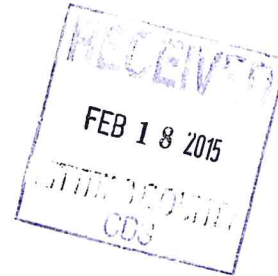


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Re: Objection-public comments on Grow Bros SE-14-00011



Ms. Hathaway,

The Kittitas County Commissioners voted to limit marijuana production and processing operations to lands zoned light industrial. Their decision to change the zoning code to remove marijuana production and processing from Commercial AG 20 and AG 20 deemed marijuana production and processing to be incompatible on any size parcel in the two agricultural zones. The Grow Bros I-502 Grow Facility project should be denied based on the same reasoning and criteria the commissioners used to change the zoning code.

The QLL Holdings/Grow Bros application was submitted November 12, 2014. Kittitas County Community Development Services deemed the application complete as of January 6, 2015, short a few clarifications. QLL Holdings/Grow Bros' application was completed well after the commissioners changed the zoning code, effective December 2, 2014. Therefore, the current county code should prevail. The Grow Bros Project should be appropriately placed within an area zoned light industrial, not in AG 20.

Following are additional concerns regarding the SEPA Environmental Check List:

Water- Currently there is a seasonal pond located on the Grow Bros described property. The pond is fed by KRD irrigation water and runoff. Who will monitor and determine if the Grow Bros are using KRD water for the marijuana grow process and related activities or solely using it to irrigate the landscaping outside the perimeter of the project as mentioned in their clarification? Do we simply take them at their word?

The Grow Bros grow and processing facility is a two-phase project. Each phase is designated Tier 3, requiring 3900 gallons of water per day (gpd) for each phase not including water used for domestic purposes. Both phases combined total 7800+ gpd. It appears that QLL Holdings/Grow Bros have entered into a Groundwater Mitigation Agreement with Crushe LLC of Roslyn; purchasing #1 water rights to offset the consumptive use of a commercial/exempt well. Commercial/exempt wells are limited to 5000 gpd. Where is the additional 2800+ gallons of

water per day going to be coming from? Will it be supplied by the KRD or trucked in from an outside vendor?

It is interesting Kittitas County hay growers and orchardist are denied commercial well permits to irrigate their legal crops, while marijuana growers waltz in and purchase #1 water rights and be granted well permits to irrigate their illegal crop.

If KRD water is used to irrigate the landscaping and surrounding property outside the grow facility; what precautions will be taken to prevent the chemicals used, green house and storm water runoff from re-entering into the KRD irrigation system and streams? The Grow Bros state that the agricultural irrigation water not consumed by plants would re-enter the ground via pervious floor. How will this affect nearby crops and livestock?

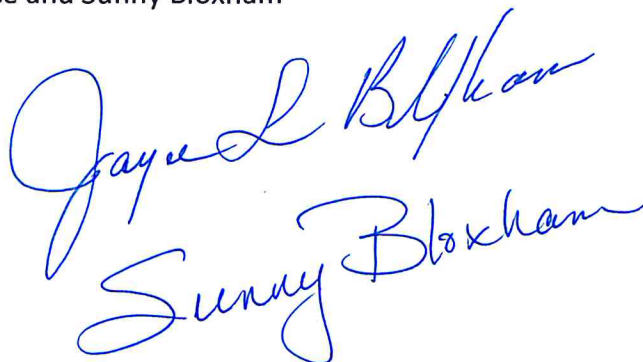
Volume of Traffic-The Grow Bros state the peak volume would be 4-5 people commuting to and from work daily and during cropping peak times there would be 4-5 additional runs per day with light trucks, vehicles not over 10,000 GVW at this time. The project is proposing 19 parking spaces for each phase, totaling 38 proposed parking spaces. Something is not adding up here. If only 4-5 people are going to be commuting, they certainly should not need 38 parking spaces. The volume of traffic would appear to be substantially increased. QLL Holdings/Grow Bros appear to be less than candid regarding the details of their project.

Public Services- Is there an agreement for annual fire protection for the Grow Bros 90 plus structure facility. Each phase consisting of 45 plus structures?

The SEPA Check List doesn't appear to address security for the project other than fencing. A facility of this size will undoubtedly attract criminal activity. What about the security and safety of the neighboring properties? What will be the response time of our County Sheriff's Department that will certainly be undermanned? Will the Planning Board and County Commissioners be held accountable for the increase in criminal activity in our rural community?

By moving forward, the Grow Bros growing and processing facility will be out of compliance with the prevailing zoning codes. The SEPA application should be rejected and the Grow Bros Project should be appropriately located within a light industrial zone.

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