

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I write to you today to offer my full support memo from the MCA policy committee.

Please reconsider your idea too allow larger cultivation for cannabis in our county.

I grew up here in Mendocino Co. and my children as well, my parents moved to the mountains of Willits when I was small child in the late 1970's.

I remember the days of the hustle and bustle of downtown Willits, there was so much vitality in our community and most importantly plenty of rain every year and water to sustain our vast rural community.

The creeks usually this time of year were overflowing with rising water, the past several years this has been noticeably changing we have much less water, we are in a severe drought. Every year the wildfire season lasts longer and are more devastating.

The river water levels are lower each year, the salmon are gone from spawning. Fish and Wildlife fill our rivers because the water is too warm for natural fish species to survive. Our trees species are dying all around because of the drought. Our grasses are already turning brown in April.

If you allow cultivators and investors to grow 10% of their land this will cause a horrific environmental hazard to our already low water table, while contributing to our biggest problem: climate change.

Our county could be the poster child for a new way of farming on a smaller scale while creating a higher middle class population.

If the phase one and two applicants have a streamline process of continuing to be compliant it will also give the opportunity for cultivators to be a good example of regenerative farming on a scale that is sustainable to our environment.

A cultivation site bigger than 1/4 of an acre is not sustainable for our environment and could cause water wars. Cannabis uses a lot water and we have plenty of cannabis already in our county, truth be told we have over abundance on the legal market.

Please kind Sirs and Madame's be conscious of our lack of water, our community, the environment and our livelihoods.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our community and environment.

Sincerely,

Teresa Sischo