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This is in reference to the expansion of cannabis operations at the Schwenger property outside of the town of Esparto.

I have reservations on nuisance factors.

- 1- the offensive smell
- 2- the trash that blows into the adjacent orchard
- 3- the risk of criminal activity because of a "cash only" business model and opportunity for theft in general
- 4- substantial increase in truck traffic on a 2-lane county road

What does the term 4 acres of "canopy" actually mean?
Is that open to the sky? Under shades? Enclosed?

There are no stated limitations on the number of hours the processing and distribution activities will be running. Twenty-four hours a day? Every day of the week?

There is no limit on the amount of noise these operations will create.

Will a "buffer zone" be established to maintain a protection for neighboring properties?

These are my concerns. I ask that they be seriously addressed.
Thank you.

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RE: Initial Comments on Cannabis Use Permit Application ZF #2022-0078

Dear Mr. Anderson,

On behalf of the Tribal Council of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (“Yocha Dehe” or “Tribe”), a federally recognized tribal government whose ancestral territory includes Yolo County, I write to provide initial comments on the above-referenced Cannabis Use Permit application.

As you know, Yocha Dehe believes in sustainability, responsible stewardship, and balanced land-use, all of which are critical to our agricultural operations in Yolo County, the agri-tourism industry the County has previously supported, and, more fundamentally, our culture and our identity as Native people.

With those values in mind, and understanding that the permit application process remains in its earliest stages, we offer the following comments:

- The permit application is incomplete. The applicants have not provided information sufficient to apply relevant statutory and regulatory criteria. For example, the application material contains several vague references to mixed-light cultivation without actually explaining whether, when, or how mixed-light facilities would be developed or operated, rendering meaningful review impossible. Information about transportation and traffic also appears to be missing – the capacity (up to 60 on-site personnel for cultivation alone) and purposes (not limited to cultivation, but also including production and distribution for others) of the Project simply do not match the applicants’ unsupported suggestion that daily trips will remain fewer than 100.

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- The permit application appears to assume California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) coverage from the County’s 2020 Cannabis Land Use Ordinance Final Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”). That assumption is misplaced for each of two reasons. First, as Yocha Dehe has explained in *Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation et al v. County of Yolo* (Yolo County Superior Court Case No. CV2021-1864), the EIR itself fails to comply with CEQA. Second, even if the EIR were CEQA-compliant (and, again, it is not), the document fails to address impacts of cannabis operations where, as here, up to four acres of cultivation would be allowed. For both reasons, further CEQA work will be required.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these initial comments. Yocha Dehe may further supplement them if and as additional information becomes available.

Should you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Tribal Resources Manager Gayle Totton at gtotton@yochadehe.gov or Attorney General Paula Yost pyost@yochadehe.gov.

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