

Angie Lane - Fwd: Commercial Cannabis Activity Land Use

From: James Feenan
To: Angie Lane
Date: 3/17/2021 4:15 PM
Subject: Fwd: Commercial Cannabis Activity Land Use

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>>> susan barger <susankayhb@gmail.com> 3/17/2021 3:29 PM >>>

To: Mendocino County Planning Commission
Re: Agenda Item 6B proposed Commercial Cannabis Activity Land Use Ordinance
My name is Susan Barger. I am a land owner in Mendocino County, and I vote. I strenuously oppose the proposed "Commercial Cannabis Activity Land Use Ordinance."

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Please do not allow giant grows into our watersheds. That would destroy the livelihoods of cattle ranchers, small cannabis growers, and food farmers, the voters of Mendocino County. It would devastate our beautiful rivers and kill salmon.

My community in Round Valley is already overwhelmed with shortage of enforcement for cannabis cultivation run amok. Where does last year's plastic from a thousand greenhouses go? Last year and this year, every night in early spring, during the dark the air fills with dioxins from burning plastic so strong that indoors with all windows shut the air smells like one is standing in front of a burn barrel. This cash economy is impoverishing our community. What do we have if we don't have our health?

Already cannabis cultivation licensing is backlogged years, and that sets the stage for massive illegal growing. We need the Board of Supervisors to make the licensing process manageable and support our Sheriff to enforce our laws including environmental laws. Adding even more growing that cannot be properly overseen would be crazy.

Please recommend AGAINST expanding cannabis cultivation to 10%.

Thank you.

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Dear Commissioners,

We are members of the Redwood Valley MAC, speaking here as private citizens. Our views are not necessarily those of any other body including the Board of Supervisors, nor do we speak here for anyone else.

We strongly oppose the expansion of cannabis cultivation up to 10% of acreage in AG, UR, and RL zoning districts, as specified in the Commercial Cannabis Activity Land Use Ordinance. We want to underline our shared position with the Laytonville MAC and the Round Valley MAC in their opposition to this impending decision/vote. Allowing 10% of total acreage for commercial cannabis farming exacerbates existing, non-mitigated stressors that will quicken environmental collapse in our county.

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Thank you very much for your consideration and your time and attention to this urgent issue.

Very Sincerely,

Sattie Clark, Patricia Yarbrough, Jini Reynolds, Marybeth Kelly, Chris Boyd, Katrina Frey
Residents of Redwood Valley

Angie Lane - Fwd: 6b. Opposition to the proposed New Ordinance.

From: Liliane <liliane242@aol.com>
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Subject: Fwd: 6b. Opposition to the proposed New Ordinance.

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From: Liliane <liliane242@aol.com>
To: pbs@mendocinocounty.org <pbs@mendocinocounty.org>
Sent: Tue, Mar 16, 2021 4:37 pm
Subject: re: 6b. Opposition to the proposed New Ordinance.

Dear Board of Supervisors.

Crisis in Covelo:

We have been coming to Covelo since 1986 and retired here 20 years ago. Covelo is not the nice place it used to be mostly because of the huge increase in Cannabis farming, specifically in these last 5 years.

We live on Rangeland and have observed the heartbreaking destruction done to this beautiful but fragile land. Code enforcement and police cannot keep up with the onslaught of irresponsible growers. Nor do we have the necessary infrastructure in place to deal with an industry that requires a lot of excavation, trucking soils and water, nitrogen, plastics, and other pollutants.

Growing Cannabis on steep land has been and continues to be destructive to our Rangelands and our communities. We are strongly opposed to the dramatic expansion that this new ordinance proposes. This new proposal eliminates vital protections and do not provide us with an effective remedy for the destructive impacts of this industry. **It is irresponsible of the County to desire to move forward with a large expansion, with little public input and without Environmental Review (REI). The County does not have the track record or manpower to support this expansion.**

Garbage: The County dump cannot process all this industry generates fast enough so it gets dumped in the ditches. The local population has to spend weekends cleaning up the mess of a large transient population while begging the County for services.

Water: Water trucks are a major source of water to those Cannabis grows as water sources are extremely limited on Rangeland. Those trucks drive by my house every single days from April to October. Millions of gallons per season pass Black Butte Bridge.

Those trucks are obnoxious and in operation day and night, which is destructive to our roads, buckling under the weight and ruinous to the peace and quiet we once enjoyed. Many private wells are becoming mini water districts and selling water to all those not insured and not registered water trucks.

Diverting water to all these grows sites is depriving our wildlife and our watershed of much needed water in these drought years.

Excavation: Rangeland is very steep with few flat areas to accommodate 10,000 sq.ft hoop houses. Major grading and displacement of earth is done by heavy equipment operators who are often unprofessional and unpermitted. These hoop houses are then terraced on very steep hills that would never qualify for a permit. They are causing excessive sedimentation of our rivers and streams.

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Soils: This industry is not typical "farming" because all the soil is transported great distances in 50 lbs plastic bags or in bulk with semi trucks on our small dirt roads. That soil has a high carbon footprint as does the high levels of nitrogen used by this industry, which is now chocking our rivers with toxic algae.

Generators and lights: We hear generators all night long supplying lights to those hoop houses. They light up the sky for several months to produce early crops. We can see those light everywhere on our Rangeland which is detrimental to our wildlife.

Plastic: Our Rangeland is now covered with plastic. Plastic hoop houses, several layers to cover them, plastic pipes by the thousand of miles drying in the harsh sun, plastic bags left on the ground, plastic netting trapping wild animals, plastic tanks, plastic ground covers and plastic wall to hide all this from our eyes. All this plastic is left there to dry in the sun and turn into nanoparticles leaching into the soil forever. Cannabis - the Medical plant ?. At what environmental cost and negative health impact?.

BOOM AND BUST: What is going to happen when the price of Cannabis will go down to \$ 100 or \$ 200 lbs as the market will be flooded? We see the price already plummeting and more will be grown every where else.

Most of those farms won't be able to operate and will be abandoned. All the plastic will be left behind with the garbage. Will the tax payer, who largely opposes this new ordinance, be expected to pay for the clean up?.

FIRE AND SAFETY: We have seen 4 fires around Mendocino Pass Rd in the last 10 years. All this burning plastic is a toxic health threat. Horrible danger to the fire fighting crews.

Those grow sites employ many workers who live in squalid conditions: make-shift camps without sanitation and safety. Our Sheriff cannot keep up with the crime problems that we now have, because of this industry and many of us no longer feel safe living here.

We need more enforcement, not more grows.

Until the County can effectively deal with the 1000 pending applications we cannot support the expansion of cannabis farming in Mendocino. It should be scaled back and situated where there is water and good infrastructure in place. Rangeland is too environmentally delicate for this sort of agro-business.

I urge you to reject this proposal.

Sincerely,
Liliane Ninaud.

Angie Lane - Fwd: Re: Planning Commission agenda item 6b Cannabis 3/19/21

From: PBS PBS
To: Angie Lane; Julia Acker
Date: 3/18/2021 8:02 AM
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>>> James Roberts <jtroborts@icloud.com> 3/17/2021 4:42 PM >>>

Dear Honorable Planning Commission,

As a Mendocino County resident for 30 years, I am concerned about the aggressive cannabis cultivation expansion that is being proposed in Phase 3. Though I do see merit in moving towards a discretionary permitting process, I would hope that this would be done in a more phased approach. I am a proponent for growth in our county and maximizing tax revenues, but it should be measured and thoughtful growth as opposed to opportunistic growth. I truly appreciate the efforts of the Ad Hoc team in solving some of the issues with the current ordinance, but we must first process our legacy Phase 1 applicants (small local farmers) before moving onto scaled up operations that will have a greater impact to our communities. We have a catchment with over 1000+ family farms that the county cannot currently process.

There is messaging that majority of these applications are incomplete and will not pass, but the reality is that there has been little to no communication by the Cannabis Program with the current applicants on what is required to complete their file. We are one of those applicants with a small outdoor sun-grown cultivation, and have documented well the amount of times we have reached out to the Cannabis program for a status or direction on our file that has been there since 2017. To move to an additional set of applicants without setting some priority to the ones the county has sat on is unconscionable. I understand the pressure in a race with neighbor counties to capture a market, but opportunity can easily become a disastrous situation if you are not fully equipped to execute it. I think that the recommendations by MCA on cultivation size is reasonable at this time for our county.

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With the California's new appellations law, Senate bill 67 only cannabis cultivated in Mendocino County will be Mendocino Grown. Outside interests are jockeying for position and understandable so, Mendocino County has a coveted brand and legacy in cannabis. We need to be very careful about protecting that and scaling growth with thoughtful intentions towards our environment, residents and the market value of the products we produce. If the county pushes for this path early on, all we become is real estate to be purchased by outside interests and not real communities whose land owners live here and care about this place. I live and work in Anderson Valley which has vast swaths of vineyards owned by very few who live in counties outside of ours. All the money travels directly out of our community as we struggle for basic resources and the needed sustainability for our residents. Our property, The Madrones in Philo has three tasting rooms that represent small production family owned labels. As I see value in our valley's larger corporate wineries who have a place a stake as part of our community, many others have changed the landscape in an irreversible way. Their vineyards are merely an asset in their portfolio which is managed elsewhere giving nothing back to the community as well as taxing our natural resources and damaging the environment. We need to learn from our experience and we need better than this for our residents and future generations.

My hope is that you consider pacing this growth in stages, honor your commitment to Phase 1 applicants by processing them first with a Administration Permit (not a Major Use Permit) and create a plan to staff up for discretionary permitting with planners that have institutional experience before changing zoning and ramping up expansion.

Kind Regards,

Jim Roberts
The Madrones & The Brambles
The Bohemian Chemist
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Angie Lane - Fwd: Planning Commission - Special Meeting Commercial Cannabis March 19, 2021

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>>> Brian Applegarth <ba@brianapplegarth.com> 3/17/2021 4:50 PM >>>

Dear Honorable Commissioners & Supervisors:

My name is Brian Applegarth and I am a Sonoma County resident and the Founder of the California Cannabis Tourism Association. For the future of cannabis travel, sustainability, authenticity, rich-culture, local community, and historical storytelling are all differentiators for your region. Preserve that, it's unique and will pay off in the end in a more aligned way with the culture of Mendocino. I support the small farm model & oppose the 10% expansion. Phase 3 can and should move forward without expansion at this time, supporting your local legacy cannabis communities.

Respectfully,

Brian Applegarth

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>>> Teresa King <tkingblca@gmail.com> 3/17/2021 5:11 PM >>>

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Very Sincerely,

Teresa L King
Resident of Redwood Valley

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Sincerely,

John King
Redwood Valley

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>>> Kirk Lumpkin <kirk@kirlumpkin.com> 3/17/2021 6:18 PM >>>

Dear Planning Board,

Many people in this county worked for years to create a cannabis ordinance that would serve the best interests of our community. I am writing to you today to ask you not to throw out all that work and substitute a process we all agreed on with a use permit situation. We built in to the original ordinance protections for small growers, the environment, and our historic rangelands. Any other process does not guarantee those protections. In other parts of the agricultural sector the claim that bigger is better has often been made, but that has always ultimately proved to be false with the quality of life deteriorating for growers and farm workers along with the health and prosperity of local communities.

Thank you for your time as attention,
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>>> Mary Gustafson <marygus@pacific.net> 3/17/2021 6:39 PM >>>

Please do not ramrod this proposed Commercial Cannabis Activity
Ordinance through county government.

The county does not have the budget, the staff, or the track record to
responsibly invite a big expansion of cannabis operations at this time.
Am I wrong?

Mary Gustafson

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Angie Lane - Fwd: cannabis ordinance changes

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>>> Marcella Chandler <marcellajchandler@gmail.com> 3/17/2021 7:01 PM >>>

Dear Planning & Building Services, and
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

This is my first time writing to any county entity as a citizen or speaking up for an issue with local impacts (thought there have been a few letters to the editor...). I am wholly against the new proposed ordinance changes. My current understanding of the ordinance changes are:

They will eliminate the following protections we have in place with our existing ordinance:

- * The prohibition on new operations in the County's Rangeland Zone.
- * The cap on the size of the grow sites of 10,000 sq. ft. per permit
- * The 2-permits-per-parcel limitation
- * The protections against tree removal
- * The generator phase-out timeline
- * The protections against light pollution.

If you eliminate the ordinances as they stand or change them to make way for true commercial operations, you will doom this county forever. The landscape will literally never be the same. The economic disparity will grow, and I predict more residents on public assistance than ever. Mendocino County is barely hanging on to the once quirky

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and quaint place it was as is.

For the record, I've lived here since 1993 and have seen many changes in the landscape/environment, economy, and demographics over time. I also worked for the county for 24 years; I'm still recovering.

When I first read the proposed changes, my first literal thought was, someone's hand is getting greased quite well... Even if that hand is the county's. If the county wants to generate more revenue, enforce the damn current ordinances and put an end to all illegal operations; if I know of several of those (all making bank at that), I'm guessing the county does too.

If you allow these changes to pass, NEVER claim to care about the environment, the quality of life of residents (due to the economic disparity caused by the pot industry), the homeless (many trimmigrants who never leave are industry hopefuls), or the safety of county residents.

If you allow this to pass, NEVER deny anyone a permit to cut a tree for any reason; if you allow it for a pot grower you better allow it for someone looking to cut down an oak for safety reasons so, you know, one doesn't fall on their house and kill them.

If you allow these changes to pass, NEVER allow for another rate hike in water for any resident; a rate hike shouldn't impact the person trying to brush their teeth or water their zucchini plants. And rate hikes will come here because there won't be any water; the creeks are currently running dry when they should be flowing - it will become an all out war.

If you pass these changes, you had better open up closed fire houses and increase the personnel and equipment including air support; if this county burns to the ground due to lack of water and an even more devastated environment, that's on you.

I seriously can't believe this is even being considered. It's a very short-sighted and greedy plan that does not take into consideration both long term and short term negative impacts. If an unbiased, qualified consultant has not done an EIR, I hope one is planned.

Regards,
Marcella Chandler
Resident

Angie Lane - Fwd: Feedback from Cultivator re: OA_2021-0002

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>>> Mackenzie Shults <mackenzie@dancingdogcan.com> 3/17/2021 7:33 PM >>>

Dear Planning Commission,

Our operation strongly supports the recommendations laid out by MCA.

As a Phase I applicant that is actively working as hard as possible to comply with all the regulations we are understandably concerned about not making it through and hope that consideration will be given to those from Phase I if we do need to roll into Phase III.

We also believe that a craft cultivation permit is a wise recommendation that would allow operators a fairer chance.

Thank you

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Mackenzie Shults
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>>> Kim dellacorva <yaykim@gmail.com> 3/17/2021 7:37 PM >>>

Greetings Supervisors,

I'm writing in support of MCA's recommendations as well as an additional one. I am very concerned with any grows over 10,000 but additionally much more concerned with grows over an acre. I am also in favor of eliminating all artificial light in hoop houses and green houses in the county. Small temporary greenhouses for purpose of seedlings would be acceptable. I can't imagine thousands and thousands of square feet of glowing hoop houses and greenhouses all over the county. It would be an environmental and psychological disaster.

Thank you so much for your consideration and all of your attention,

Kimberly Dellacorva-Tate
Redwood Valley

Sent from my iPhone

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Angie Lane - Fwd: MCA Recommendations

From: PBS PBS
To: Angie Lane; Julia Acker
Date: 3/18/2021 8:06 AM
Subject: Fwd: MCA Recommendations

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>>> Harlan Bailey <harlanb9@gmail.com> 3/17/2021 7:40 PM >>>

Greetings,

I am a small cannabis cultivator here in Mendocino County and I support MCA's recommendations, small farms need to be protected and supported. The future of our county depends on it as well as the unique culture and way of life we share.

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Angie Lane - Fwd: SEED707LLC

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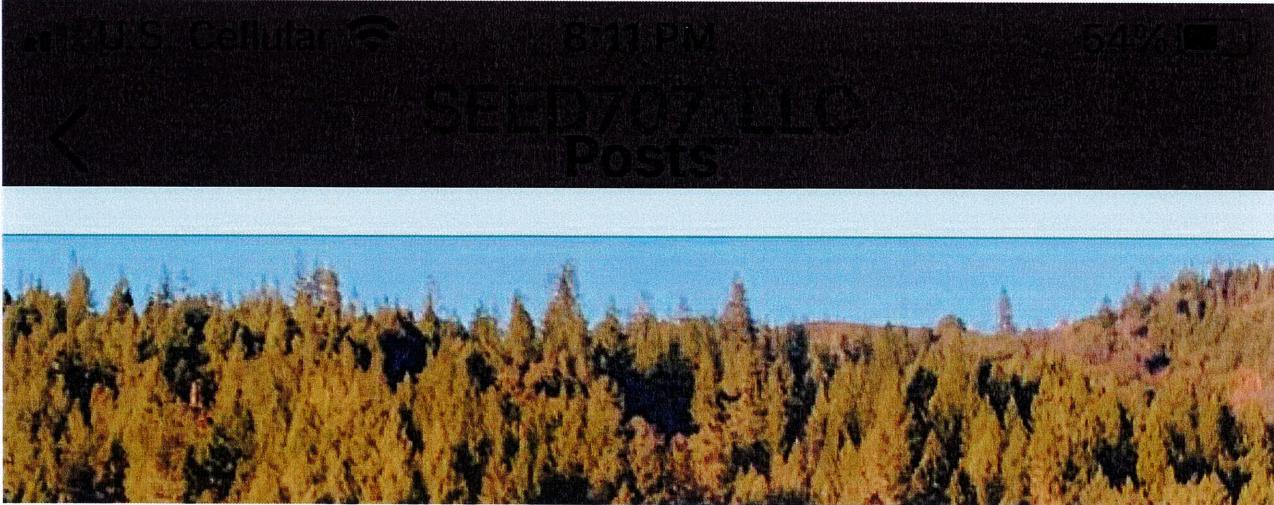
>>> Mary Polson SEED707 <seed707live@gmail.com> 3/17/2021 8:13 PM >>>

Dear Mendocino co supervisors and Mendocino county cannabis program . I , Mary Polson, Sole Owner & operator of SEED707LLC in Laytonville fully support MCA's policy recommendations. I am so scared that all I have worked for since receiving my commercial cannabis license in 2016 will be sadly lost due to financial difficulties moving forward with no clear / simple / affordable path for phase 1 operators.

The property I operate on was passed down to me by my family. My parents settled in Laytonville in 1964. I proudly operate my beautiful 5,000 sq ft cannabis farm in the LongValley. I recently received an award from the GrowOff California 2020 competition for QUALITY. As a woman ,mother & grandmother I proudly represented Mendocino County. Please don't forget me !!! Please don't take my lively hood away!!! Please let phase 1 operators continue through to our Annual Licenses .

Sincerely Mary Polson

SEED707LLC



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Angie Lane - Fwd: Phase 3 expansion

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>>> Kerry Olsen <olsen_kerry@hotmail.com> 3/17/2021 8:16 PM >>>

Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to voice my concerns about the proposed Phase 3 10% expansion. I am in favor of legalized, regulated cannabis cultivation in our County, but just like precautions are implemented into the ordinance to protect our natural resources, precautions must also be taken when considering expansion and how it would affect the quality of life to the residents of towns where large areas of Ag land surround it.

I live not far from downtown Laytonville. Our town isn't what some would call 'pretty' but what we do have are beautiful vistas, fields, and wildlife. If the 10% expansion goes through, it would irretrievably destroy all of that. Already, there are greenhouses on the Southern edge of town, on the Eastern side of 101, right off the highway. Now I see hoop houses going in on the Western side of 101. The Western side of the 101 is the location of hundreds of acres of flat Ag land that used to house cattle (formerly the 101 ranch). I am aware of outside business interests trying to secure leases on that land, as well as the acres of flat Ag land just North of Laytonville, across from the Cal Fire station.

Not only are there great concerns that our valley cannot support the water necessary for such expansion (we have already had years of water restrictions for town water, the same aquifer that cultivators in the valley would need to use), but there is also great concern for the herds of Elk in our valley. In addition, and what doesn't seem to be addressed from the heads of County in Ukiah, is what that expansion would also mean to the citizens of our town. It would mean fields

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of hoop houses, acres of them, whether you're coming into town from the North or South. Porta-potties in the fields, shipping containers, trailers as there is nowhere here for workers to live, etc. etc. Literally a blight on our community.

Cannabis cultivation has always been a part of our town. It's probably why the town survived after the logging industry left. But it's never been right in our faces, obscuring the beauty of this valley, nor tainting the impressions of out of towners driving through and maybe stopping at one of our little businesses.

I would prefer the Phase 1 limits on cultivation size be carried forward into Phase 3, at least until the County can prove that it is up to the task of expansion (see failed Phase 1), or at least cap the cultivation at something more reasonable. A more reasonable size limit would keep big money out of our valley, interests who don't live here so really don't care what our town looks like.

Please consider the points I raise here, as the beauty of the town I call home depends on it.

Thank you,
Kerry Olsen

Angie Lane - Fwd: planning commission agenda item 6B/Commercial Cannabis Activity Land Use Ordinance

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>>> Norm Rosen <nkrosen@pacific.net> 3/17/2021 8:20 PM >>>

To whom it may concern:

It has come to my attention that the proposed Commercial Cannabis Activity Land Use ordinance raises several concerns .

The Board of Supervisors is proposing to replace our hard-won ordinance with a use permit process. This will leave all of the decisions of where, how much, and under what conditions to allow cannabis operations to the discretion of Planning Department staff.

This will eliminate the following protections we have in place with our existing ordinance:

- * The prohibition on new operations in the County's Range land Zone.
- * The cap on the size of the grow sites of 10,000 sq. ft. per permit
- * The 2-permits-per-parcel limitation
- * The protections against tree removal
- * The generator phase-out timeline
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Instead of strengthening our ordinance, *this new proposal will eliminate all of these protections* and it will allow for a massive expansion of the size and number of cannabis grows in the county, including large commercial grows through a Use Permit process. Use Permits are issued for a minimum of 10 years with indefinite renewals and accompany the property regardless of the owner. Historically Use Permits in this county are rarely, if ever, monitored by county staff.

Of particular concern is the provision that would open all of our Rangelands to development, and allow up to 10% of a parcel 10 acres or more in the Ag, Upland Residential, and Range land zones to be converted to cannabis. For example, a 160-acre parcel could have sixteen acres of cannabis. That would be destructive to the small family grower, and it will not be environmentally sustainable.

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As a resident of this county for the last 45 years I have a strong commitment to maintaining the health of our rural community on all levels. this is not the time to ignore the hard work and thought put into creating the current ordinance. Instead it should be improved upon and enforced. To that end the Board of Supervisors should:

- * Not open Rangelands to new permits (extreme fire risk; terrible impacts on rivers, fish, water table, soil stability, oaks and other native plants, wildlife and wildlife corridors, beauty, peace, night sky, fabric of our community, etc (see letters below);
- * Keep the current cap on grow size and number of permits per parcel (2);
- * Direct county staff to process the hundreds of applications for state licensing they've been sitting on, beginning immediately. The existing ordinance would work if county staff would stop obstructing the process.

Thank you for your time and commitment to Mendocino County,

Karen Piretti Rosen

Ukiah area Resident

Angie Lane - Fwd: opposition to 10%

From: PBS PBS
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>>> Swami Chaitanya <swamichaitanya108@gmail.com> 3/17/2021 8:24 PM >>>

Honorable Members of the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors:

We at Swami Select cannabis company are in complete support of the Recommendations from the **Mendocino Cannabis Alliance**.

We are particularly opposed to the proposed 10% expansion of cannabis cultivation in Mendocino County. Our County is known worldwide for growing the finest cannabis on small farms in pristine natural surroundings. If this gross expansion were allowed to take place, big business will flood in and the quality of the cannabis grown on an industrial scale will inevitably decline and with it the hard won reputation of Mendocino as the epicenter and source of the finest cannabis. Further, multinational companies will take their profits out of the county.

Water, especially in these drought years, is precious and the current farmers are already water misers; many are regenerative farmers stewarding and renewing our beautiful mountain and coastal home. The proposed expansion to 10% presents a serious environmental threat to the County.

We also would like to see a clear pathway for farmers who are unable to complete Phase one or disqualified for some reason have a fast tract for applications with corrective conditions in Phase three, hopefully with continuous operation.

We would also like to see zoning table requirements reduced as requested in the MCA recommendations.

Cannabis cultivation has been the main economic support for Mendocino for at least 50 years. These small farmers have traditionally employed ten of thousands of local people at a minimum wage of \$20/hour. Large corporations will mechanize and automate and thus not employ nearly as many people.

The small legacy farmers deserve your support as they have supported this county. They are your neighbors and they are people who shop in local stores and hire the local contractors.

The intent and thrust of county and state government thus far has been to drive out the craft farmer via extremely strict regulations, ordinances and statutes combined with exorbitant taxes, that no other industry, agricultural or not, has to comply with. Death by a thousand cuts. We have worked for years to move the county to make fairer rules and protect the legacy farmers. Please do not let the big corporations take advantage of and ruin our carefully built reputation.

Sincerely,

Aum nama Sivaya

Swami Chaitanya

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Angie Lane - Fwd: Opposition to 10% Cannabis Expansion

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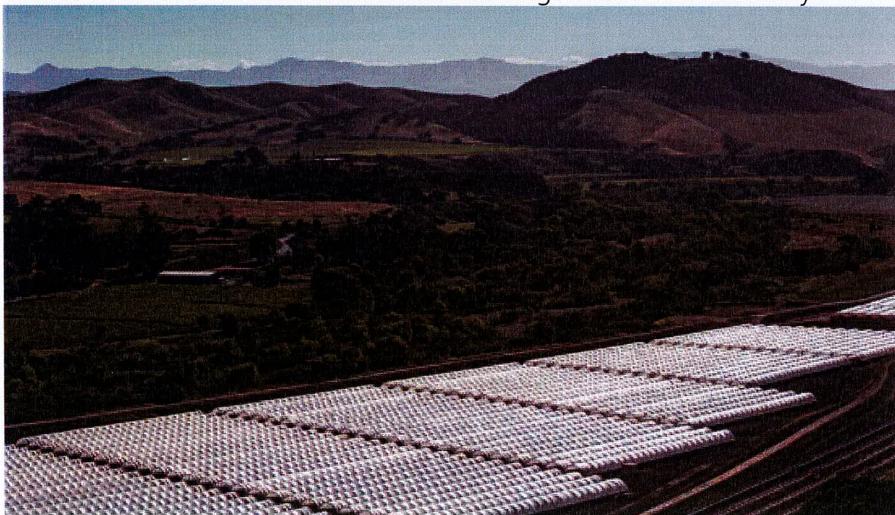
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>>> Nice Day Gardens <nicedaygardens@gmail.com> 3/17/2021 8:30 PM >>>

Honorable Planning Commissioners,

I am not a cannabis cultivator but I am an on-looker into Mendocino's cannabis ordinance process. My interest is long term sustainable agriculture for all crops in Mendocino County.

I am opposed to the 10% cannabis expansion. Large scale industrial agriculture that prioritizes resource extraction of our environment does not belong in Mendocino County.



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Thank you,
Diana

Angie Lane - Fwd: Agenda item 6b

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To: Angie Lane; Julia Acker
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>>> Suki Dewey-White <dewwhyte@hotmail.com> 3/17/2021 9:43 PM >>>

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To:Mendocino County Planning Commissioners

17 March 2021

Re: Agenda item 6 b (Rangeland Expansion Ordnance)

I am strongly apposed to the Phase 3 Rangeland Expansion.

The Board of Supervisors should be following through on its obligations to current permittees and to the taxpayers, by showing that they are capable of completing the permit applications that are already in the process and eliminating and cleaning up the hundreds of non compliant and illegal operations.

The farm bureau, sheriff, small permitted cannabis growers, environmental groups and most residences DO NOT SUPPORT this ill conceived expansion ordinance.

It is my hope that you, the planning commissioners, will reject this proposed ordinance and push for the enforcement of the one that already exists.

Suki Dewey-White
Covelo, California

Angie Lane - Fwd: Agenda item 6B

From: PBS PBS
To: Angie Lane; Julia Acker
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>>> Halle Brady <halledgb@yahoo.com> 3/17/2021 9:52 PM >>>

March 17, 2021

To All Who May Be Concerned,

I am voicing my concerns regarding the agenda item 6B that the Board of Supervisors is proposing, which will replace our hard-won ordinance with a use permit process. This will leave all of the decisions of where, how much, and under what conditions to allow cannabis operations to the discretion of Planning Department staff.

This will eliminate the following protections we have in place with our existing ordinance:

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Of particular concern is the provision that would open all of our Rangelands to development, and allow up to 10% of a parcel 10 acres or more in the Ag, Upland Residential, and Rangeland zones to be converted to cannabis. For example, a 160-acre parcel could have sixteen acres of cannabis. That would be destructive to the small family grower, and it will not be environmentally sustainable.

The **Farm Bureau does not support** this new proposal, the **small cannabis grower does not support it, our Sheriff does not support it, and the environmental community does not support it**. And this new proposal is NOT the Vision supported by the majority of citizens of this county, as evidenced by the fact that Measure AF, which proposed cannabis in almost every zoning district, went down to defeat in 2016.

This proposal wholly ignores the recommendations of the Mendocino Climate Action Committee regarding appropriate land use development to meet the need for greenhouse gas reduction and carbon sequestration goals.

It also ignores the goals of our new federal administration which is calling for 30% of our lands to be set aside to try to stem the collapse of our wildlife population from climate change. If we were to continue preserving our Rangelands we would be able to meet that 30% goal.

If we hope to have even a semblance of a salmon fishery again we will have to have cool running streams and rivers. Not the hot, shallow, and algae-choked rivers we are seeing now across our county. Our water has already been over-allocated if we hope to meet the challenges of climate change in the years ahead, and unfortunately, cannabis likes a lot of water and a lot of fertilizer.

Also, there is no proposed funding for a remedy to the abject failure of the citizen-driven complaint system of enforcement that we have now. The county does not have the budget, the staff, or the track record to responsibly invite a big expansion of cannabis operations at this time.

A change of this scale should be broadly and openly discussed with the community, not sprung on the public and even some board members over the course of a weekend - making a mockery of our local democracy. And considering the magnitude of the expansion plan, the county, at the very least, should do a full Environmental Impact Review (EIR).

Please listen to the many concerned citizens of our country, not all of whom are cannabis growers, who emphatically request that you take our requests seriously and act accordingly.

Sincerely and with due respect,
Halle and Mike Brady, Potter Valley

Halle

Angie Lane - Fwd: Comment for 3/19 Commission Agenda item 6(b) (environmental impacts of cannabis cultivation) (1 of 3)

From: PBS PBS
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>>> Ariel Strauss <astrau@greenfirelaw.com> 3/17/2021 10:01 PM >>>

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Willits Environmental Center, enclosed, please find materials submitted by the Center for Biological Diversity regarding CDFA's CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing Program EIR, which details impacts of cannabis cultivation that are pertinent to the proposed Phase 3 cultivation ordinance (OA_2021-0002). Because of the large file size, this document is being sent in three batches. Please include all three in the record for Agenda 6(a) of the March 19th Commission hearing.

Thank you,

Ariel Strauss

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>>> Tadd Schadeck <threebrothersfarminc@gmail.com> 3/17/2021 10:12 PM >>>

To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, this proposal is not based on scientific research as to water usage in our county. We are in a drought, we barely have enough groundwater to support the existing cultivation of our many small farms. Taking into consideration how mountainous our region is, and how much space we have on our valley floors, expansion possibilities are limited. There should be a serious environmental impact review before this proposal goes through. These mega grows would potentially be more harmful to our groundwater than any cartel grows could ever hope to be.

Next, I would like to remind the board of supervisors that Phase 1 applicants were from the inception, told that if they followed the county permitting process would be able to get a state permit; because it was supposed to mirror the same guidelines. That apparently was a lie and a wild goose chase. We were told that small farmers were going to have a head start in Mendocino county under Phase 1 so that we could establish ourselves in the market before Phase 3 operators moved in. Over 1200 farms applied, out of them maybe 150-250 farms have been very responsive and cooperative, I would describe as very good actors, who have done everything in their ability to comply. Spending many thousands of dollars along the way to local agencies, 3rd parties, etc., apparently to no avail. Nobody got their state permit, not because of any fault of their own, but because the county misled them for years. Now they want to open up expansion under Phase 3, which will basically let big business jump in line on the path to a state license. Where are our priorities? With long-time local small businesses, or with out-of-county investors who will make the money here and taking it back to where they're from to spend it?

The local small farmers have built a culture and a reputation across the globe for generations as the producers of the highest quality cannabis in the world. Risking their freedom and their family unity in the process. Of course, big businesses would want nothing more than to come in and dominate our industry and take advantage of the reputation we have built. It is painfully clear that it isn't about what makes sense to small farmers, scientifically, environmentally, or morally. It is about big money. The way everything has gone

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down over the past four years, I find it hard to believe that bribes haven't taken place to get us into the mess we see ourselves in now. McGowan screwed up the permitting process, making it impossible to get a state permit, and then left. Either we are dealing with inadequate politicians or some level of corruption. But I digress, this is beside the point I'm making.

Small organic sustainable farms have been the backbone of our economy in Mendocino since the logging industry declined. Big business came in and caused major detriment to our environment using unsustainable forestry-management practices in order for the few rich people at the top to get richer. Cannabis was our saving grace for many, many families to survive, and even thrive where there was little opportunity. Small cannabis farmers pay higher wages to their employees than any other entry-level agricultural job by far. The money stays local for the most part. It's hard to imagine just how bleak our community and economy would be without it. The problem is people have a hard time looking at it as an economic issue as opposed to a social issue. Pot growers get a bad rap, and aren't given credit for working hard, paying living wages, and being good stewards to the land. Especially the 150-250 farms under Phase 1 that are very good actors. Our local culture, reputation, and economy have been upheld on their shoulders.

Value is created out of rarity. We don't have a supply problem in Mendocino. Larger companies who argue for expansion often have their distribution license. These companies intake products from small farms promising them high prices and a quick turnaround. Then they sit on the product and take a very long time to sell and to payout, often lowballing the price down the road, knowing that the small farmer needs money to survive and has no bargaining chip or other choices. This happens over and over. Especially with the farms arguing for expansion, as they are trying to dominate the local industry using cutthroat business practices, and have no real compassion for small farmers like they claim. Sometimes they even go so-far-as to not pay the farmer for so long that they have to sell their farm. Then they buy the farm like a crooked game of monopoly. We have plenty of high-quality supply in Mendocino from the beautiful network of small farmers that already exist. California has many mega-farms in other counties. Supply is not the problem. Expansion is not the problem. Permitting the existing small farms is the problem that needs to be addressed. Allowing large-scale-grows when we haven't permitted any small farms seems egregious and nonsensical. It seems the BOS is pandering to larger companies after failing small farmers. Whatever happened to priority for small local farms?

Since small farmers pay some of the highest wages and get paid last in the process, we are left vulnerable for much of the season with no money because we have already paid our employees, we are broke and forced to wait for distribution companies to pay us in order to invest in the next season, keep up with taxes and fees, and hopefully have enough money left-over for necessary land improvements. It is a struggle that big businesses with financial investors don't experience, but most of the smaller farms experience this every year. Allowing large-scale-grows in Mendocino will be detrimental to our fragile ecosystem. Pumping massive amounts of water from our aquifers in order to foot this bill will do irreversible damage to our groundwater. Then they will dump their massive harvests on the market, creating a flood that will further drive small farmers into the famine phase of the season. It will not create a bunch of high-paying jobs in our area, they will pay minimum wage, you know how big business works. It will have a negative impact on the small farms in our area, who pay living wages. If they are forced out, it will affect their families, their employees, and all the local businesses where they spend money.

I urge you to move into a moratorium on expansion. It will only drain our aquifers, our local economy, our culture, and our livelihoods. We have lived here for generations, waiting for a foothold on the emerging market. We have worked so hard to get where we are now, please don't take everything we have strived for away from us. Small craft cannabis is our ethos. It is what we are known for. Please don't ruin it for all of the little people in our small community by rolling over for big business, that is not what we are all about! Stand Firm! The Emerald Triangle has produced 75% of the entire nation's cannabis supply throughout the drug war. It is completely ridiculous to think we need to expand production in our small community. Value is created out of rarity. If anything we should have a moratorium on new cultivation. At least until we can figure out how to get the 150-250 good-acting small farms into compliance as the Board of Supervisors promised from the beginning.

Thank You,
Tadd Schadeck
CEO Three Brothers Farm

Angie Lane - Fwd: Stop 10% Expansion!

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The local small farmers have built a culture and a reputation across the globe for generations as the producers of the highest quality cannabis in the world. Risking their freedom and their family unity in the process. Of course, big businesses would want nothing more than to come in and dominate our industry and take advantage of the reputation we have built. It is painfully clear that it isn't about what makes sense to small farmers, scientifically, environmentally, or morally. It is about big money. The way everything has gone

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down over the past four years, I find it hard to believe that bribes haven't taken place to get us into the mess we see ourselves in now. McGowan screwed up the permitting process, making it impossible to get a state permit, and then left. Either we are dealing with inadequate politicians or some level of corruption. But I digress, this is beside the point I'm making.

Small organic sustainable farms have been the backbone of our economy in Mendocino since the logging industry declined. Big business came in and caused major detriment to our environment using unsustainable forestry-management practices in order for the few rich people at the top to get richer. Cannabis was our saving grace for many, many families to survive, and even thrive where there was little opportunity. Small cannabis farmers pay higher wages to their employees than any other entry-level agricultural job by far. The money stays local for the most part. It's hard to imagine just how bleak our community and economy would be without it. The problem is people have a hard time looking at it as an economic issue as opposed to a social issue. Pot growers get a bad rap, and aren't given credit for working hard, paying living wages, and being good stewards to the land. Especially the 150-250 farms under Phase 1 that are very good actors. Our local culture, reputation, and economy have been upheld on their shoulders.

Value is created out of rarity. We don't have a supply problem in Mendocino. Larger companies who argue for expansion often have their distribution license. These companies intake products from small farms promising them high prices and a quick turnaround. Then they sit on the product and take a very long time to sell and to payout, often lowballing the price down the road, knowing that the small farmer needs money to survive and has no bargaining chip or other choices. This happens over and over. Especially with the farms arguing for expansion, as they are trying to dominate the local industry using cutthroat business practices, and have no real compassion for small farmers like they claim. Sometimes they even go so-far-as to not pay the farmer for so long that they have to sell their farm. Then they buy the farm like a crooked game of monopoly. We have plenty of high-quality supply in Mendocino from the beautiful network of small farmers that already exist. California has many mega-farms in other counties. Supply is not the problem. Expansion is not the problem. Permitting the existing small farms is the problem that needs to be addressed. Allowing large-scale-grows when we haven't permitted any small farms seems egregious and nonsensical. It seems the BOS is pandering to larger companies after failing small farmers. Whatever happened to priority for small local farms?

Since small farmers pay some of the highest wages and get paid last in the process, we are left vulnerable for much of the season with no money because we have already paid our employees, we are broke and forced to wait for distribution companies to pay us in order to invest in the next season, keep up with taxes and fees, and hopefully have enough money left-over for necessary land improvements. It is a struggle that big businesses with financial investors don't experience, but most of the smaller farms experience this every year. Allowing large-scale-grows in Mendocino will be detrimental to our fragile ecosystem. Pumping massive amounts of water from our aquifers in order to foot this bill will do irreversible damage to our groundwater. Then they will dump their massive harvests on the market, creating a flood that will further drive small farmers into the famine phase of the season. It will not create a bunch of high-paying jobs in our area, they will pay minimum wage, you know how big business works. It will have a negative impact on the small farms in our area, who pay living wages. If they are forced out, it will affect their families, their employees, and all the local businesses where they spend money.

I urge you to move into a moratorium on expansion. It will only drain our aquifers, our local economy, our culture, and our livelihoods. We have lived here for generations, waiting for a foothold on the emerging market. We have worked so hard to get where we are now, please don't take everything we have strived for away from us. Small craft cannabis is our ethos. It is what we are known for. Please don't ruin it for all of the little people in our small community by rolling over for big business, that is not what we are all about! Stand Firm! The Emerald Triangle has produced 75% of the entire nation's cannabis supply throughout the drug war. It is completely ridiculous to think we need to expand production in our small community. Value is created out of rarity. If anything we should have a moratorium on new cultivation. At least until we can figure out how to get the 150-250 good-acting small farms into compliance as the Board of Supervisors promised from the beginning.

Thank You,
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CEO Three Brothers Farm

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Honorable Planning Commission,

I support Mendocino County planned adoption of Cannabis Cultivation Phase 3.

I feel it is imperative to allow all applicants in all zones previously allowed in Phase 1 to be able to submit an application under Phase 3. In addition, if those applicants who are legally operating have already done the required environmental reviews to obtain their Temporary State License and their Mendocino County License under Phase 1, they should be automatically permitted under Phase 3.

These Cultivators abided by all the existing rules to date at great expense. To ask them to start over by hiring outside consultants is a very expensive and unfair burden. These Cultivators should be able to get to the front of the line for Phase 3 and use their existing permits which were subjected to environmental reviews to be permitted under Phase 3.

Sincerely

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Dear honorable members of the planning commission:

I am A phase 1 cannabis farmer and I'm in full support of MCA proposals to the changes to proposed ordinance regarding cannabis regulations for phase 3 expansion.

I strongly support the a one acre cap until January 1, 2023 due to the ability of wineries to outcompete small disadvantaged growers that have really propped up the industry and created it in the first place. Also please consider the two month early enrollment window window it gives phase 1 folks a needed headstart to get their affairs in order, and to get in que for the big bottle neck. We deserve to have a lending hand for going first in the county program. The cap also coincides with vertical integration law set up in prop 64 at that point big companies can really take over the entire industry . If We don't have a Headstart to compete we will be put out of business, and there will only a handful of large wineries and large Agro businesses in charge of the whole thing. Giving small farmers a chance to grow into medium and large farms well help ensure the necessary self-determination and the ability to self capitalize, and be able to stand on our own 2 feet as the industry shakes out. Local Wineries have lots of agricultural land in large acreage if 10% of their acreage is allowed you can imagine that most wineries will put in acres and acres of cannabis canopy. This will change everything by allowing wineries at this stage to add cannabis to their portfolio it will be a outright takeover and competing large scale ag will dominate crushing local heritage Farms. This is unfair and must be put in perspective now before the mega grows dominate. Thank you for your consideration and I hope I was able to make my point. I also believe the farm tours should be allowed once a day, and upland residential zoning should be included. An administrative permit vrs full use or minor use permit would make lot more practical sense to ensure folks can have it work for them and can get through the system in timely manner.

thank you Joseph seidell

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