

Indigo Acres
2900 Webb Ranch Rd
Redwood Valley, CA 95470

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

My name is Ian Laidlaw, and I am one of 3 representatives of Indigo Acres. We are in the process of getting our permits to cultivate medical cannabis on our property, but have a few concerns with the ordinances and the future of our business. We have been farming in the county since 2014 and all 3 of us have proof of prior cultivation, as we were all joint applicants for the MCSO 9.31 Program in 2016.

As the ordinance is currently written, if one of the partners were to have an opportunity to relocate and start a new farm, their former location would have to be extinguished, leaving two partners in very scary legal territory. What we are asking from you is to consider the impact that this will cause in the future for so many local farms that have worked as partners for many years. Please remove the “extinguish” portion of the ordinance, and allow for permitted farms to remain viable, even if one partner wants to detach and begin a new location. Many of us have put in many years being stewards of the land and it would be devastating to have to be removed from our property due to a senseless oversight in county ordinances. Please realize that this is a possible death sentence to many small farms.

Thank you in advance,
Ian Laidlaw
Shannon Brown
Lenee Goselin