From: "Casey O'Neill" <casey@cagrowers.org>

To: <bos@mendocinocounty.org>

Date: 7/30/2018 9:22 PM

Subject: Emergency Agricultural Access for Cannabis Cultivators

TO: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

FROM: MCGA Executive Committee

The Mendocino County Growers Alliance (MCGA) is the local chapter of the California Growers Association.

We thank you for holding a special Board of Supervisors meeting tomorrow to support our communities needs during this very difficult time.

We are appreciative of the increases in capability of the Mendocino Office of Emergency Services; it is clear that we all learned lessons from the difficult fire season last year.

MCGA respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors help to ensure that commercial cannabis cultivators be treated in the same manner as all other agricultural operators. It is imperative that cannabis farmers be able to access their farms as soon as it is deemed safe for members of the agricultural community to re-enter evacuation zones.

Please direct the Mendocino Office of Emergency Services to include cannabis operators under emergency agricultural access guidelines for Ag businesses in evacuation zones. There is need for this information to be available to Fire Agencies, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, The Mendocino Ag Department and any other relevant agencies.

Thank you for your consideration,

MCGA Steering Committee
Casey O'Neill, Genine Coleman, Jen Burke-Adams, Patrick Sellers