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The Alta Sierra Property Owners Association encourages the County to take immediate action on some of the Grand Jury Report. Specifically -

We encourage the Board of Supervisors make the modifications to the marijuana enforcement structure to maximize fine income from criminal grows.

We support getting the NCSO reengaged to clean out the criminals who ignore the 2 haggard guys from code.

The revenues from max fine enforcement consistent with the changes at the state that do not require a 'cure period' for illegal grows could be so significant as to pay for a real time satellite service and more staffing to curb the abuses.

Curbing the criminal grows will also help preserve water for food and human use in this time of drought emergency. Water for the people!

[Adding To State Water Woes, Illegal Pot Growers In Nevada County Steal Water Anywhere They Can Get It – CBS Sacramento \(cbslocal.com\)](#)

Sincerely,
Don Bessee
ASPOA

Nevada County Supervisors,

July 26, 2021

I would like to support you in agreeing to use drones to see if reported parties to Code Enforcement are illegal Cannabis growers. As you may already know, I am the president of the Golden Oaks Homeowner's Association. We are 120 properties (both Golden Oaks proper and easement properties). All are private roads. Our neighborhood has both illegal cannabis growers as well as 4 grows that are "legal". Even though we are an established residential neighborhood, we were chosen as an area where legal growers could establish their gardens due to our zoning. When these zones were established by the county, I think we can all agree that the possibility of people growing marijuana in here was never on any radar. It is becoming obvious that by allowing growers to use our neighborhood to grow (large amounts of cannabis – most lots are either 10 or 20 acres) the life style that we all enjoy and chose as a main reason to locate here has been compromised. To this end, I ask two things from you:

1. Code enforcement needs to be able to get access to properties that have been identified as possible illegal grows. I believe that the use of drones can help with this. I have been told that as things stand now, code enforcement cannot access a property that has a locked gate. This does not work. Not only will drones help pinpoint the properties, you need to give enforcement abilities to the people who respond to the complaints. As it stands right now, your own people have their hands tied.
2. Please revisit the code for cannabis grows – ideally, do not allow any type of grow (legal or illegal) to exist in developed neighborhoods. Perhaps you can place a temporary stop to licensing legal grows. I think we can agree that not enough support was put in place to deal with the issues that are becoming obvious from these grows.
 - a. Over use of private roads
 - b. Water problems from either stealing, over pumping of wells that are impacting neighbors, and even the constant use of the roads by the water trucks, soil deliveries, gravel deliveries, large amounts of bagged fertilizer. I have witnessed all of this since I live below 2 of the legal grows.

- c. Many unfamiliar vehicles and people coming in to work for the growers.

We do worry about the fire danger and potential illegal activities that people who do not have any attachments to our neighborhood can bring.

By taking a step back, it may give the county a chance to update and make more clear rules and regulations for growing. It is common knowledge now that the vast majority of cannabis grows throughout the county are illegal ones. Until the regulations are updated and given the “teeth” to control the consequences, I ask that you all step back and work to protect the citizens of our county.

I am available to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for giving this issue attention.

Debbie Porter



From: [Julie Patterson-Hunter](#)
To: [All BOS Board Members](#)
Cc: [Trisha Tillotson](#); [Craig Griesbach](#)
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From: Pam Emick [REDACTED]
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Subject: Arge pot grows in residential neighborhoods

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County officials,

I am writing as a concerned resident in Golden Oaks neighborhood, South Nevada County.

Not that I can believe what is available on the internet but I see that there are thousands of grows throughout Nevada County. When these are in remote areas there is not a lot of impact to surrounding neighbors. Well in Golden Oaks the properties are around 20 acres for each parcel. Just from my property I get to view a huge lit greenhouse across from my driveway. What is worse is I have seen TRUCKLOADS of fertilizer delivered. We are all on wells out here. Since the rules changed allowing huge grows in residential neighborhoods, we have had a struggle with our well. We do not have endless supply of water in this area. For the county to allow huge grows in areas such as ours, you are compromising our water supply.

Maybe since the County has allowed such draws on residential water supplies the county can supply water delivery for free.

The other issue is the fertilizer. In the quantities used by the growers this will eventually leach into our already compromised wells further affecting our low water.

We did NOT move our here to be surrounded by pot growers!!! I could not care less if neighbors want to grow a personal pot plant but the effects of large commercial grows is destroying our neighborhood.

Instead of sticking your heads in the sand take a look at areas which have been taken over by pot growers. If that is what you see for Nevada County, then please move out and join low life in those areas!

Our neighborhood was a classy desirable area to live. You are allowing our reputation as

a desirable neighborhood to be ruined by allowing residential areas to become commercial grow areas.

The degrades that this commercial operations bring into our area bring an unbelievable amount of roadside trash, which includes fast food garbage, drink (alcoholic) containers, hyperthermia needles and I can go on and on. I have spent hours walking our roads picking up these materials.

I have heard you are planning to use drones to locate illegal grows, what is the action plan after locating these grows?

What has to happen to STOP growing in residential neighborhoods?

I would like to hear from your department on action to resolve the issues allowed to transpire in residential neighborhoods?

I will be waiting to hear a reasonable resolution to concerned neighborhoods about the pot grows in our back yards.

Pam Emick