Mendocino County Action Committee

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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

It is with deep concern that we communicate our troubling observations regarding the Cannabis program management in the County. The Cannabis program is not following the original spirit, law and agreement by considering range land growing. Permits currently are given to violators of the process and multiple offenders go to market without fear of abatement or enforcement even when numerous complaints are made. Cannabis program managers are rude when complaints are followed up on by legitimate documentation. Managers complain they are overwhelmed by the volume of work. lands are bulldozed, and terraced. Rodenticides and pesticides are illegally applied and spread without any licenses by growers. Law enforcement have been poisoned and hospitalized without any county or Ag oversight or supervision. There is zero accountability in over 80% of the Marijuana grown in this County. You and the sheriff are responsible for this. Environmental groups, conservation organizations, and Many citizens of this county met with the ad hoc committees, and the cannabis farmers groups for 2 years to achieve a compromise to the initial CEQA and environmental Review demands necessary for safeguarding the environment. Wildlife habitat and fisheries who depend on free range, and vital habitat resources including water and vital oak woodland stands suffer. This board agreed after a lawsuit to protect the rangelands and timberlands in good faith. A commitment you agreed was reasonable to protect the non-commercial lands that cannot support this activity and was never intended or zoned for. We vote no on expansion into timber or rangeland. It is clear by your current track record now that this board and code enforcement cannot handle Its current workload. To expand would be a wrong direction. please say no to range land.

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