



Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
Agenda Item: Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance 3a

To the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

Flow Cannabis Company is a licensed distributor, manufacturer and processor located in Redwood Valley. We have been operating there since 2017, however, the Flow Kana brand was born two years earlier in 2015. We employ over 100 people at our facilities in Redwood Valley and Laytonville, over 90% of them from Mendocino, Lake and Humboldt county. We offer full health benefits, and paid time off. We very much appreciate the process that the Board has undertaken to bring rational and well thought out cannabis policies to this county. We know that this has not been easy and has taken valuable time to figure out. We also feel that we are almost there. We support the draft ordinance with a suggestion.

1. Cultivation on Rangeland. We support the recommendations of the Board of Supervisors regarding cultivation on Rangeland. We do encourage the adoption of the definition of “agricultural activity” as the qualifier for RL projects. The way the ordinance is currently written, land that has been previously cleared but used for activities other than row crops would be excluded. Our cultivation site in Lake County was previously cleared and used to graze cattle. As a result, the ground become virtually unusable for agriculture. We have worked very hard to bring that land back through cover cropping and other regenerative methods. Other land in the county might also be developed in this way, lessening environmental impact. Suggested alternative language is below:

Alternatively, CCR Title 14, Division 2, Chapter 8, Subchapter 1, Article 1, section 3501 defines **“Agricultural Activity”** as *the cultivation and tillage of the soil, dairying, the production, cultivation, growing and harvesting of any agricultural commodity, the raising of livestock or poultry, and any practices performed by a farmer or on a farm as incident to or in conjunction with those farming operations, including preparation of these products for market.*

Thank you for the time and attention you have given this complicated issue.

Sincerely,

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