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## MENDOCINO COUNTY *MEMORANDUM*

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Date: February 13, 2017

To: Board of Supervisors & CEO

From: Supervisor Dan Gjerde 

Subject: Color-coded maps beg the question: How do people proceed?

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At last Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting, we attempted to address concerns raised by members of the public, and in a number of cases I believe the board was able to successfully address the concerns and aspirations of those in attendance.

However, as we approach adoption of these ordinances, I believe it is appropriate for some ground-truthing of our plans. Will the residents of all of our communities have a legal path forward? Will cultivators who want to apply for permits, and are willing to pay County taxes, have that opportunity?

After the revisions made last Tuesday, I'm not certain that is still true for County residents who live on the Mendocino Coast. After all, the ordinances do not allow for cultivating in the Coastal Zone, and nearly all of the non-residential parcels on the Mendocino Coast are located inside of the Coastal Zone.

I am requesting you review these maps, and this memo, before considering one question: How can cultivators on the Mendocino Coast, even existing cultivators who are currently paying fees to the County and are clearly not creating problems, proceed into this new program we are on the cusp of creating for the County?

At my request, County Planning staff prepared color-coded maps of Mendocino County. They show, in blue, parcels which are zoned Rural Residential 2, and are at least two acres in size. They show in light green parcels which are zoned Rural Residential 5, and are between two and just under five acres in size. They show in dark green parcels which are zoned Rural Residential 5, and are at least five acres in size. These parcels make up a small portion of Mendocino County's landscape, and they are not evenly distributed throughout the County. As you can see, most of the R2 parcels at least two acres in size are in the Fourth Supervisorial District, and are pretty rare in the other supervisorial districts. The R5 parcels, in contrast, are more equally distributed among the districts,

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