

FMWW: Cornell Winery BZA Hearing, 13 Nov 08

Introductory Statement:

My name is Ray Krauss

I reside at 6969 St. Helena Road

I have been asked to address this matter on behalf of the Friends of the Mark West Watershed.

First, let me apologize for the lateness of our comments. It is the policy of the Friends of the Mark West Watershed to not comment publicly on the plans and development proposals of our neighbors with out first directly discussing the matter with the applicant and viewing the site.

We have previously met with Guy Davis, the representative for the proposed Cornell winery in the context of his earlier application. Not hearing from Mr. Davis this time regarding his new project plans, we initiated contact and were scheduled to meet with him this last Monday, the 10<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, he canceled our site visit and meeting. He also declined to continue today's hearing so that we might review with him his new project design.

Considering that FMWW negotiated an agreement to not oppose his first winery project proposal, we expected to have similar communications when this new project proposal was submitted to the county months ago. That has not been the case. So we want to be perfectly clear. Any previous agreements that FMWW reached with Mr. Davis are not applicable to this proposal.

The Friends of the Mark West Watershed held a special meeting of our organization Monday night and completed and reached consensus on the written comments as submitted. Our Friends of Mark West comments are distilled from the observations, research

and knowledge of our members as reflected in their personal comments. So we thought you would rather hear directly from the sources.

Introduce speakers:

With your permission, I would like to return to offer concluding comments after our members and others have been heard.

Concluding Statement:

Not all of our issues have been addressed by our members and neighbors in the short time allowed, but we have included them in our written submittal.

We believe that it is clear that the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Cornell Winery Project does NOT provide the necessary information and analysis to reasonably conclude that the project WILL NOT have a significant adverse effect on the environment and cannot be approved.

We further believe that the project as proposed is entirely inappropriate to the Mark West Watershed, that it will clearly have significant adverse impacts on our watershed and its resources and **THAT THE PROPOSED CORNELL WINERY SHOULD NOT AND CANNOT BE APPROVED.**

Thank you...

Any Questions?