

Hi Mireya,

Annje gave me an update that you are waiting to hear back from the Air Quality Department and Water Resources Departments for feedback on our application as far as being complete enough that they can eventually comment.

Some notes:

o Air Quality: the site is allowed 11 propane powered V8 engines for wind machines and 3 Volvo-Penta V8 Diesel engines running pumps, all running at once. Our current proposal for outdoor cannabis in the ground is not using the already approved infrastructure and has no negative impact on air quality. Our licenses and annual reporting for the ag diesel engines (not in use for cannabis) are current. We have dramatically reduced impact in air quality. The methane from the cattle is more substantial than any aspect of outdoor cannabis cultivation.

o Water Resources: we are in good standing with both the State Water Board and up to date on our water usage reporting and annual reports. We are in good standing with Yolo County on the water rights (Yolo has rights to Clearlake water). We are enrolled and in good standing with the Central Valley Regional Water Board Cannabis program. We are planting 2 percent of a 240 acre vineyard which was dumping 9000 gallons of water/minute for frost protection. Also note the 240 acres of vineyard were using Roundup and we are organic, reducing the impact on regional water quality.

Annje reported you would be publishing "Criteria for Early Activation" in the next few days. Early activation criteria has been published by the BOS in Ordinance 3073. The staff and BOS have qualified their intention and interpretation on multiple occasions, in public and private meetings, that those applicants that meet that criteria should be activated for this season. Changing the criteria a month after we've submitted complete applications without warning and without publishing the changes is not fair. We have relied on the representations by the BOS and staff in good faith and are moving forward with plans to plant in the next weeks. In the pre-application conferences we worked with staff to determine what was needed for a complete application and we have complied with every request in a timely manner. Further, we are CEQA exempt both under the "minor alterations to land" and "existing facilities" principles.

Today in the BOS hearing, Cliff Ruzicka made a public appeal for the early activation of the cannabis use permits. He noted that the cannabis industry is his largest client and having positive affects on the local economy. **Chairman Steele told him that the holdup in early activation was not with the County but was with the State and the County was doing all it could to activate the permits.** Considering we have been issued our State Temporary Cultivation licenses, he may be misinformed. Can you clarify Chairmen Steele's statement and tell us which state laws are holding up the activation of the permits? Brad Johnson is active in Sacramento and can help clear up any issues with the state. I was relieved to hear that it is not the County causing the delay. Brad, can you comment in Chairman Steele's assertion that the state is causing the delay?

Would you please provide me your best estimate of the date that you intend to issue our early activation permits?

Thanks,

Rob