

To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
From: Bonnie Blackberry
Date: April 23, 2024

RE: Revocation of PLN-11697

Dear Chairman Bohn and members of the board,

The following are my concerns about the process with this Conditional Use Permit which was approved on August 1, 2019 for an existing operation under the condition that a compliance agreement would be executed within 60 days of approval, and all items completed within 2 years of approval. I am assuming there was an interim permit prior to the CUP approval.

It appears that the compliance agreement was not signed within the required 60 days, or at anytime over the years. I would think that having no signed compliance agreement within the required time, or shortly thereafter would cause the permit to be out of compliance back in 2019. Yet the county went ahead, enabling the grow to continue, while ignoring the lack of a compliance agreement.

A couple of years later, In April 2022 the first on site inspection took place, where it was apparent that not only was there no signed compliance agreement, there was no indication that any of the conditions of approval were being addressed. Apparently that wasn't enough to move toward revoking the permit. More time passed and another inspection took place a year later in 2023 with the same results. And now, finally after almost another year has passed, the status of the permit is being addressed.

Why has it taken so long and why wasn't any action taken when it was clear that the applicant was not in compliance with the required conditions and deadlines of the county and state regulations? Without timely follow-up and enforcement, the ordinance and permits are just words on paper.

And just as a side note, both the applicant and owner had out of state addresses.

Respectfully,
Bonnie Blackberry