

From: [Rick Porter](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#)
Subject: Concerned resident
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 11:53:22 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to you today to ask that you please vote "NO" on [SR 21-0635](#).

This recommendation by the Nevada County CDA has the ability to be far-reaching and is being proposed under the pretense that it will only be used specifically for unpermitted commercial cannabis enforcement. It also allows for county personnel to determine – *without oversight* – when to use this system on a *case-by-case basis*. Even in best-case scenarios, county personnel are prone to having – *and to acting upon* – biases. With these types of enforcement systems in place, our personal and property rights are at risk of being violated.

As members of the Board, you are perfectly aware that there are currently several issues in the County that are dividing us as a community. Now more than ever, we need outstanding leadership, not another far-reaching enforcement tool in the hands of CDA.

Again, I strongly suggest that you vote "NO" on [SR 21-0635](#).

Thank you,

Richard Porter

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Don Bessee](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#); [Jeff Merriman](#); [Trisha Tillotson](#); [Shannan Moon](#)
Subject: marijuana enforcement drones
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 3:18:27 PM
Attachments: [best letterhead.docx](#)

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Please find attached a letter from the Alta Sierra Property Owners Association regarding the grand jury recommendations.

Thank you for your kind consideration.



ALTA SIERRA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Grass Valley, CA 95949

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August 5th 2021

Dear Board of Supervisors,

The Alta Sierra Property Owners Association supports the Grand Jury conclusions on marijuana enforcement.

Since the State did away with the cure period for marijuana code violations the County should implement immediate fines starting at the time of finding the illegal grow.

If the grow is palletized or easily relocated, it should be destroyed immediately.

The County could generate enough in fines to fund a robust enforcement program.

The request for drones is reasonable if they are only used on illegal marijuana grows. It would also be prudent to seek a drone model that has an infrared capability that could see covered grows or illegally large indoors grows.

The drones could accelerate fines that given the estimated 4000 grow sites would generate sufficient funds to have a real-time satellite contract.

Previous Grand Juries have call for Code Enforcement v Code Compliance model. When it comes to illegal grows it needs to be an enforcement model that has the NCSO firmly in the mix to deal with the worst actors.

If all of these were implemented, it would take a big bite out of the water thefts and animal poisonings.

The community in this time of drought emergency has no patience for the scale of water thefts we are seeing and that is another factor necessitating immediate action so there is water for People and food and none for illegal growers.

Don Bessee
Director
ASPOA

From: [Jeff Merriman](#)
To: [Clerk of Board](#)
Cc: [Craig Griesbach](#); [Vera De Ferrari](#)
Subject: FW: Cannabis Rules 10 Aug Meeting
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 12:56:54 PM

FYI regarding tomorrow's item

Jeff Merriman
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 12:37 PM
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Subject: Re: Cannabis Rules 10 Aug Meeting

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Dear Supervisor Hoek

I urge you to vote to change the cannabis rules ASAP. Our enjoyable country / rural, yet sophisticated lifestyle, is in serious jeopardy.

1. Enforcement to Sheriff's office. More than 2 officers!
2. Allow use of drones and overflights. Let officers and code compliance enter if obvious a grow is present.
3. Proactively go after unpermitted grows (98% of the grows in NC - ~4000). Time to stop the scoff laws!
4. Look at changing the zoning of AG 5 and 10 acre properties to rural, not AG, to eliminate commercial grows on smaller neighborhood properties.

As you well know, now the expensive neighborhoods (even Oak Meadows just down from you as well as 6B) are seeing larger unpermitted grows much bigger than would ever be permitted. Time to stop the scoff laws!

Thanks

Tom Wolfe
[REDACTED]

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From: [Audrey Lough](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#)
Subject: SR 21-0635
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 4:25:14 PM

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My name is Audrey Lough I live [REDACTED] in Nevada City and I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the use of drones for any surveillance purposes. This is an appalling affront to our civil liberties. Please vote no on SR 21-0635.

Thank you,

Audrey Lough

From: [Tom O'Toole](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#); [Trisha Tillotson](#); [Jeff Merriman](#); [Shannan Moon](#)
Subject: SR 21-0635 Unmarked Aircraft
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August 9, 2021

Members of the Board
Nevada County Board of Supervisors

REF:SR 21-0635 presentation and provide direction regarding implementation of an Unmanned Aircraft System

Dear Board Members:

As we know; February 2020 the Nevada County Board of Supervisors generally agreed that drones could facilitate better enforcement and fining the criminal grows. Then the organized push back as expected put the county back on its heels. They looked at the issue earlier this year and neglected to act.

The growers are afraid of a drone program because it would result in millions of dollars in fines.

What has been warned about back in the CAG have come to fruition as evidenced by the recent grand jury report.

Code compliance has admitted that they cannot handle the situation with the hostile criminal growers and the numbers of grows. This was pointed out repeatedly, yet the county took the sheriff and law enforcement out of the equation.

Aside from the illegal grows. There is the theft of water and electricity. The poisoning of wild and domestic animals. Destruction of lands, public and private. Let us not ignore the real possibility of wildfires.

The County should take advantage of proactive action immediately. Issue the maximum fines as soon as a grow is identified.

I appreciate and thank you for a proactive approach to help solve this blatant criminal activity.

Sincerely,

Thomas O'Toole

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Vice President Board Member
Alta Sierra Property Owners Association

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From: [Jane Thomason](#)
To: HardyBullock@co.nevada.ca.us
Cc: [Clerk of Board](#)
Subject: Public Response: NO E-BIKES ON PINES TO MINES TRAIL PLEASE!
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 4:31:56 PM

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Hello Hardy,

I understand the Nevada County Board of Supervisors is considering assessing whether e-bikes can be allowed on the Pines to Mines trail.

This trail was envisioned, designed, sold to the community, and funds have been donated to it AS A NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL. Why at this point are e-bikes being considered? This looks like a bait and switch?

It is difficult to get away from motorized vehicles, one of the purposes of our trail system is exactly that--to get away from the noise pollution, disruption, and safety issues of powered vehicles. I hope that you will exclude any addition to the project description that would allow e-bikes on trails that have been specifically designed for non-motorized travel.

Thank you.

Jane Thomason