytagh	The State require these security protections							
36	Prohibit cannabis hoop house use in any location that can be seen from a Scenic Corridor (B), a public park or a public right of way, classify hoop houses as outdoor cultivation with no electrical, plumbing or mechanical, limit the siting of hoop houses and require that no flapping plastic exists or contaminates the environment (DAE)	veva edelson	Get rid of grapes as well please							

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37	Cannabis keeps ag land in ag, protecting open spaces for the long-term. Farmers need to make a profit to pay taxes and resist selling large tracks of land for expensive housing.	Craig Litwin	Agreed							
38	Isn't Cannabis screened to protect the high value product?	rachel Zierdt	No it's required	Are we doing this for grapes as well						
39	Prohibit commercial cannabis cultivation in any scenic vistas or residential area where light or glare would impact a day or nighttime view in an area. (B)	veva edelson	Do you hold the same view on the monocropping of grapes? My farm has created diversity in the scenery.							
40	The "feel" of Sonoma County would be affected by security cameras everywhere.	Anna Ransome	Not true							
41	Consider Community Separator provisions for rural residential neighborhoods and unincorporated towns. Protection would be provided for these residential enclaves throughout the County and would provide the same protection as community Separators closest to cities and towns by further protecting rural character and holding back sprawl and further parcelization of agricultural lands for residential uses.(GA-VS)	veva edelson	Maybe we should stop building houses on ag land							
42	if this rigorous process were in place when the baby boomers were in their prime we would have no wine industry and tourism in sonoma county. isnt it hypocritical for boomers to change the laws on their way out of this life after they already ruined the world with their terrible culture and policies?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	Agreed							
43	There are countless lovely private views from residents of this county. So placement of hoop houses and 8 foot fencing with night time security lighting needs to not impact private views	katherine yates	The lighting has to be motion sensed and not causing light pollution.							
44	cannabis guidelines already have included policy for limiting visibility. Also not all cannabis is grown in hoop houses	steven sommer	Agreed							
45	treat cannabis like any othe ag crop and dont subject us all to this energy drain. these old pothole lawyers and their old friends have nothing better to do but to delay this process. isnt that relevent?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		Absolutely agree! We just have to get passed these extremely antiquated and biased stigmas.	Sorry that was wrong thread... but love this idea!	Agreed				
46	Can we get some presentations from canibis cultivators or potential cultivators on what canibis grows look like and what they see as pros and cons of cultivation?	Kimberly Susukida	Great idea!	Wouldn't that be nice						
47	What I would love to see is a healthy integrated poly-culture regenerative farm with a resident farm house with the owner operator living on the land while farming it. Grow small amounts 10,000 sq. ft or under in the ground outside with no hoops. Grow one crop a year planting early in the spring to take advantage of moisture in the ground. Water minimally if at all using drop irrigation. No security! Just like the rest of us out here.	veva edelson	Sounds like my farm!!	Absolutely agree! We just have to get passed these extremely antiquated and biased stigmas.	Agreed	Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, I guess.				
48	Cannabis adds to the visual beauty.	Craig Litwin	It sure does!							
49	The existing requirements of biotic studies, cultural resource studies, setbacks, slope, water availability studies already keep cannabis limited to tightly defined Ag Zoned areas. This should not be changed as it already limits cannabis to appropriate areas within our beautiful county.	Lori Pascarella	Agreed							
50	lea, lia,da zones	ron ferraro								
51	Concentrated in industrial and commercial zoned land	judith olney	Do not agree							
52	What I would love to see is a healthy integrated poly-culture regenerative farm with a resident farm house with the owner operator living on the land while farming it. Grow small amounts 10,000 sq. ft or under in the ground outside with no hoops. Grow one crop a year planting early in the spring to take advantage of moisture in the ground. Water minimally if at all using drop irrigation. No security! Just like the rest of us out here.	veva edelson		Not true and please site your reference						
53	Allow only in Industrial zone! One secure complex, collocates with top lab testing site to verify THC and CBD product safety. This is drug production.	Moira Jacobs	This is an agricultural county. Young people need to enter the farming sector as this is a dying trade. Young people are interested in farming cannabis.	Agree with Anna. No visual blight if all grown indoors.						
54	The only places where cannabis would not detract from the visual beauty of the county are commercial and industrial zones where the security apparatus does not mar the rural nature of the most aesthetic aspects of the county or in some designated cannabis growing zone that is located out of public view and not impacting residences, parks, etc.	Anna Ransome	Not true do not agree							
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56	chapter 38 was very clear and stuck to the state law well. why not mention how chapter 38 already passed planning? what about all the work folks did on that?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	They ignored the public.							
57	Hoop structures provide not just crop protection and quality enhancement capabilities, but also provide visual screening of the cultivation area thus enhancing security. They can also be screened themselves with fencing, shrubs and trees	ron ferraro	Agreed							
58	The EIR must determine any increase in public costs for landfill and wastewater treatment capacity, water pipelines, additional Code Enforcement, police and fire services. It should be determined if these services will need to be increased and whether increased public costs will diminish revenue from this industry.	Nancy Richardson								
59	classified industrial areas. To have a certain number in more rural settings for cannabis tourism, choose areas far from neighborhoods.	katherine yates	Do not agree							
60	Some day hemp will grown dairy belt thart should look planted like alfa	steven sommer								
61	setbacks are too extreme and are only in place to protect politicians who are trying to appease these unappeasable old abulance chasing lawyers?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
62	Should be located: commercial industrial zones or very small grows on large ag parcels (>10 acres) if not visible from residential areas	Rebecca Bass	Do not agree							
63	It should be grown where it can't be seen from the public roads	Kathy Pons	As well as grapes	Exactly	Agreed with sam					
64	Why would Cannabis, a farmed plant, be any less appealing to the eye than Acres of other Agriculture that are already prevalent?	Sam De La Paz	Simple. Hoop houses and security fences.							
65	Industrial areas where odor, noise, traffic will not affect neighborhoods.	Robert Nissenbaum	Do not agree							
66	Cannabis is better outdoors, not indoors. Renewable energy is needed for other uses besides growing plants.	Craig Litwin	Agreed	You also have said we shouldn't have weddings in Sonoma.	Weddings are not agricultural promotion	What should we have? Anything?	It has been cultivated in Sonoma county for decades! And Sonoma county is an optimum location considering it's climate and tourism	Sonoma should create national testing lab complex, lots of very high paying jobs. If you prove both THC and CBD are great for everyone, then terrific. Yet even then Sonoma will never be optimal place to produce pot or hemp. It can be produced in water rich industrial Ag areas in other parts of country.	You have no idea what you are talking about	
67	Sonoma County is not optimum for cultivation of cannabis - we do not need to degrade our rural character to enjoy consuming here	judith olney	Agree!							
68	Would non-hoop house/outdoor grows be done without high fencing to keep out animal, domestic and wild? Without all-night lighting? Without guards with guns?	Mary Plimpton								
69	are we able to ask ig craig harrison is paid for his work against the cannababis industry. i see many names in this chat have contributed to the gofundme. some contributed \$1000. what are they paying for? is harrison getting rich doing this work? just curious.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
70	The EIR should determine if Sonoma County's landfill has the capacity to accept all the plastic from the number of hoop houses antipated. The sheeting has to be disposed every 2 to 3 years and cannot be recycled.	Nancy Richardson	Agree!							
71	What I would love to see is a healthy integrated poly-culture regenerative farm with a resident farm house with the owner operator living on the land while farming it. Grow small amounts 10,000 sq. ft or under in the ground outside with no hoops. Grow one crop a year planting early in the spring to take advantage of moisture in the ground. Water minimally if at all using drop irrigation. No security! Just like the rest of us out here.	veva edelson								
72	The DA zoning is based on historical uses of land. Times have changed, and many properties in DA zones are owned by people who purchased them for their bucolic views, not to raise crops or livestock.	katherine yates	very good points. There's Ag-intensive DA, and there's more residential DA.	Agreed						
73	it should be allowed anywhere other crops are allowed. this is dicriminatory.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	Without security fences, parking, hoop houses etc???							
74	What I would love to see is a healthy integrated poly-culture regenerative farm with a resident farm house with the owner operator living on the land while farming it. Grow small amounts 10,000 sq. ft or under in the ground outside with no hoops. Grow one crop a year planting early in the spring to take advantage of moisture in the ground. Water minimally if at all using drop irrigation. No security! Just like the rest of us out here.	veva edelson		Proposed for water storage near Graton.	and right next to a walking, biking trail.					
75	How does 30 parking places, 18 greenhouses, 12 water towers and a guard house in a DA zone against a neighborhood not be visual blight? This was proposed by me.	Bridget Beytagh	What are the twelve water towers for?							

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76	The MND prepared for Chapter 38 was in violation of CEQA.	Sonia Taylor	It is NOT the existing Ordinance - the existing ordinance requires a Use Permit as required by state law							
77	sonoma county has a county seal. look it up. it says AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, RECREATION. it does not say BOOMERS, AUTHORITARIAN, WASHED UP LAWYERS.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		Not true						
78	Lake and Mendocino counties have far fewer residents, and lots more water. They are much more appropriate counties for cannabis cultivation than Sonoma county is	katherine yates	Meanwhile we have 65k acres of grapes? Please make sense of this for me... I am all ears.	Yesss!	Agreed					
79	AR zoning also allows ag. Consider AR zones for smaller cottage grows allowing home based cottage businesses.	Craig Litwin	Yes! Support the small Family farmers							
80	the future should be 38 and add some.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
81	supervisor want legal protection from lawsuit so the need an EIR. chapter 38 is what should be repropoed.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	EIR is the law.	Napa punts said no!!	Napa County.	Do not agree				
82	100 foot setback from vineyards may not be adequate - more study is required. Napa's and Santa Barbara's grape growers have identified multiple reasons why vineyards cannot coexist with cannabis cultivation, including warnings about conflicts with cannabis resulting in vineyard operators having to change to less effective farming practices and compete for increasingly scarce water resources.	judith olney	Wine Spectator came out with a lengthy article stating scientific facts about how vineyards and cannabis can coexist easily.	Board already rejected allowing commercial cultivation in the Rural Residential District. Let's not go backwards.	They are asking for suggestions for future. This one move excluded thousands of small family farmers.	I have planted over 40 trees to create visual screening including 33 redwoods As well as fruit tree berms I grow annuals such as corn and sunflowers				
83	Cottage cultivation in AR/RR zones	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	NO cultivation should be allowed in the Rural Residential Zone							
84	Never in voter protected community separators.	Sonia Taylor								
85	The EIR should determine the number of parcels in and adjacent to open space, parks and community separators where scenic vistas must remain unsullied by industrial fencing, hoop house and visual blight associated with grows. The taxpayers overwhelmingly approved taxes for these sensitive parcels and greatly value them.	Nancy Richardson								
86	we dont want cultivation in illegal residences above garages in neiughbors glass houses	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	Agreed	No setbacks at all this is ag						
87	300 ft from nearest residence	ron ferraro	Not enough							
88	Sonoma County's tourist industry is largely based on its rural character, bucolic countryside vistas and rolling green hills dotting with grazing animals. To protect this valuable industry, Sonoma County must identify existing and eligible cannabis cultivation sites that may apply for a cannabis cultivation permit and provide an analysis of view sheds and simulations of views from public viewpoints such as trails, roadways, parks and scenic vistas to determine the best siting to mitigate visual impacts. (VS)	veva edelson	Not true							
89	cannabis is part of the fabric of this county and has been for many years now. The california state fair will be judging cannabis alongside dairy, wine and all ag products this year.	steven sommer	Sweet progress	Public info and neighborhood groups that posted our names and address						
90	no one can see my crop. or smell it. but they still harrass and threaten me.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	So, how do they know?							
91	Commercial cannabis cultivation operations must not be visible in designated scenic Corridors or scenic landscape units. Siting of operations and/or screening must not degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views and its surroundings and/or have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista. (B)	veva edelson	Grapevines are also a blight and yet we're not talking about 60000 acres	Agree, a current tactic.	The max per parcel is ONE single acre (4 permits) There is a 200 acre vineyard across from my 1/4 acre farm.	a direct result of the faulty Ag ministerial process				
92	I am concerned about people pulling multiple permits for small sizes but co-located so that it ends up as a large scale commercial production next to neighbor homes, children, wildlife; and also skirting EI studies. Example Franz Valley School Road.	Denise Drawsky	good point	Town hall meetings were open to all residents. All you had to was sign up.....	Not true lori					
93	The board of supervisors cannabis ad hoc committee spent nearly two years conducting town halls, meeting with members of community, to draft updated ordinance. All of this work needs to be part of the public record. This work should not be discarded, or discredited as it directly pertains to update of cannabis ordinance. This would be nothing more than time lost and money wasted by the county.	Lori Pascarella	Again. They ignored the Public. Actually County refused to speak to our group.	Do not agree						
94	Close to or within neighborhoods. Period.	katherine yates	I agree							

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95	Prohibit cannabis hoop house use in any location that can be seen from a Scenic Corridor (B), a public park or a public right of way, classify hoop houses as outdoor cultivation with no electrical, plumbing or mechanical, limit the siting of hoop houses and require that no flapping plastic exists or contaminates the environment (DAE)	veva edelson	agree							
96	my neighbors loved me until they found out i was doing cannabis. they never would have known if not for my address being posted by neighbors to spite me.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	Why w							
97	are we going to let 15 baby boomers who are stuck in their prejudices overwhelm this process?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		Do not agree						
98	Consider commercial cannabis cultivation visual impacts on all of Sonoma County's natural environment. Cannabis is NOT like other agricultural uses. The necessary security fencing, lighting, etc., creates an industrial setting and should not be part of our otherwise bucolic landscape. (ST+)	veva edelson	agree							
99	Adequate separation from hospitality venues: the visual impacts as well as pungent "skunk-like" odor drifting to nearby existing commercial operations hurts their businesses, not in the "view or odor-scape" of existing tasting rooms.	judith olney	Again grapevines and winery should be banned then	Agree	Do not agree					
100	Hoop house mechanical features are noisy and require power and should not be permitted.	Anna Ransome	agree							
101	these boomers will be gone soon and their legacy will be shameful. why dont we let grandma and grandpa rest in their old age. make this MINISTERIAL and deactivate these folks who have had their way for far too long. move along grama. dont try to bully my young family.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		Where is the date on water intensity?	And yet you let 60000 acres of grapes be planted					
102	New Cannabis operations should not be allowed in SoCo when we are in a drought, and family farms are already being asked to conserve water. We have given up our yards. How is this water intensive crop sensible in this environmental climate?	Denise Drawsky	Agree!							
103	The future vision should be: one central production complex in industrial zone with collocated testing labs and R&D on THC and CBD. Sonoma could be the HQ for USA on proving out what if anything are useful and safe drug therapies. You will attract much better jobs here with this vision. It should include study of latest healthcare therapies as well. Let's see which drugs win the actual scientific testing. The production of marijuana and hemp can and should be produced in water rich areas	Moira Jacobs	This not true please do better research and educate yourself							
104	hoop houses should have acces to permited power for fans to provide for better yeilds to provide higher taxes for the county	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	And more noise for neighbors - 24/7							
105	Hoop houses are adouble edged problem. They are a huge visual blight but are also are a huge polluter and greenhouse gas generator with the hydor carbons of the plastic. All outdoor cannabis should be grown in the ground (no hoop houses, no artificiaall light). to acquire the sonoma terroir theymust be grown in the ground.	Nancy Richardson		No COMMERCIAL cannabis cultivation in or near neighborhoods	But there is no objection to other agriculture and their pesticide/fertilizer pollution??					
106	Adults can grow six plants, by law. It is already in neighborhoods.	Craig Litwin	Are they surrounded by high security fences, cameras, motion detector lights?							
107	hoop houses should be all year round and not limited to 180 days.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	Agreed							
108	agreed	ron ferraro		Very few real "small family". Talking point.	There are MANY small family farmers that would love to come online with acceptance from the community and pathways to permitting. Not in my backyard groups have pushed out mom and pops and now are complaining about commercialization... seems ironic to me.	That would invite in big ag and I think you have a bigger problem				
109	Not on parcels smaller than 20 acres	katherine yates	That excludes the small family farmer and welcomes the larger entities and out of county residents.	So what?? We evolve and improve.	Natasha is correct, pretending that Cannabis has not been a pillar of our constituency here is a disservice to our communities.					
110	27 California counties DO NOT allow commercial marijuana cultivation. Not all counties believe there is any benefit to their residents, wildlife, or lands. This number may increase as Climate Change deepens and grows.	Ann Storms	This is a county that has historically grown cannabis.							
111	not a good fit for people to retire in ag zones	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	Some of us lived in them many years.							

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112	not a good fit for people to retire in ag zones	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		Impractical	Industrial zone only.	Agree. It's doable.	Do not agree			
113	Adequate setbacks from rural neighbor property lines is essential - minimum 600-1000 ft. This would solve many issues.	Robert Nissenbaum	agree	Yes!	No. There are 5 acre parcels in the Rural Residential zoning districts and therefore should NOT be allowed in that district, period. The Board agreed in 2018 that there should NOT be commercial cultivation in Rural Residential districts.	Agreed				
114	Reduce the parcel minimum to five acres for smaller cottage grows.	Craig Litwin	maybe							
115	Visual impacts of cannabis operations will affect both public and private views, will affect voter protected Community Separator lands, scenic landscape units, Greenbelts, Greenways and expanded Greenbelts, in addition to Scenic Corridors.(ST+)	veva edelson		We are water rich the grapes are sucking us dry						
116	Good fit: water rich states	Moira Jacobs	Water rich, but we have plenty of water when not being used abusively by other Ag and pumping to other counties.	Correct!	Agreed					
117	Some of the largest tax payers in this county are cannabis buisnesses	steven sommer	That is right.	Moderator!						
118	it would not be a good fit to let grandpa lawyer raise money from resentful mean spirited old timers. their families probably cannot stand these old folks. but they are able to force the county and the cannabis indutry to devote this time and energy to their minority viewpoint. grandpa and grandma BOLSHEVIK BOOMER.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	What?! This comment makes no sense.							
119	successful would be for the county to protect the high tax paying farmers from these manipulative control freak liars. i know first hand that they LIE and will do anything to harm young family farmers	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		It truly has more of inapct than outdoor.	Not true					
120	Indoor cultivation commands a higher price in the market and does not impact our natural resources	judith olney	It has more of an environmental impact							
121	hoop houses should be aesthetically pleasing and should recieve violations if they are not visually acceptable	ron ferraro	Temporary plastic structures are by definition disruptive to rural character							
122	i wish these boomer bulles were invisible.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
123	hoops should be year round for many reason. water retension, sight, smel, etc	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	Profits.							
124	Both separation and scale are important mitigations: Retain the 1-acre maximum size limit: Scenes from Santa Barbara with acres of industrial-scale developments, many with unsightly plastic hoop house structures, demonstrate the potential degradation of our scenic landscapes	judith olney	wholeheartedly agree!	i agree						
125	in the ground uncovered and less than 10,000 sq ft.	veva edelson	Permit and license fees are so high as well as taxes that small farmers are forced to scale Up. 10K Reducing entry costs would support the small farmer and allow this approach to be a reality							
126	What are the regulations regarding proximity to schools and parks?	Kimberly Susukida	1000ft.	Agreed	This is critical. If a crop is damaged it is a waste of water and resources. Protecting crops is good for the environment and should be considered in the EIR.	Agreed				
127	Hoop houses protect crop quality from neighboring agricultural use spray-drift. Cultivators should be allowed to protect their crops with hoop houses because cannabis is subject to very stringent testing requirements, and any pesticides residues could cause failed testing and destruction of product	ron ferraro	agreed	Not true						
128	Hoop houses are ugly and an ecological nightmare with the need to replace non-recyclable plastic every few years. The price to dispose of this mass of petrochemical material will be born by all as dump tipping fees will go up for everyone. Neighbors in other counties where these are in abundance complain of the glare (and nighttime glow where allowed) and interrupted vistas. Google Santa Barbara or San Luis Obsipo for a preview of what to expect with rampant hoop house development.	Anna Ransome	Exactly - this is what we want to prevent from happening here!!!!							
129	mean old ladies are a blight and id like them to disappear	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		I do not agree						
130	grows in commercial and industrial zones could have tasting rooms adjacent that are made attractive the way restaurants are. There would be parking lots there already. for tourism.	katherine yates	this sounds like a constructive suggestion							

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131	Hoop houses help to prevent unchecked vertical plant growth, and help to keep the plants screened from public view.	Collin Davis								
132	chapter 38 allowed for PERMITTED elec for hoops. this is same as state law	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	That was a change. Originally not allowed.							
133	hoop houses acually create a visual barrier so that you cannot see what is inside	steven sommer	Ugly							
134	Hoop houses, as temporary structures, are already allowed in Sonoma County. The EIR should study how to utilize fencing, trees and shrubs to screen hoop houses.	Craig Litwin	Agreed	agree	Please define "industrial scaled cannabis"?!	Reduce restrictions and legacy farmers would enter the market willingly.	I hear you Natasha.	Agreed		
135	I don't want to see industrial scaled cannabis in Sonoma county. I thought the intention was to bring legacy farmers into compliance not to invite an industrial scaled cannabis industry into the county	veva edelson	agree							
136	Cannabis should be located on Ag Zone properties, within appropriate setbacks, and slopes, and should be contained within hoop structures or greenhouses to screen from view, and help growers to be able to have better quality crops and yields so they generate better jobs creation, taxes, and reputation for Sonoma outdoor grown cannabis.	Lori Pascarella								
137	MINISTERIAL permits should allow for immature plant area without the CUP boomer nightmare	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
138	Vegetative fences can shield views of farms from the outside.	Lindsay Blyth	They all look obvious and take years to grow.							
139	The FOUR kinds of scenic resources in our General Plan that are recommended to be protected are: Scenic Landscape Units, Scenic Landscape Units, Scenic Highways and Corridors and Greenbelts, Greenways and Expanded Greenbelts. The cannabis EIR should ensure these resources are protected.	Nancy Richardson	agree							
140	Typical security fencing is cyclone fencing with wood slats for privacy, with barbed wire above at 8 feet. There is nothing appealing about this, so ban security fencing and lighting for grows in rural landscapes	katherine yates		It has already been determined that our landfills are over capacity	I'd like to see proof.					
141	The plastic in hoop houses is a nightmare from an environmental standpoint. We banned the use of plastic bags for a reason. Sheet plastic cannot easily be recycled (or at all), and I doubt we have the landfill capacity to dispose of it, and it has to be thrown away every 2-3 years.	Sonia Taylor	they are recycled							
142	the ww1 vets were never like this to the boomers generation. thats why grandpa lawyer has had such a charmed life. why is this bad generation allowed to be so self serving over and over again? this is nuts to let these narcissists e a part of this.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
143	collectove farming is right out of the russian revolutionm	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
144	future starts with chapter 38. that process created an approvable ordinance.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	Was thrown out.							
145	Cannabis crop quality and yield is improved due to protection from excess heat or solar radiation during high heat index days. Improved quality and yield results in better sales revenues, and ultimately tax revenues to county and state. Hoop houses protect cannabis from excess heat or solar radiation.	ron ferraro	Agreed	Very recycled item						
146	There should be a recycling program for hoop plastics.	Lindsay Blyth	It's not recylcable, unfortunately.							
147	If growers need to use hoop houses, they should be located in industrial/ag areas. For example, there is a cannabis retail operation in Santa Rosa with several acres open behind it.	Denise Drawsky	Do not agree	Do not agree						
148	Hoop house should not include plumbing and electrical.	Anna Ransome	Agreed - this increases fire and night light impacts	agree	Agreed					
149	Hoop structures provide not just crop protection and quality enhancement capabilities, but also provide visual screening of the cultivation area thus enhancing security. They can also be screened themselves with fencing, shrubs and trees	ron ferraro	agree	Thank you great comment and so true						
150	the looks would be happy hard working family farmers and not a full time job defending the industry from pothole lawyers	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	You make no sense!	You make no sense read the facts that are out there and educate yourself						
151	The future vision should be: one central production complex in industrial zone with collocated testing labs and R&D on THC and CBD. Sonoma could be the HQ for USA on proving out what if anything are useful and safe drug therapies. You will attract much better jobs here with this vision. It could include study of latest of ALL healthcare therapies. Let's see which drugs win the actual scientific testing. Big ??s for THC require testing Lgmarijuana/hemp should only be produced in water rich areas	Moira Jacobs	Co-locating will also reduce GHG from distribution.	hemp was farmed for fiber for many years	Not profitable.	I disagree Cannabis has sooooo many uses				
152	NEVER allow cannabis in Community Separators. The text of Measure K (passed by 173,000 voters in Sonoma County) specially states that agricultural uses in the Community Separators are for the production of food or fiber. Cannabis is neither food nor fiber.	Nancy Richardson	Hemp is can be considered both food and fiber!! And Identical to Cannabis!							

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154	Legalize Cannabis today	Vince scholten								
155	screening w plants that will grow tall enough to block 70% of view within 5 years of planting	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
156	wine is going to what wine for napa	steven sommer	correction: cannabis could do for sonoma what wine has done for napa							
157	Don't allow cannabis to cover viable ag land with buildings – which means no processing and limited employee buildings. Buildings create impermeable surfaces increasing potential for flooding and lessening aquifer recharge.	Anna Ransome	Do not allow on prime soils	But not recyclable	Agreed and recycleable					
158	Just as plastic dripline is used to save water use, plastic hoophouses save crops from being wasted by pesticide/smoke drift, saving water.	Craig Litwin	I agree and also would love to see better plastics recycling programs for all agricultural industries.	From what Cannabis specifically or Grapes and all Ag? Is there bias toward Cannabis only here?	Love cannabis. Not commercial cultivation in the wrong places.	And yet we have 60000 acres of grapes				
159	Bottom line: the County needs to protect our visual resources.	Nancy Richardson	absolutely!							
160	AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, RECREATION	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
161	I would suggest a distance of at least 1 mile from schools and parks.	Kimberly Susukida	For all ag Think you might find it hard to find food soon	Yes!	Just because other crops behave badly doesn't mean cannabis should.	Agreed				
162	How can we chastise one crop (that is more sustainable & regenerative) and try to hide it, when other industries are responsible for plenty of controversy, pollution and blight on our counties?	Sam De La Paz	Yes, exactly.							
163	screening w plants that will grow tall enough to block 70% of view within 5 years of planting	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
164	the red guard never had this much control. ask the white movement (which included all races for those triggered by the word white).	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
165	A successful program would mirror the grape and wine industry in Sonoma County, only on less acreage. Cannabis can be sustainably farmed, will soon be able to certified organic and classified under a designated appellation the same as wine! It will be legal nationally and Sonoma County needs to act now to be a part of the future market growth, or it will be left behind.	Lori Pasarella	Agreed	The State defines cannabis as a product - it is not a crop like other county agriculture	The EIR should study what treating cannabis like other ag means.	Again, neither State and County law does not allow the "right to farm" to apply to cannabis operations	Eventually, it will be normalized like other crops. Likely by the time this process is done. Let's make an effort to encourage a plant that does not use pesticides and is more economically viable than grapes get the foothold it needs to redefine what healthy ag should look like.	This is ag any way you look at it		
166	Cannabis is NOT like other ag. Because of the necessary security, fencing, lighting etc....It is essentially industrial in nature and should not be part of our otherwise bucolic landscape.	Nancy Richardson	It is only because of this very present stigma and prohibition!							
167	stop letting small parcels that were broken off of ag lands dictate to the large ag parcels. THAT IS BACKWARDS	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
168	Landscaped berms would work better than vegetation alone	judith olney	At what cost							
169	Only native vegetation should be used for screening ugly fencing, not straight rows of something like Leyland cypress – a blight on the landscape. Growers should be required to replace dead or unhealthy vegetation that is used for screening.	Anna Ransome		Agree						
170	The EIR should consider how legalization may allow cannabis to fall under the Right to Farm ordinance. The EIR should study how to encourage best practices for cannabis cultivation when it is eventually treated like Hemp. Best practices for hoop house maintenance, waste and recycling efforts, and visual impacts should be developed when we cannot mandate unreasonable rules for an agricultural plant.	Craig Litwin	Agree completely with this!							
171	chapter 38 had a lot of approvable ideas. might be worth a look?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		This is what I'm talking about!! More sustainable and more regenerative pioneers like Dr. Natasha need to be supported!!	Very nice					
172	I have planted over 40 trees including 33 redwoods Grow fruit trees in berms As well as annuals such as corn and sunflowers	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	Thank you							
173	let the boomers start a design board. thats the solution	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
174	this ordinance will only be as good as the process that created it. The nature of this process is polarizing. We should focussng on common ground and a less stressfull intense process	veva edelson	Agreed	Thank you for sharing this information Moira. Please call (707) 565-1992 to report a possible cannabis violation.	Please call on all the grapevines that are a visual blight on this county					

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175	We can see a huge THC production facility from the Sonoma Mountain County Park, from the trails. The blight is already happening. This blight in Bennett Valley breaks the current law since it should not be visible from parks. There's a big trailer there too, likely workers living there illegally. Wellspring Rd. Please close that operation. It's a blight and dumping garbage.	Moira Jacobs	Good point!							
176	let cannabis farms have RV residences for full time security. the homeless are allowed to camp on county roads for years at a time without consequence. why cant land owners allow an RV with an employee for full time safety and security	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
177	Cannabis operators should not be required to put in vegetative screening that requires irrigation. Fences and hoop structures more than adequately screen plants from view while protecting the crop.	Lori Pascarella	If so, then it definitely should be only in industrial zones.							
178	The security measures required for such a high value crop are in themselves ugly and jarring and naturally separate cannabis operations from traditional agriculture. Doesn't everyone recognize cannabis grow sites by their security features?	Anna Ransome	Another reason to incent cannabis operations in industrial zones where security is present							
179	screens made with trees that get tall could adversely affect views, so the species of screen plants needs to be monitored.	katherine yates	I use native trees or benefical such as nitrogen fixing of fruit.							
180	the county has to take responsibility for activating these 80 year old hack lawyers from having a end of life hobby bullying this young industry.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
181	The Board should not exacerbate existing visual problems in the County by expanding cannabis cultivation with its visual impacts.	Richard Rudnansky	Do not agree	Is there a model eco-friendly and aesthetically pleasing cannabis grow anywhere?	Yes Anna there are a few of us	I have seen them in the past when growers grew a few plants in amongst the tomatoes. The push for millions is what is driving this into the scale that is disruptive	Love to see it.	There are many models that our Cannabis industry and the community therein are pioneering. These models will exceed any other Ag models to date.	Thank you for this constructive dialogue everyone. SOLUTIONS are the key 🍀	Agreed
182	We should focuss on the farmers that are doing a great job and learn from eachother	veva edelson	I agree <input type="checkbox"/>							
183	the blight is the LACK of freedom. thanks grandpa. your generation sure was the best buddy.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
184	Without the opportunity to have deep coneverations in a safe environement we are crippled	veva edelson	Agreed							
185	harrisons address is easily found with a quick search. nice house. life sure was a lot more free for him to have a charmed life.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		I hear you Ann, none of us want to see that! Our small family farmers that have been waiting in the pipeline for 4yrs are not trying to green rush in here. They have been pillars of the community and should be supported before any more corporate and commercialized operations are even considered.	Totally agree. Very well said Ann	Not true we are trying to make a better future				
186	This cannabis frenzy reminds me of the ill-fated Gold Rush. A mad dash to make a buck, and the beautiful California hillsides destroyed. Just like this current cannabis frenzy, that everyone seems to think is such a great idea for us all.	Ann Storms	good point!	Agreed						
187	Why are we so focused on screening, when it only needs to be normalized! Hemp can be farmed without a fence or screening and is the SAME plant!	Sam De La Paz	Exactly! Study what no screening looks like.							
188	does anyone live close to harrison? 4953 Sonoma Mountain Rd. Santa Rosa Ca	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
189	It is not just about protecting the crop! The unsightly view of hoop houses should be creatively addressed. Place artistic scuptures, painted flowers, etc. if you don't want to grow plants.	Denise Drawsky		Please look at the grapevines which are a blight						
190	Our tourist industry is mainly based on our rural character with our lovley and scenic views. This valuable industry must be protected. Public viewpoints from trails, roadways and parks must not be sullied or degraded.	Nancy Richardson	agree							
191	curious if he enjoys his address being posted as much as he likes to post cannabis farms addresses. we have families and we want to be safe.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
192	Agree. Very well said	Richard Rudnansky		All of them?? Or just some.						

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193	The alignment of county regulations with state regulations to allow for temporary hoop structures, tarps and low wattage lighting as in Tier 1 Mixed Lighting classification should be allowed so that cultivators can protect their crops from contaminants and help provide the best quality possible. Sustainable farming practices to increase product quality and yields can set Sonoma County at the forefront of a developing industry as a major player.	Lori Pascarella	Yes! Line up local regs with state regs.							
194	Anyone is free to grow hemp, so why are they not. No problem.	Bridget Beytagh								
195	send a letter to craig harrison and tell him how you feel about his operation. tens of thousands of dollars have been raised for him to chase cannabis farmers instead of chasing potholes and hawiiian birds. tough life gramps.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
196	CRAIG HARRISON: 4953 Sonoma Mountain Rd. Santa Rosa Ca	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		That is my desire and what I have been doing since permitted in 2018	Exactly what is needed thank you					
197	A perfect cultivation site would be promoting bio-dynamic practices that support biodiveristy and also grow companion plants and make it a enjoyable and asthetically pleasing experience.	steven sommer	Yes!!!	Agreed and hemp is the same plant						
198	Do we screen Cannabis with Hemp? Would that work under the regs? Hemp does not need a screen, but cannabis does. The irony is clear. It is time to normalize our perspective on this plant and see it for the environmental shift in local ag that we need. At more value per acre it is the superior environmenal alternative for any land use.	Craig Litwin	Please grow hemp then.							
199	hoops should be allowed all year if the operator would like. the visual would be better for jerks who dont like the looks of a plant	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
200	STATE LAW	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	No one's minds the look of the plant - it's the commercial/industrial operation.							
201	The future vision should be: one central production complex in industrial zone with collocated testing labs and R&D on THC and CBD. Sonoma could be the HQ for USA on proving out what if anything are useful and safe drug therapies. You will attract much better jobs here with this vision. It should include study of latest healthcare therapies as well. Let's see which drugs win the actual scientific testing. marijuana and hemp should be produced in water rich areas only.	Moira Jacobs	Do not agree this is just not how ag works and you now want to pick and choose which crops you like. Not being very grangerly							
202	I had to join late - I did not get to see your example of the supply chain. Can you send it to me via email?	Denise Drawsky	Hi Denise - you can find it on slide 7: https://share.sonoma-county.org/link/-pn0a5McFKU/PowerPoint%20Presentations/Cannabis%20Update%20Visioning%20Session%20PPT%20Visual%20Considerations%2008-12-2021.pdf	NO ONE, on either side of the aisle, should be publishing addresses. I hope the SOS website finally pulled that map down of commercial cannabis addresses as well.						
203	Mute Kulak who is publishing personal addresses.	Anna Ransome	these anti cannabis groups have been posted our addresses for years. it is VERY DANGEROUS							
204	Difficult question to answer - obviously depends on where each element is located...wherever it is, it needs to fit the character of the area where it is located	Rebecca Bass	The use permit process must include project-specific design review							
205	lets make all hoops have to be painted with pictures of lenin and stalin so that the commie boomers feel like they won.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		NO ONE, on either side of the aisle, should be publishing addresses. I hope the SOS website finally pulled that map down of commercial cannabis addresses as well.						
206	I thought that you were going to prevent seeing objectionable comments. They are still coming in.	rachel Zierdt	Yes. Kulak is putting in personal addresses. Delete!							
207	Moderators - Enforce your rules with Kulak.	Anna Ransome		How do you centralize all businesses in our economic system? Does not seem to make sense.	seems like a reasonable location for elements like dispensaries and tasting lounges					
208	Set aside land in an industrial/commercial zone and set it up like the Barlow in Sebastopol, where there is a mix of grow buildings, dispensaries, research labs and tasting rooms	katherine yates	Some of us are farmers and would like the opportunity to farm. Not work in a warehouse	No problem with retail, only commercial production in wrong place.						

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209	Most cannabis operations should be in industrial areas. Retail should be within incorporated jurisdictions.	Sonia Taylor	Still respectfully disagree. Retail should be allowed in the county, in Forestville, Graton, etc. Other commercial activities are allowed in the county, why not a highly regulated dispensary?							
210	these anti cannabis groups have been posted our addresses for years. it is VERY DANGEROUS	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
211	silence him!!	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
212	FREE SPEECH	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
213	Most retail locations zoned in municipal are located nextdoor to eachother, however, retail cannabis has setbacks between retail locations.	Lindsay Blyth								
214	ag land is LEA DA LIA	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
215	CHAPTER uh 38!!!	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
216	anything new being accomplished here? groundhog day again.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		witnessed and agree	Not minority or Prohibitionist. Just want intelligent land use.	agree with Bridget - we are just trying to prevent our beautiful valley from being overtaken by unsightly agri-business				
217	According to statistics provided at last week's Wine and Weed Symposium in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County has potential to grow immensely in tourism specifically connected to cannabis. This growth should not be impeded by catering to the minority voice of prohibitionists. The new ordinance should mirror state regulations and embrace tourism with events, and tasting lounges.	Lori Pascarella	YES							
218	Sonoma County cities have defined density and other criteria for dispensaries.	judith olney								
219	State regulations are very restrictive - rightly so given public and traffic safety impacts	judith olney		seems like existing rules have not been adequately enforced	I have very little traffic at my farm. My neighbors with horse stalls have much more					
220	So how do neighbors understand 11 plots of cannabis in family home neighborhoods with commercial traffic moving the product from the grow house to the highways? I have observed an increase in such commercial traffic near existsting cannabis operations. How do the existing county ordinances address that?	Denise Drawsky	Yes, big problem!							
221	COUNTY should allow tasting at farms and dispensaries if not visible to public	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
222	Example of good dispensary: Sparc on N. Dutton Ave.	Denise Drawsky								
223	the county already does not allow any light to be seen. that also was addressed in the ordinance changes made in CHAPTER 38. we spent 2-3 years on that process. waiting. dealing w grampa pothole lawyer, etc. has anyone see how ,much these hack lawyers raise for mean old ladies? take a look. easy search.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
224	Farmers should be allowed to sell direct to consumers, through tourism and tasting rooms. This would eliminate large commercialized transport and shipping, while creating destinations for tourism within our county. Cannabis should be treated in parity with other industries.	Sam De La Paz	Agreed!							
225	as a "right to farm" issue everyone should read the ag element of the general plan. a lot of what we are dicussing has already been made policy in that plan.	steven sommer								
226	Warm spectrum LED lighting has less harmful impacts on bird migration and human sleep.	Anna Ransome	Thank you Anna, great solution!							
227	There should be incentives for Eco-Conscious lighting.	Sam De La Paz								
228	None in hoop houses: Pictures from Mendo hoop house operations show the disruption to night sky when electrical is allowed	judith olney	This is largely referring to unregulated grows. In Mendo licensed operators are required to screen lighting. That can be blocked by coverage at night.	Not at all true, sorry, this is agriculture.						
229	The lighting problem is another of the 500 reasons these need to be in industrial zone!	Moir Jacobs	My 10k uses no lighting							
230	the tired lighting for low wattage for mixed lights and hoops houses was done very well by andrew and scott in the CHAPTER 38.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
231	Allow mixed lighting, in line with state law.	Craig Litwin	Agree!							
232	Night lighting should be prohibited. Downward facing lighting is still visible from a distance.	Sonia Taylor								
233	lighting in hoop houses/greenhouses, should have no light pollution at night	ron ferraro	Agree							

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234	I would not want the lighting to contribute to evening light pollution.	Denise Drawsky	Neither would I, there needs to be measures to reduce nighttime light pollution, for sure.								
235	low tax rates and not TARP TAX that makes mixed light unaffordable	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson									
236	There are existing lighting standards that should be maintained.	Craig Litwin	Agree								
237	Motion detcetor of short duration only.	Anna Ransome		Agreed	CHAPTER 38 sure was GOOD. thats why it passed planning.	Yessss!					
238	Hoop houses should be allowed the use of minimal lighting as in Tier 1 Mixed Lighting state licensing (less than 6 watts per square foot). This allows for improvements in quality and yield by allowing the cultivator to minimally enhance available lumens during foggy, cloudy or otherwise low light days	ron ferraro	EXACTLY.								
239	mendo hoop pics are not what we have here.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson									
240	Humbolt County has a huge problem with night lighting from operations. Even a name - glowworms.	Bridget Beytagh	Those are illicit grows primarily I believe.								
241	Nighttime exterior lighting is particularly harmful to insects/animals, which has negative implications for birds, mammals etc up the food chain. EIR will go into this in much more detail, I'm sure.	Caroline Koss	Yes! No lighting period in rural areas, messes with wildlife and people, plus think through the net new electric generation this all takes.								
242	they love their old facts and stats and figures	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		Exactly							
243	lighting issues can be mitgated by covering at night	steven sommer	Exactly.								
244	Hoop houses should be allowed lighting per state law, and lighting must be screened.	Craig Litwin	Yes!								
245	STATE LAW GRANNY	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson									
246	the law is alrely strong on light leak	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		Agree	Agree.	Yes! Light pollution is a health and environmental concern	agreed	Agree!			
247	Keep the nights dark. Make the standard that light pollution is not acceptable.	Craig Litwin	agree	agreed	agreed	As long as they are used. In Humbolt they don't bother - I suspect many wouldn't here.	Agree				
248	The Sonoma county industry should be able to engage in all of the same practices as other cultivators in the state, including mixed light Tier 1. Black out tarps can be utilized to contain all lighting so that none escapes hoop structures.	Lori Pascarella	agree								
249	All practices allowed in Tier 1 Mixed Lighting under the state regulations, under the California Department of Food & Agriculture CalCannabis Division program which has merged with other state cannabis regulatory and enforcement agencies as the Department of Cannabis Control	ron ferraro	agree								
250	Where do we look for these links you are posted? I feel like I walked into a movie and it is over. I really need to understand more about this new industry.	Denise Drawsky		Agree Marcy! Without first determining the potential impacts on existing businesses and our tourism draw, elected officials may be throwing long-established Ag and visitor-serving businesses under the bus for an unstudied industry – with unintended consequences and irreparable damage to Sonoma County's economy.	Agree.						
251	Hoophouses will degrade one of So.Co. biggest income assest. What tourists expect to experience when they visit here—a non-industrial landscape. Don't mar the beauty of our lovely county by allowing hoophouses in any areas other than in industrial designated areas.	Marcy Meadows	yes								
252	grandma slang word of the year: glow worm	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		And violators should be shut down.							
253	Black out tarps should be allowed to be used to contain all light within hoop structures or green houses. Align with state regs on this.	Lori Pascarella	agree								
254	The more rural a light is, the biggr its impact on the night time. I own a 3 acre property in rural sonoma county. One 60 watt lightbulb throws light hundreds of feet on my land. Lights need to be hooded to a downward-only direction, and soft LED	katherine yates									
255	ordinance 6245 was enhanced and corrected by CHAPTER 38 and CHAPTER 26 edits. WHY ARE WE IGNORING THAT EXCELLENT WORK? did we all waste our time on that?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		Yes, we need to reduce nighttime light pollution	agree....there is ways to mitigate light polution easily						
256	Light polution is a concern. Many of us enjoy viewing the stars.	Kimberly Susukida	Agree								

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257	I'm sorry - where do I look for these links?	Denise Drawsky	https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/PRMD/Long-Range-Plans/General-Plan/Open-Space-and-Resource-Conservation/ Section 2.4	Also not right.						
258	The light concern is across the board and not just for growers.	Kimberly Susukida	Yes my neighbors near my farm have the most obvious lights as well as the stadium lights at the adjacent vineyard							
259	Keep grows in industrial settings, where security lighting is perfectly appropriate	katherine yates	Agree							
260	could you give them link to ag element	steven sommer	live answered							
261	Clustering of cultivation sites onto larger ag zone properties should be allowed to help address general plan and open space resource conservation concerns.	Lori Pascarella		agree - and once it's gone, it's gone forever. Like climate change, we need to think ahead before it's too late						
262	Lights, fans, trucks, many vehicle trips, generators = INDUSTRIAL. you're turning Sonoma's rural spaces into industrial before our very eyes. Horrible public policy!	Moira Jacobs	Again, the EIR must assess the cumulative impacts to ag zoned lands – our Ag and open space lands are dying the death of 1000 cuts.							
263	Thank you	Denise Drawsky	live answered	Agree	Not ag according to state law	Wrong. Actually pot production is 24/7x365. Wine has a few times in year with mild noise issues, it's not everyday 365 like THC drug production. Industrial!				
264	wine industry uses crop lights and loud fans. there is nothing we can do to stop that. it MUST be the same for cannabis	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	Why?							
265	great thank you	steven sommer								
266	is any opposition here younger than 70? why are we writing an ordinance for these spiteful spoiled half brain dead boomers who already messed up everything they touched for the passed 50 years!?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
267	Unfortunately, Sonoma County's General Plan is horribly out of date. The Cannabis EIR will have to evaluate lighting adequately by today's standards.	Sonia Taylor	Note that ag building sizes are now more than double the size assumed in the Gen Plan EIR, and that large scale parking lots taking land out of Ag production were not even assessed.							
268	lets have a meeting with this same group of old folks to help us write the new ordinances about gay marriage and gender pronouns. that would be fruitful.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		This is an extremely important and very true statement!	Agree 100%	The allowance of Compatible and reasonable expansion of Cannabis cultivation in Sonoma County could offset the impacts from other less accountable operations.				
269	The standards on cannabis are more significant than any other plant (including the essentially identical Hemp plant). Study how rules on this industry are already environmental superior with prohibition on light pollution, well water meters, and no allowance of pesticide use. The EIR should document how impacts like light pollution are reduced to less than significant levels with cannabis regs compared to other plants.	Craig Litwin	Your absolutely correct!	The majority of vineyards are owned by larger wineries such as Jackson Family Wines, Gallo of Sonoma, Constellation brands and others and are leasing the land for those vineyards.						

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270	No, it MUST NOT BE THE SAME FOR CANNABIS! Such wine operations are typically located adjacent to other vineyards, not my neighbors' house!	Denise Drawsky	wrong.	TRUE	Completely agree.	Yes! Canabis can lift the bar for other ag with the sustainable way that cannabis is cultivated in the regulated market.	agree	Absolutely agree.	Absolutely!!	totally need a level playing field	If we allow the cannabis industry to thrive, with higher standards, the foothold it achieves will help other ag improve best practices over time. If we over regulate cannabis then it stays in the alternative, non regulated market and we do not model the environmental protections. There is a silver lining in that a plant with lower required acreage to other crops (cannabis) could impact many more acres of other ag uses (vineyards).
271	We should hold every Agricultural industry accountable without double standards toward Cannabis. That includes inspections, violations, punishment, etc.	Sam De La Paz	AGREED								
272	AGREED	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson									
273	The existing system of local and state permitting, licensing, inspections, enforcement is more than stringent enough to maintain operators in good practices, or identify them for non-renewal of permitting and licensing.	Lori Pascarella	if only.								
274	One area of accountability has to do with the consolidation of the cannabis industry and the possibility of operator bankruptcy. Accountability means the County requiring the posting of a \$50k mitigation bond upon issuance of each permit to cover the costs of removing structures, fencing and trash if the operator abandons a site.	judith olney	Cannabis cultivators are already required to maintain a bond in addition to liability insurance.	Agree							
275	The largest complaints about lighting will likely be night lighting -- the County must have a live person available 24/7 who will respond to complaints about night lighting. Two violations and they lose their permit, and their crop.	Sonia Taylor	great idea								
276	should be the same as any other ag product	steven sommer									
277	enforcement is already very rigorous. dont make this young industry feel like jews in germany after the RED SCARES.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson		Most of the permits I've seen are ILLCs	likewise our family has been farming in sonoma county for over 100 years						
278	Mr. De La Paz: if only the county had taken the time and had the foresight to craft a commercial cannabis ordinance that allowed a VERY limited number of "family farmers" to grow in only certain restricted designated areas, we wouldn't be in the mess we are today. Instead we have this scourge of money-hungry industrial-scale pot people spreading over the county like a plague. Many who represent LLCs and monied out-of-town investors.	Ann Storms	Not true. I was one of the first permitted and I am a legacy farmer.								
279	There needs to be a specific county phone number and email address for reporting violations	katherine yates	And more enforcement.								
280	send the enforcement officers to make sure that the 80 year pothole lawyers and their friends are not violating county codes like the neighbors close to be do.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson									
281	The allowance of Compatible and reasonable expansion of Cannabis cultivation in Sonoma County could offset the impacts from other less accountable operations.	Sam De La Paz	Or less accountable industries I should say. Cannabis will set new more environmentally and socially equitable standards.	Unfortunately, others do.	Why throw the baby out with the bath water?? We are not pollutive compared to ANY other crop.						
282	I don't agree that we should let this new industry pollute the land, water, environment just because we have violators now in the wine business.	Denise Drawsky	I don't pollute the land or environment	I would love to know how much the county actually collected in fines and what percentage that fine is compared to worth of the product.	Ya right, code enforcement has been borderline extortion toward Cannabis operations. Coming out with 50x multipliers when all other industries face maximum 10x multipliers.	Not nearly enough. Prefer to work with violators.	Know your numbers... we would all love that laundry to be aired!	if they would focus on supporting operators they would generate more tax dollars.			
283	Code Enforcement needs a larger budget	Anna Ransome	They are collecting it with hefty fines and multipliers to non compliant operators								
284	make cannabis farmers life more hell than it is. that will make granpa happy. if we try to appease them we will never get a good ordinance together. CHAPTER 38 was already very rigorous.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson									

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285	Lighting, noise, smells, etc, authorities are unlikely to respond to all the thousands of complaints. Not enough resources. We can't get sherriff out to many areas in time. This plan is unrealistic. There will be no peace for the thousands of rural residents. You are industrializing our rural areas.	Moira Jacobs								
286	what does anna know about the code enforcement?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
287	Let's not defer to "two wrongs make a right" land use planning!	judith olney	No, but the elephant in the room is that one brings better solutions and receives much negative bias condemning... while others are allowed to run wild							
288	I know landlords who are always in code violation, and they just pay the fines and go on violating. The county needs to create more meaningful enforcement. This means the county needs revenue from the growers to fund the extra staffing.	katherine yates								
289	enforcement is done with no notice at 8am. i have small children and its like a raid by the nazis looking for poor jews.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
290	STOP DISCRIMINAYING against cannabis operators.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson	AGREE!!!!	Agreed	Agree. BUT, real violators should be closed down.	Agree!	agree			
291	Unsubstantiated complaints by individuals against cannabis cultivators should be treated like the proverbial crying wolf and be met with fines for wasting valuable time and resources of county officials.	Lori Pascarella	Agreed							
292	Thank you for deleting disrespectful comments by pro cannabis people. If they want to be taken seriously, they are not helping their cause.	Richard Rudnansky								
293	i have personal experience with neighbor groups who lie about things to the sherrif to try to get me swatted. does that personal experince matter?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
294	Establish reporting system with tracking number, similar to trouble calls with AT&T. Then public can place calls with violations and have a way to follow up.	Denise Drawsky		agree						
295	Address less accountable industries I say. Cannabis will set new more environmentally and socially equitable standards.	Sam De La Paz	agreed							
296	civil disobedience is fair for me too or only the boomers can play that game?	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
297	the county also needs to be held accountable for enforcing, to ensure the county isnt just taking the fines money and not taking action against a violator.	katherine yates		yes	Cannabis earns farmer money, helping keep farm lands in production versus being sold for expensive large housing. It has a very smal footprint compared to vines.					
298	Heed the warning of financial expects: "My belief is that tourists come to wine country because it is beautiful. ... If wine country gets crowded and loses its charm – we will be killing the goose that laid the golden egg." Source: EVP Rob McMillan Silicon Valley Bank – Advisor/Lender to the California wine industry	judith olney	How true!							
299	VISUAL: no garbage bins left at the street for days at a time. ALL neighbors. not just cannabis folks	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
300	VISUAL: dont let the spiteful lawyers post addresses of farmers to make them unsafe.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
301	MY FARM and PROPERT is more beautiful than any of these spoiled narcisit old folks around me. i dont see their families much. i dont think they like grandpa and grandma boomer.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
302	ill be here	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
303	VISUAL: no garbage bins left at the street for days at a time. ALL neighbors. not just cannabis folks	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
304	we use organic practices and have to deal with overspray issue from vineyards	steven sommer								
305	time for grama to take her afternoon happy pills	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
306	Thank you for providing this opportunity.	Kimberly Susukida	Thank you for joining us Kimberly. You can learn more about the process and future events here: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/	8pm heard. Thanks!						
307	8am or pm?	Craig Litwin	live answered							
308	BJ and SARAH could solve middle east peace. what a show!	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
309	thanks ladies. always fun.	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								

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310	Thank you for facilitating dialogue amongst us.	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	Thank you for joining us again Dr. Khallouf. Don't forget to bookmark our website if you haven't already: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/	will do, and have						
311	thank you	jim Barnacle	Thank you Jim for spending your early afternoon with us. Be sure to visit our website to learn more about the process if you haven't already: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/							
312	Medicinal value and small farmers are not the norm here in Sonoma County. While there is some medicinal value, most consumers use it for other reasons and we have way more cannabis grown than can be used for meds. As for small farmers, I do believe there are some...goodhard working people...but most now are LLC and large corps...most have no affiliation with the county...just money....	rachel Zierdt								
313	consider CHAPTER 38 if you would please crystal	Kulak Christian Mel Gibson								
314	Thank you	steven sommer								
315	Thank you hosts and all, from ALL perspectives for sharing in considerate civil dialogue!	Sam De La Paz								

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1	a lot of important information:	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
2	https://www.saveoursonoma.com/	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
3	Will there be a moratorium on new Cannabis permits until the new ordinance is completed?	Joseph Carbonaro		The problem is parcels are being subdivided to grow more than one acre per parcel.	That is a very lengthy process in this county. Is this a confirmed instance or speculative?	I will send you an email.	Dr. Natasha - the circumstance I am referring to results in these 11 x 10,000 sq. ft. Across three 11 acre parcels. It is clearly an end around, and there has been no response from the permit department about this. AND these people are proceeding with development in advance of actually receiving the permits. This is in a rural residential zone.	It should not be 300 feet from a private home, home owner garden, in areas where the response from fire or law enforcement is greater than 10 minutes.	RR zone is currently prohibited
4	TO PERMIT SONOMA: I have yet to hear these listening sessions address the concern regarding an applicant side stepping the EIR process by applying for 11 different permits for smaller plant development size, co-located so that there results 2.75 acres of cannabis which would have necessitated an EIR, which is the case for the Franz Valley Cannabis operation.	Denise Drawsky	The is a one acre cap per parcel.	Your local farmers do not want to take a back seat in an industry that we created. We refuse!!!!					
5	If the EIR takes this long, what happens to those already in the pipeline? Will we not lose our license because of the fact that we are stuck as provisionals when the time is up?	Jamie Ballachino	This is a significant issue. Alignment with the state is needed both for regulatory/compliance concerns and most importantly with the licening timeline						
6	did the BOS say that all the work done on Chapter 38 should be thrown out and disregarded? it was so well done. i propose we start with Chapter 38? we got 38 approved through compromise and tons of public input and then BOS requires a redo for EIR. now the deal we made is being renegotiated all over again with hte same lawyers that the county needs to insulate itself from with the EIR. we should start with CHAPTER 38 and work with the current county code and state law. wya dont we work together to apply the county code the same with cannabis as hemp. isnt that a good start? and add tasting rooms at dispenasries. andrew and ag dept worked so hard and so did all the public commenters. why is all that productive work thrown out to start over from rock bottom? only lawyers and folks who raise \$20k on gofundme are having fun with this. MY VALUES ARE ANTI-COMMUNIST. is that age-ist? i need to have free speech to defen ourselves from the dishonest opposition. thank you.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		perfectly legal-ministiral permit. no neighborhood input.	No, that's not true. Franz Valley was designated as a scenic corridor, and yet we have these 11 plots moving forward.				

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7	Scenic corridors should be protected. When folks build in a scenic corridor, they have strict guidelines that they have to follow. Then, a cannabis farm comes in, removes trees, has white PVC grow sheds, lit at night and well, how is that scenic?	Victoria De Crescenzo	Sounds like you are referring to illegal grow not a regulated cannabis farm which prohibits cultivation in scenic corridors as well as the removal of trees	vineyards are not screened from public roadways and produce a product that can kill. Cannabis plants growing outside is no different than an orchard	Ms. Cedar, have you taken a poll to ask if people object to seeing vineyards.	your poll was a push poll	wine kills?	Ms. Cedar, you know nothing about our poll. I encourage PRMD to take its own poll. Don't believe either me or you.	Yes, Mr. Harrison, I have lived in Sonoma County long enough to have experienced the same arguments against vineyards (land orthodonture) that are being used against cannabis
8	The vision of most people in Sonoma County is reflected in a poll conducted by SOSN over three years ago in which there was overwhelming agreement (2-1 or 3-1) with this statement: All parts of marijuana cultivation operations should be screened from public roadways, including the plants themselves and accessory structures.	Craig Harrison	agreed and we shouldn't see them from park trails, etc.						
9	If the cannabis ordinance does not comport with what the vast majority want, it's a huge mistake. Please do your own poll if you think this doesn't reflect what residents want.	Craig Harrison							
10	the ridgetops view need restrictions. setbacks from ridgetops	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself	that is required by state fire safe regulations						
11	cannabis is beautiful and farmers are forced to be regenerative; low water use, no pesticides. cannabis should be allowed to be grown anywhere you can grow grapes, apples, or build houses. yes on hoop houses, no hiding this beautiful plant behind fences.	Lisa Lai	agree	agree					
12	screened from view has to mean not seen, not just hidden by a fence	Deborah Eppstein	agree						
13	Incentivize plants in the ground, sungrown and therefore eligible for applications designation	Joanna Cedar		Dr. Natasha, no he is not misinformed. My family personally went thru the permitting process to rebuild 4 homes that were destroyed in the Tubbs fire. It was exhaustive and lengthy, full of restrictions for set backs from riparian streams, etc. over 18 months.	I agree that PRMD has many hoops to jump through	I referring to his comment that there is no oversight on cannabis sights. They too go through a very lengthy process	A biological study, hydrogeological Report and often an archeological study. As well as the various regulatory bodies. No other industry undergoes such scrutiny.		
14	We should be protecting our already established scenic corridors. Residential homes go through a long permitting and inspection process to ensure they don't impact scenic easements and scenic corridors, but the cannabis farms seem to have no such oversight.	Jeff McConathy	You are misinformed	agree					
15	I value our scenic hillsides, treelines, animals, and ridgetops. I value seeing this from my home and yard. Having a facility pop up 300ft from my home with security fencing, huge greenhouses, parking lots, large driveway, compost/pesticide/trash area takes this scenery away. It is not beautiful and should not be near any neighborhoods with families.	Lauren Marra	agree						

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16	stop building bike trails that bring tents with homeless that no one will get rid of until it closes your buisness. the county needs to value family farmers more than homeless drug addicts and the neighborhood cranks. that NOT age-ist.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		I agree with Matt	And despite my best efforts my neighbors continue to be hostile				
17	Cannabis operations should blend in with the landscapes. This means no white sheds, concrete, bright lights, etc. these grows look more like manufacturing facilities. If grows looked more natural, there would be much less community push back. Community funds could be used to make sure they blend in to the natural landscape. Perhaps this could come from a cannabis sales tax?	Janet		I welcome you to my farm Mike. Where you can see how I have increased the biodiversity.					
18	Cannabis plants are different from an orchard. There are odors, safety issues, lighting and visual impacts.	Joseph Carbonaro							
19	this area has done well with the money printing economy we have had for the past 50 years. lots of landowners got rich and now the agricultural county is like a country club for stuffy neighbors.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		I agree with Craig, that residue from abandoned sites should be cleaned up. A deposit should be required so there are funds for clean-up if needed					
20	The growers at 7900 Petaluma Hill Road, Pengrove, cultivated and harvested marijuana in 2018. On March 11, 2019, Permit Sonoma notified the operator that the site is located within designated critical habitat for the endangered California tiger salamander, and the applicants could not get incidental take permits from the federal and state agencies. The applicants withdrew their permit proposal in mid-2019. Yet an unsightly wooden fence that surrounds the 1-acre grow setback 200 feet from Petaluma Hill Road continues to blight the otherwise scenic landscape almost three years later. This failure of county officials to protect our scenic landscapes is allowing environmental and aesthetic harm to occur.	Craig Harrison		I love that cannabis farmers get to operate under a penalty releif permit, try that if you are a grape grower or a home builder					
21	Agriculture in Sonoma County has never looked like agriculture in Santa Barbara or Monterey. It has always been on a smaller scale and will be so with cannabis cultivation	Joanna Cedar		why do you say this? How do you know that?					
22	all the industrialists to chart the path like the old guys did	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		This is an unreasonable comparison with over 60,000 acres of grapes versus 40 acres TOTAL of cannabis.	What we see now is not what we want to see more of				

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23	We need to maintain Sonoma County's bucolic vistas, existing agriculture and not deplete its limited water availability. Currently this includes both undeveloped land, green or golden and tree-dotted hillsides, and fields, parks, as well as vineyards with architecturally designed tasting rooms and grounds, with residential communities interspersed. What we have seen in the 4 years of cannabis cultivation since 2017 is a proliferation of ugly cultivation sites and structures- fences and hoop-houses that are an eyesore, and other newly constructed buildings on prime agricultural land or in native Oak woodlands in RRD to house indoor and greenhouse cannabis cultivation and processing.	Deborah Eppstein	Completely agree.	Hi Mary! Thank you for joining us again. Sorry you had to miss our Monday presentation. You can find a link to the Monday presentations here: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/ Also all of the comments will be made public before the Board fo Supervisors meeting the week of 9/13.	Good evening Victoria! We actually had "Water Wednesday" yesterday. You can find all of our water discussions at this link: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/				
24	While we are talking about Visuals now, are we forgetting odor issues?	Mary Plimpton	are we forgetting water???						
25	Any outdoor cultivation site should only be allowed on a parcel that is large enough that the cultivation site can not be seen from any public roadway.	Virginia Hair							
26	The rural character of the county needs to be protected. Rural residential neighborhoods need to be protected from the impacts of Cannabis cultivation.	Joseph Carbonaro							
27	SONOMA COUNTY CREST: Agriculture, Industry, Recreation. do you recognize that?	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		No one can see odor...kind of required when iusing the word "vista"					
28	Cannabis odor is definitely a big thorn to the scenic vista.	Deborah Eppstein	agree	Agreed, it wold hurt all tourist industries.					
29	If we harm our landscapes, we may harm tourism and ultiamltey bring in less tax revenue.	Craig Harrison	agreed	There are only cannabis temporary hoop houses now. Others are structural greenhouses and are permanent					
30	I see hoop house all over the county with no cannabis inside. it is just a normal part of farming and should be allowed.	Lisa Lai	agreed						
31	recreation for retired folks who are anti-cannabis is third to AGRICULTURE and INDUSTRY. there is nothing like cannabis for the young enbtrepeneur these days. let the young generation THRIVE. make laws same as state regs.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
32	as you fly over the county, it is the most beautiful sight that I have seen in any other country. It is a treasure....green, bright. When we come home, we ask ourselves why did we ever leave? I think that hoop houses, unsightly fences, industrial looking structures etc will spoil it all.	rachel zierdt	I agree, it will ruin the beauty of the County						
33	i love the smell of cannabis so do most folks i know under the age of 75. thats not age-ist.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							
34	Tax revenues? We are the biggest tax revenue	Jamie Ballachino		If there is too much cannabis, the tax resources will fall					

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35	tax money and tourism is booming for cannabis	Lisa Lai	It should be located along highways, like the pumpkin patch next to 101 in Santa Rosa. Or in Industrial / Ag zoning.							
36	For many reasons the solution is for cannabis cultivation to be only done indoors, in commercial or industrial zones. To reduce energy needed, glass greenhouses are a good choice as they reduce water requirements and take advantage of natural sunlight augmented by artificial lighting to increase yield but with less energy requirements that full indoor cultivation. 100% renewable energy should be employed.	Deborah Eppstein	Agree with this. Climate change will require rethinking how we use energy sources.							
37	LEA, DA. LIA.....5 acres and up	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
38	also M1, M2, M3	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		disagree, we need to look at more than zoning alone. we need to ensure that we preserve neighborhoods, protect our families and children not have commercial facilities built 300 ft from multiple families (cannabis or any other commercial operation)	In these zones new buildings are not allowed to be constructed doe cannabis use as the ordinance currently stands					
39	All Agricultural zoned parcels including AR	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	I agree							
40	Sorry. I am saying that even if cannabis may be beautiful to look at, BUT...it has an aggressive side that cannot be separated from visuals	Mary Plimpton								
41	It won't interfere with the county's scenic vistas if these facilities are allowed in industrial areas	Lauren Marra	agree	A great idea to get them started within our county would be in commercial, industrial zones so they can grow their businesses, have adequate water and power resources, and not harm or affect neighborhoods	It's much less expense to grow anything in other areas of the US. It's good to go somewhere where what you want to grow is welcomed	The people of Sonoma county want locally grown cannabis.				
42	Cultivation should be located in other counties. They grow plenty that can be sold here. Anyone who wants to use pot for medical or recreation would be able to do so if not a single commercial plant were grown in Sonoma County.	Craig Harrison	Cannabis has been cultivated in this county for decades. Young people need to enter the farming sector and they are excited to cultivate cannabis.							
43	call me ZE not HE please	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		agree with Joseph.	Agree with Joseph. Permaculture type of growing is important to keep impacts in a controlled environment					
44	Cultivation should be in warehouses where permit compliance can be monitored, water use, odor, and lighting is not an impact on neighbors.	Joseph Carbonaro	Cannabis is Ag. Bio identical to hemp which is legal to be grown anywhere	We need to keep our agricultural land for crops that sustain people, not for growing unnecessary recreational drugs	Cannabis has been scientifically proven to have medicinal value since 1996 with the introduction of proposition 215. Many folks including residents of Sonoma county want locally grown cannabis.					

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45	AG is where it belongs!!!! That's what it is!!	Jamie Ballachino	yup	Not in residential areas or next to them	Not in rural residential areas	There should be at least a 1000ft setback from residential property lines.				
46	Cannabis cultivation should be allowed wherever plants can be grown for the commercial market. This includes RR and AR parcels over 2 acres	Joanna Cedar	yes							
47	zone 1,2,3 water zones	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself	yes, Mike, low water zones should not be where it is grown.							
48	100 feet from schools	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
49	It should be allowed where hemp is allowed -- does hemp not look exactly like cannabis?	Herman G. Hernandez	yes it does							
50	same setbacks as STATE LAW	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Disagree with Natasha. There are many ways to grow sustainably within a greenhouse/warehouse	Agree with Deborah, The impacts on larger projects are too intense for agricultural lands					
51	5. Only in Industrial/Commercial zones for indoor and greenhouse (mixed light) over 10,000 sf Outdoor only on large parcels	Deborah Eppstein	Sounds like you don't actually care about the environment Deborah.	yes. Listen to the county staff who researched this extensively in 2016 and made excellent recommendations to the planning commission and the board of supervisors.	disagree, the county needs to focus on how to keep these facilities away from family homes and in locations where businesses can thrive but neighborhoods can remain unaffected.					
52	let's add back RR and AR so small farmers can get back to farming. 2 acre min.	Lisa Lai	Not in residential areas or next to homes	yes	Yes.	Agree				
53	If the grows look like industrial operations, they should be limited to industrial areas. If they can blend in with the agricultural landscape, then it makes sense to be in general ag.	Janet	agree	Almost no hemp is grown here because it is an economic loser.						
54	set cannabis the same as HEMP.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself	I agree							
55	check the talmud. one of the lawyers can help interpret.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
56	gutzmans farm smell like horse crap and she complains about everything	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
57	Do the grapes blend in after prohibition ended?	Jamie Ballachino		agree	I agree, The entire setback needs to be eliminated. Using a private residential owners own property as a buffer is unsupportable and ruins the home owners use of their own property.					
58	Set backs from residences for Hemp and Cannabis need to be increased from 300 feet.	Joseph Carbonaro	agree	I agree						
59	I am not a fan of this process...but I must say you two have tried very hard to keep us moving along, be chirpy (not a bad thing) and acknowledge and be positive as much as possible.	rachel zierdt	I agree							
60	BOYCOTT KRINGLES CORNER which the gutzmans own if you disagree with their position against cannabis.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Agree, not in RRD	It should not be allowed to be grown in a parcel that adjoins a RRD area, regardless of how the proposed grow / processing site is zoned					

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61	not in RRD	Deborah Eppstein	strongly disagree.							
62	FREE JAMIE BALLACINO	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Concur. Ag is Ag.	Cannabis is not a crop. It is a product					
63	Cannabis should not be in our scenic corridors!	Victoria De Crescenzo	then neither should any other outdoor agriculture.							
64	a couple OGs in here now.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
65	Don't let it grow where the crop or structures can be seen from roads or parks.	Craig Harrison	Agree.	Truth	then just dont' grow it- uses lots of natural resources	there are many ways to grow sustainably within a greenhouse/warehouse that can use less water/resources than just outdoors or in hoop houses				
66	It should NOT be in industrial areas. This just makes the climate crisis worse. Has anybody noticed the climate changing around us?	Jamie Ballachino	Absolutely!							
67	GUTZMANS are anti cannabis. no one should but christmas trees at their buisness next to the luther burbank ceneter for performing arts.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		agree						
68	For the last question, cannabis cultivation should be permitted to industrial zones, grown inside to limit light pollution and hoop house structures.	Michele Parr	agree!							
69	should not be allowed in R1, R2 and R3. open up the other zones include LIA, RR and AR. max lot size should not matter if you can make the state setbacks.	Lisa Lai		vineyards are...and they produce a product that kills and the vineyards dump pesticides into the environment	I agree with Virginia. These areas should be free of cannabis as they are enjoyed by children and people enjoying the outdoors.					
70	It should not be near any parks, trails, schools, playgrounds, woodlands, or rural residential houses or communities.	Virginia Hair	Are you not seeing my comments?							
71	GUTZMAN got a violation for an illegal building thet built. but they want to tell everyone else what to do.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		That would be ideal but this entire county appears fire prone minutes coastal Zones.	Some areas are more fire prone then others and cannabis should be prohibited there.	I agree that all areas are fire prone...so maybe the answer is a moratorium right now till things get better.				
72	not in fire prone areas	Deborah Eppstein	Agreee. It will promnote the ppossibility of fires, which blight the landscapes. We've all noticed how bad the landscapes look after wildland fires.							
73	as a black tranny the cannabis business has got to be a crazy industry in this county. no representation. BLACK TRANS LIVES MATTER. no joke. i love old people like deborah, stephanie, and pothole lawyer.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		You can find a map of scenic corridors, etc here: https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwj1xvm75qzyAhWEHDQIHdEaAicQFnoECAQQAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fsonomacounty.ca.gov%2FWorkArea%2FDownloadAsset.aspx%3Fid%3D2147542644&u sg=AOvVaw11EsDha1DCLzexgErmRKHA	If that link doesn't work let me know and we'll find another way. It's a PDF.	https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/PRMD/Long-Range-Plans/General-Plan/Open-Space-Scenic-Resource-Areas/	sorry, wrong spot to post. Crystal I will email you as to why this particalr grow has been allowed to increase with not public involvement			
74	maybe scenic corridors should be better defined as to what that includes.	Victoria De Crescenzo	and excludes....							

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75	DA, LEA, LIA 5 acres and up. water zone 1,2,3. setbacks 200 from houses, 100 from property lines, 100 from blue lines. archaeological test and biologic assessment required	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
76	Where do people farm?	Jamie Ballachino		agree						
77	in greenhouses in industria area, glass, no plastic hoop houses	Deborah Eppstein	Agreed							
78	There should be very few restrictions on small scale outdoor cannabis, treat it the same as hemp Indoor cultivation and ML2 should have the same regulations as other types of manufacturing.	Joanna Cedar		agree						
79	They should look like farms	Jamie Ballachino	agree							
80	old buildings and new buildings. up to 50% of total area of parcel	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Yes they don't have an ideal climate, we do we can grow successfully under full sun.						
81	Santa Barbara is a good example of an awful visual mess. The hoop houses there are horrific.	Craig Harrison	agreed, but they were there before cannabis for cut flowers...SoCo has never had this kind of agriculture	agree						
82	small outdoor plots (10,000 sf) in the ground, no hoop houses ot meet state requirements for Sonoma Appelation	Deborah Eppstein	Good idea. That way it won't be grown in pots	can you grow non-stinky varieties?						
83	They would look like vineyards or apple orchards, etc. What we're used to in Sonoma.	Janet	yes							
84	sanat barb went too big. we all agree w that	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		and fromany rural residences						
85	Grow sites or processing barns should be in remote areas, a substantial distance from any road or highway(minimum of 2,500 feet from any roadway)	Joseph Carbonaro	I agree except processing should be located in Industrial area where this intense use is usual							
86	chapter 38 was great when it passed planning and was thrown in the wastebasket. but yea...	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
87	The growers don't want Sonoma Barbara	Jamie Ballachino								
88	sarah is the life of every party i bet	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Agreed	neighborhood do not want cannabis next door. I would think you would know that by now					
89	you have two options; huge farms (Santa Barbara) or a craft market. craft market needs to ease restrictions, lower lot sizes, add back AR and RR, keep RRD, allow indoor, outdoor, hoops and greenhouse.	Lisa Lai	truth							
90	ag lands with same as all other ag crops and STATE LAW	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Agree and night lighting, locked gates, drones and guard dogs	plus 24 hr. lighting aand security, this is NOT how I view my Sonoma County					
91	Cannabis grows do not look like vineyard or orchards. Any grows, indoors or outdoors that require a razor wire topped fence do not belong in a residential area.	Joann Binder	agree!							
92	looking at the scenic map, our local grow is within the scenic corridor-how do we address this?	Victoria De Crescenzo	I'm sorry we can't help with that tonight! But, please email Cannabis@sonoma-county.org and they can point you in the right direction.	agree	agree	PLants belong outside under the sun	agree	agree	permaculture type indoor ag is important for the future with climate change	Industrial area only !

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93	In industrial zones where all of the problems associated with cultivation would be mitigated by adequate resources to control water usage, odor, light, fire safety, noise, pollution, and crime.	Virginia Hair	agree	more is grown in all of CA than si used in CA	Cannabis is part of a burgeoning industry that creates direct and indirect economic growth	It was illegal in the past is the only reason it was here				
94	Other than to satisfy the financial interest of growers, no one has explained why it needs to be grown in Sonoma County at all. There's plenty of it grown in other counties.	Craig Harrison	Cannabis has a long standing history being grown in Sonoma county.							
95	social engineering made possible by the last generations. we used to be free when they were young and draining creeks into their private lakes. not we have the strong arm of cranky nieghbors. THAT ISNT AGE-ist.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
96	I felt I was looking at an armed camp or prison when I saw a grow...huge fence, a camera watching me and barking dogs..this was certainly not successful. And the smell was awful.	rachel zierdt	Crime is a real concern for neighbors who may adjoin cannabis operations. Criminals look for ways to get into a opertion and most residential homes do not have high fences, locked gates, drone security etc.							
97	not on ridgetops, not in scenic corridor, stop with bike paths, jeez	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
98	Not from park trails.	Craig Harrison								
99	it would be so ironic if one day all the cannabis operators would make the next generation's exciting industries impossible to manage. wow, that would be ironic would it not? not age-ist.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
100	Screening is not required for hemp so do not require it for cannabis. It is the same plant.	Joanna Cedar	This is 100% Accurate	agree. 1000ft setback from property lines is a must						
101	if outdoor, only on very large parcels where it cannot seen or smelled by neighbors. Screening should be by natural topography	Deborah Eppstein	yes with at least 1000ft setback from residential property lines							
102	during the succesful chapter 38 deliberating process we came up with some good ideas? should we review or????	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
103	shrubs instead of fences	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Probably should ban hemp.	Yes let's ban options that provide potential for booming sustainable industries for our next generations and continue the nonsense that has perpetuated us into the problems of today ☹️	People can't eat cannabis and that is what we will need in the future				
104	The need for screening will go away. Screening is over. There's no way they can win this. We can use hemp to screen the cannabis by law.	Jamie Ballachino	Yes with the same odor as cannabis							
105	fences are not the answer, natural topography and distance	Deborah Eppstein	Agree							
106	required blocking hedge plants need to provid 68% blockage within 5 years. thats the best idea.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
107	Separation between hemp and the surrounding area is not required, it should not be required for cannabis. It is the same plant.	Joanna Cedar	Concur							

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108	i think ill screem with HEMP	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		beautiful	I have a neighbor who is a bee keeper who is concerned about cannabis. The pollen is not the same as what pollinators need	Vi- Cannabis has been around long before humans criminalized it 100 years ago and prohibited its cultivation. The bees were better off then and have an innate intelligence				
109	Successful Cannabis farms are creating diversity through the introduction of cannabis and other beneficial plants that invite in pollinators such as bees, hummingbirds and butterflies this overall increasing biodiversity. On my own parcel I have planted over 40 trees including 33 of the native redwoods I also have screened with annuals such as corn and sunflowers.	Dr. Natasha Khallouf	Agreed, farms like Dr. Natasha's are examples of wholistic integrated approaches							
110	and i will plant my 6 personal plants 15 feet tall and position them as close as i can to whoever i want	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
111	if neighbors want to have no cannabis and then they can live in a non-ag zone	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
112	my land cost a ton for the rights to farm. who is anyone to restrict CANNABIS when HEMP has state regs and doesnt need to beg for lawyers to accept.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Yes	Seeing greenery of any kind has been proven to be therapeutic and reduce cortisol (primary stress hormone) in the body.	Disagree. Plants and crops that provide food for people are beautiful and necessary. Cannabis is not necessary				
113	I don't want separation. cannabis farmers are regenerative and the plants are beautiful. no screening	Lisa Lai	Yes!!!							
114	the lawyers that are against cannabis have raised tens of thousands on their gofundme. take a look. they have an incentive to prolong this and make this suck.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		crime is due to the unregulated market	According to a law suit just filed in Franz Valley, growers there have been broken into numerous times. How do you protect it without fences? Just shoot the thieves?	Joanna is complete right. Law abiding operators are not the problem. It's the illicit market that bolsters crime.	Security cameras can be hidden out of sight. Lights will come on nobody bothers. Think about the dangers of the pesticides that the grape growers need to use. We are clean- by law. We don't even have a choice. Your grapes cause sickness in your older folks. Professional thieves don't steel from legal farms. Only amateurs. Why do so many of our older folks a have cancer? What's really dangerous here?			
115	what about crime?	Deborah Eppstein	Hi Deborah - You can find a link to the tuesday sessions on Safety in the yellow box here: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Cannabis/Comprehensive-Cannabis-Program-Update-and-Environmental-Impact-Report/ Thank you for joining us again!	Hemp is still governed by the requirements of governmental ordnances by the Bay Area Air Quality District, just like any other agricultural product.						

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116	Hemp puts off the same odor as cannabis, so they should be included in the same cannabis ordinance requirements.	Joseph Carbonaro	Hemp is protected under the right to farm act.	Correct	We read the PD, we know the crime that happens re cannabis, including murders of locals					
117	the sherrif said on these session that there is virtually no crime at licensed ops. JASON LUCAS	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself	truth							
118	too bad for joseph that help is a state ag crop. good luck buddy boy.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
119	HEMP is a state ag crop. JOSEPH cant do anything about it.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
120	the staff really has done an excellent job all week. couple this with the ORIGINAL chapter 38 without compromise and get the EIR. add tasting rooms at dispensaries full time and farms with special license. ALL MINISTERIAL	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself	Agreed!							
121	allow signs	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Agree, Billboard are visual blight at the very least						
122	dispensaries only in commercial areas. No bill boards	Deborah Eppstein	agree							
123	signs are everywhere else. there are billboards with kissing people half dresses. sometimes cis and sometime trans and homo. whay cant we have cannabis signs? how are these businesses supposed to THRIVE.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
124	put it all in industrial and commercial areas	Jake D								
125	For any of the operations in commercial or industrial zoned areas, no one expects beauty. Tourists and residents don't go to such sites for the views.	Craig Harrison	Agree							
126	no clusters. that is social engineering and has its roots in marxism	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
127	I want to see billboards and advertising out front. design is part of branding and should be left up to the owners. tasting rooms in towns and farms	Lisa Lai	treat signage the same as for winery tasting rooms							
128	Change the definition of dispensary to include Buds and Breakfasts	Joanna Cedar								
129	no on site tasting, that is a danger for driving	Deborah Eppstein	agree	Agree						
130	No lighting should be allowed at an outdoor grow site or greenhouse from dusk to dawn and no hoops houses should ever be allowed.	Virginia Hair	Agree. Dark skies are important for residential use and wildlife							
131	treat cannabis like all other ag. treat manufacturing same as all manufacturing. SIMPLE.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
132	chapter 38.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
133	i would love a billboard w a kissing black trans couple smoking cannabis produced organicall in sonoma county. love your neighbor.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
134	one can monitor DUI for alcohol, nto for cannabis	Deborah Eppstein	Agree. There needs to be a way for law enforcement to determine when someone is impaired and dangerous and can get them off the road	Agreed! Grant them the same privilege						

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135	If they looked like wineries, that would be fantastic.	Janet	Agree							
136	No tasting rooms at grow sites, particularly in rural locations. Tasting rooms in town, in commercial and industrial zones.	Michele Parr	Agree							
137	allow freedom is best idea	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
138	tasting rooms at LC limited commercial	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
139	public consuming allowed	Lisa Lai								
140	treat it the same as a BAR with a bar license	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
141	Public consumption lounges!!	Joanna Cedar								
142	they are only available to dispensaries as they will all be retail and require the same county building and traffic regs	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
143	no ons site consumption unless at a hotel when guests spsent the night	Deborah Eppstein	Agree, We already have so much highway deaths from Drunk drivers. Don't add to it							
144	priorioties would be less government control and regulation	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
145	Are you talking storefront or lounge?	Victoria De Crescenzo								
146	GUTZMAN horse farm 1750 barlow lane. come take a smell. its utterly rediculous she keeps emailing.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
147	We would like not to see or smell it in rural residential areas.	Joseph Carbonaro								
148	labs shoudl look like labs in industrial areas	Deborah Eppstein	Agree							
149	They should run the gamut from modern contemporary to apothecary	Thomas Rosengren								
150	GUTZMAN own KRINGLES KORNER christmas tree and PUMPKIN pathch next to LBC center for arts on the 101. BOYCOTT these poeple.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		But wine is okay? Alcohol has significantly greater dangers associated with its consumption	It is an essential medicine. Alcohol as no value comparatively and there are vineyards everywhere. You are totally biased	Listen to what people think and call someone biased for expressing their opinion. Not everyone does drugs and drinks.				
151	Cannabis is a drug, it is not a crop. No on site tasting or events should ever be allowed at a grow site, processing plant, or dispensary.	Virginia Hair	marriage is between a man and a woman right? you are intollerant.							
152	i dont want to smel gutzmans stinky horse farm	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
153	For dispensaries, landscaping, signage like any other storefront.	Joann Binder								
154	I feel like the business owners next to where these dispensaries operate would be a better audience for this. Perhaps that will be in a future round of questioning.	Jeff McConathy								
155	As a parent I would want the dispensaries to be clearly labeled, and ideally co located with other dispensaries so I can more easily avoid the area.	Janet		Education and cultivating compliant experiences that allow community members to gather their own data is paramount.						
156	I think if there were consumption allowed on premises, that would go a long way to building a bond with the community and getting the look and feel right.	Janet	Concur							
157	why do parents send their 9 year old daughters out to picket and get involved with politics? its pathetic	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								

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158	no night lighting that can be seen from neighbors. No grow lights that can be seen outside the structure. For limited outdoor cultivation, only on large parcels where lighting will not reach neighbors, and yes, downward facing	Deborah Eppstein	agree							
159	Also for dispensaries, provisions for security that do not look overbearing	Joann Binder								
160	lighting should have mix light teir programs like what andrew put in the CHAPTER 38	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
161	current rules are fine	Lisa Lai								
162	industrial areas should be well lit	Deborah Eppstein	industrial areas are perfect for this							
163	low wattage for low tax rate.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
164	light leak is already not allowed.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
165	Security lighting for outdoor grows put off a large amount of nighttime light pollution. It's like living next to a high school football stadium. It is very inappropriate near a rural residential area.	Joseph Carbonaro	yes yes yes							
166	In rural landscapes, no lighting. We live in the country, I don't want lighting in the middle of the night!	Victoria De Crescenzo	Agree	yeah						
167	Ask yourselves why not in Marin County or Napa County....what do they know that we don't?	Forest Houtz	agree							
168	No lighting is acceptable in rural residential communities view sheds or in scenic corridors.	Jeff McConathy	agree							
169	county enforcment is all over this. there cannot be light leak	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
170	save us some time and have lunch w andrew and scott and some of the stake holders that spent so much time and effort on the planning APPROVED CHAPTER 38	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
171	Soft white lighting is fine at night. But nothing too bright or upward facing.	Janet	Rural areas don't have street lights, we have stars and we want to be able to see them, NOT security lights							
172	lights needed and allowed if permitted elec	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		Exactly						
173	did everyone forget that outdoor plants need dark to flower? we don't want lights at night either	Lisa Lai	good job							
174	let the lawyers tell us the kelvin tem allowed and it ill be amazing	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
175	elec and fans allowed in hoops	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
176	hoops year round	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								

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177	enforcement is already stronger than the communist red guard against the poor christian czar and his beautiful family before the bolsheviks beat the white movement and turned russia communist for almost 100 years. in 100 years almost 100 million folks (mostly christian farmers) were killed. why do we want to build a BULLY cannabis police force. treat farmers like human beings. 8am surprise raids for A operators is wrong	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
178	Public comments must be part of the design review process	Jeff McConathy	agree							
179	surprise visits	Deborah Eppstein								
180	Just a reminder that permitting and compliance enforcement are two sides of the same coin. We need a robust program to have enough permit fees to afford the staff to monitor	Joanna Cedar								
181	Right now they are on pentaly relief prgram, which means they can mess up and the county will walk them through the "fix". Really? It's a free pass.	Victoria De Crescenzo								
182	same answer as before. assume legal cannabis growers are professional. enforcement through education	Lisa Lai	Brilliant!							
183	no neighbors will be allowed on my parcel ever. and MINISTERIAL is the only way to deactivate the communist agenda.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		absolutely						
184	Successful accountability starts with severe penalties for non-compliance, and closing down operations that have repeated compliance violations, and excluding sites that have repeated compliance violations from future cannabis permits.	Joseph Carbonaro	Agree							
185	A strikes policy to combat repeat offenses and offenders.	Janet								
186	HELP the PRP folks with priority. FREE JAMIE BALLACINO	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
187	Set up a committee that is made up of both members of the local regulatory bodies, exemplary cannabis operators and community members are all able to tour and get familiar with project progress and compliance	Thomas Rosengren	Great idea!	Grpae growers do not have penalty relief!	Grape growers also do not pay cultivation taxes !	Agree	Grape growers pay Pierces repot taxes, production taxes, selling taxes, and a lot of other taxes.			
188	Treat cannabis farmers the same way other farmers are treated by code enforcement	Joanna Cedar	Yup	Code enforcement is already penalizing folks with hefty fees and multipliers	Great. Where can the public find this information so we can know which of the growers are playing by the rules and which are not?					
189	We need funds for more regular and comprehensive code enforcement. We need the results of inspections and follow-up actions available to the public.	Joann Binder	Exactly, taxes of the industry should go to funding this							
190	people have trusted this system since 2016. it is funner now with BJ and Sarah but its so clear that the lawyers and cannabis oppsers win by this torturously broken county system.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
191	do BJ and Sarah have youtube or tiktok?	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								

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192	enforcement is too militarian	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
193	strict code enforcement	Forest Houtz	agree							
194	GUTZMAN runs a stinky horse farm. por horses	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
195	gutzman got a CWOP last month for illegal building	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
196	GUTZMANS GLASS HOUSE	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
197	Good operations are not scarred of compliance. They invite it.	Thomas Rosengren	agree							
198	give harrison and these people something else to do with hteir time and gofundme donations. deactivate them. take them out of it.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		with all the problems there MUST be a moritorium	thank you					
199	How will current projects and applications in process be affected by the County's cannabis policy re-work? Will all applications be put on hold - both ministerial and commercial permit applications? Until 2024 and Board decision?	Michele Parr	Hi Michele - I'm sorry we can't answer that question tonight, but, we welcome you to email it to us: Cannabis@sonoma-county.org Thanks for joining us!							
200	MINISTERIAL	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		agree						
201	Same comments- no indoor or hoop houses on Ag or RRD; only indoor and greenhouses in industrial parks, and only small outdoor on large parcels away form views and neighbors- sweet and simple.	Deborah Eppstein	I agree with Deborah							
202	too bad michelle stop everything on hold. good luck authoritarians. cannabis farms in good standing are NOT intimidated by your manipulations.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
203	jefferey epstein was friends with all the succesful boomer generation. isnt that weird? i love old folks especially when they are so mean spirited.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself		agree	agree	one of them is okay, but dozens of them is not				
204	I am deeply concerned about the visual impact of cannnabis operations on our Sonoma County scenic landscape. Hoop houses are a travesty.	gail cafferata	agree, also outdoor grows							
205	Restrict growth to industrial/commercial areas, none in agricultural/rural lands!	gail cafferata	This is impractical. Cannabis belongs in Ag							
206	look and feel right by getting high. There are other more healthy way to look and feel right	Vi Strain	Sounds like you have a cultural bias and prejudice							
207	craig harrison is part of the opposition group who tries to post everyones cannabis addresses. send him a letter about how you feel about him. 4953 Sonoma Mountain Rd. Santa Rosa Ca	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
208	keep our familes safe from washed up old pothole lawyers and mean spirited old folks who lie. thanks.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								
209	great work everyone	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself								

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210	This visioning process has been biased in favor of the industry by requesting "positive" comments, that is, comments in favor of the cannabis industry taking over rural lands to grow a hazardous substance with an offensive odor.	gail cafferata							
211	Thank you,great presentations and lots of work	MaryAnn Ciavonne							
212	id compare everything we accomplished this week for CHAPTER 38. i enjoyed all of staff's reports. very well done. props to all of you ladies.	mike jones PRONOUNS: ze/zim/zir/zirs/zirself							