

# Second Valley Springs pot shop closes its doors

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The second of two medical marijuana shops operating in Valley Springs without county approval has been forced to close its doors.

Calaveras County deputies were seen carrying out the duty Friday at Forgotten Knowledge Collective Inc. in Nove Plaza, located at the corner of State Route 26 and Nove Way.

At the beginning of this year, Calaveras Medical Collective dispensary in La Contenta Plaza, located at Vista Del Lago Drive and State Route 26, was red-tagged by Calaveras County's code enforcement staff and closed its doors.

Both closures come after the pot shops were unable to get necessary approvals at the county level and had setbacks in the courts.

Deputies posted signage at Forgotten Knowledge saying the business was closed because it was out of compliance with county zoning codes. Those signs had been removed by Monday and replaced with a sign at the door that said, "Sorry we are closed. If you need so (sic) speak with someone please call. FKC."

The county received a preliminary injunction to close Forgotten Knowledge in January from Calaveras Superior Court Judge Grant Barrett.

The collective had been operating at the site since 2010 and had gone through a lengthy approval process with the county that ended in July when the Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 to deny an appeal of a Planning Commission decision that barred the business from operating at its existing location.