



July 26, 2021

Hello Board of Supervisors

Thank you for taking the time to listen to our story. My name is Chris Hennis, and my brother Rodney and I own [REDACTED] Ranch, a 32-acre parcel on [REDACTED] Rd. We are a licensed cannabis cultivator with an ACP to grow 10,000 square feet of outdoor canopy. 2021 is our second year as a licensed cultivator. Our objective is to be the premier outdoor cultivator in Nevada County. Thomas Maioli, Code Compliance Officer for Nevada County has stated that our facility is "what an outdoor grow facility should look like". We invite you supervisors and other Nevada County officials to visit our facility and see our operations. We want to integrate with our community and be a good neighbor.

Our concern has to do with the setback requirements in regards to a sensitive site. The [REDACTED] is across the road from us, so our cannabis operations require a 1,000-foot setback from [REDACTED]. California Regulation's require only a 600' setback. We would like to construct a state-of-the-art cannabis processing facility at about the 800' line. I am sure you understand that it is imperative that small growers like us develop a premium product and create a "High-Quality" name for Nevada County Cannabis. Unfortunately, there is no process for us to apply for a variance from this 1,000-foot requirement. What we would like from the Board of Supervisors to do is create a policy or method for us to be able to apply for such a variance. Every cannabis facility is different and to flat out say no to any variance is not fair. We would like the ability for planners and regulators to look at our property and see that a 600' or even 800' setback would have no consequence to the security, safety, and even visibility of our cannabis operations.

Recently we participated in a conversation with Craig Griesbach and Jeff Merriman who were looking for feed back from licensed growers and businesses on how the County can help the cannabis industry. It is imperative that Nevada County legalizes more and more cultivators to create a viable cannabis industry here. With something like 3,500 illegal growers

and only a couple hundred legal cultivators in the county, it is terribly difficult to compete with the black market. A variety of variances are going to need to be made available to get most of these illegal growers into the legal system.

We are proud of what we have accomplished at [REDACTED] and would like you all to see that this industry can be good for Nevada County. Thank you for listening to our story.

Christopher Hennis



Rodney Hennis



From: [BOS Public Comment](#)
To: [All BOS Board Members](#)
Cc: [Matt Kelley](#); [Brian Foss](#); [Caleb Dardick](#)
Subject: FW: Another Property Owner Against The Mine
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 7:43:59 AM

Dist 3

From: John Fleming [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 25, 2021 2:46 PM
To: BOS Public Comment <BOS.PublicComment@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Another Property Owner Against The Mine

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My name is John Fleming and my wife and I own a home in District 3.

As you are aware, the corporation, Rise Gold, sponsored a questionnaire, the results of which revealed the snake-like nature of the corporation. It is my understanding that the questions on the questionnaire were extremely leading and resulted in skewed, so-called public opinion of bringing the Idaho-Maryland mine back to life. I have little trust in Rise Gold, based on their previous performance in Canada, and even less trust now that they have revealed the results of this bogus questionnaire. Similarly, my trust in environmental reports is minimal, as they do not look at the possibilities of what may happen if the corporation involved fails to live up to their agreement. The reports take into consideration what happens if all goes well and in no way can it foresee the future.

As an example, California is in a severe drought. Whether this is due to climate change, or not, remains a debated question. Regardless, if the drought continues and the water table is adversely affected by Rise pumping millions of gallons of water from the shafts, what is the back-up plan? Do we have desalinization plants to pick up the slack? Is there a water source we are not aware of that will supply local residents and farmers, once Rise has squandered all of ours? No. That fact, alone, should be enough to influence the powers that be to deny Rise Gold permission to re-open the mine. Add in the pollution from

the constant stream of trucks taking the toxic wastes out of the ground to a dump site, the fumes that those trucks would produce, the wear and tear on our roads, the noise pollution and the certain drop in property values, and one wonders why in the world this prospect would even be a consideration?

Rise says it will be good for our economy. No. It won't. They promise jobs. How many? 300. Is that enough to justify ruining all that it will certainly ruin? Our air? Our water? Our property values? And what if they live up (down) to their history? Clean-up will cost millions upon millions of dollars and there is little doubt that those dollars will come from the tax payers. Court costs, alone, will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars and corporate law has stacked the deck against the public.

The people of Nevada County can only lose if Rise Gold wins. Let's not even play the game. Why take the chance?

I would like my comments to be acknowledged by the Nevada County Supervisors.

Sincerely,

John Fleming

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From: [BOS Public Comment](#)
To: [All BOS Board Members](#); [Alison Lehman](#); [Mali LaGoe](#); [Public Health](#)
Subject: FW: PCR test is no longer the standard, verified through the CDC website as of Dec 2020
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Dist 2

From: Alana [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 6:53 AM
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Subject: PCR test is no longer the standard, verified through the CDC website as of Dec 2020

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Has our county labs and testing facilities updated protocol? If so which ones and when?

Caitlin McFall, [writing for Fox News](#), is the only one in the corporate media I could find that even reported this, and the few reports I found in the Alternative media so far have been mostly inaccurate.

McFall [reports](#):

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) urged labs this week to stock clinics with kits that can test for both the coronavirus and the flu as the “influenza season” draws near.

The CDC said Wednesday it will withdrawal its request for the “Emergency Use Authorization” of real-time diagnostic testing kits, which were used starting in February 2020 to detect signs of the coronavirus, by the end of the year.

“CDC is providing this advance notice for clinical laboratories to have adequate time to select and implement one of the many FDA-authorized alternatives,” the agency said.

The U.S. has reported more than 34.4 million cases of the coronavirus since the pandemic began in 2020 and more than 610,000 deaths.

But while cases of COVID-19 soared nationwide, hospitalizations and deaths caused by influenza dropped.

According to data released by the CDC earlier this month, influenza mortality rates were significantly lower throughout 2020 than previous years.

There were 646 deaths relating to the flu among adults reported in 2020, whereas in 2019 the CDC estimated that between 24,000 and 62,000 people died from influenza-related illnesses.

The CDC urged laboratories to “save both time and resources” by introducing kits that can determine and distinguish a positive test for the coronavirus and flu. ([Source](#).)