Humboldt County Planning Commission

This is response to application for Conditional use permit #PLN-12990 for Medical Cannabis growing and production on 7450 Thomas Road (AP # 221-071-020) in Miranda, California.

As neighbors to this property for more than 40 years and immediate neighbors to the cultivation activities for the entirety of the medical cannabis cultivation, we have several objections to the application:

- The current hoops and cultivation of the cannabis operation is under 20 feet from the property line. Whatever set back is allowed should be expanded beyond the existing 20 feet. The applicant, throughout the years has progressively expanded his operation, finally covering a previous unspoiled grass and wildflower meadow. No mitigation has ever been accomplished to the cultivation site onto a previously natural site. This meadow had a possible Native American presence.
- Several tenant growers have worked the property over the years. In the years 2022 and 2023 no cultivation was evident and the hoops and plastic were left untouched to partially deteriorate. Last year, 2024, a new tenant grower did respond to our request to be fire cautious with his pumps and generators. However, as the season progressed he used a 24 hr, 7days/week @ 3600 RMP generator well into the fall. We asked that he mitigate the constant sound. The sound irritation was unrelenting with no apparent mitigation well into December.
- With the collapse of the cannabis industry and with the emphasis by the County to bring cannabis growing into agricultural areas, Salmon Creek is not one of those

agricultural areas, especially on a possible indeginous site, which had never been used for agriculture.
- As a point of correction, the property site is much further than the stated 1880 ft from the intersection of Thomas Road and Salmon Creek Road. As the crow flies the distance may be two miles but on the applicant's deeded easement by road the distance from the intersection of Thomas Road and Salmon Creek Road is more than 5 miles.

As neighbors to this site we respectfully request a further investigation of the proposed cannabis grow and production for the following reasons:

- Ensure that generator sound mitigation be accomplished
- Ensure that all cultivation taxes have been paid for the 2850 sq ft since 2016.
- Ensure that sufficient solar power be instituted to fulfill the applicants intended purposes.
- Ensure that the set backs from the property lines be accurate and in compliance with County regulations
- Ensure that the archeological review of the entire site be complete
- Ensure that the description of the property be accurately measured.
- Ensure that this site fit the County's requirements for agricultural uses.

Thank you for your consideration.

Signed by a neighbor.

(Name withheld to protect the complainants from legal retribution by the cannabis applicant)