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Subject: This Friday: Please help protect Oak Woodlands

Dear Friends,

Please save November 16 to help protect oak woodlands, oak savannas, oak forests, native grasslands, water quality and quantity in the County's rangeland zones and the wildlife that depend on them. Plan to attend the Board of Supervisors' special meeting this Friday, November 16th. The meeting starts at 9 am but it has some business to conduct first so you probably don't need to get there until 9:30 or 9:45. If you want to bring an unobtrusive sign indicating your opposition to opening rangelands up to new and possibly larger cannabis grows, please do so.

The County's Cannabis "Ad Hoc" committee (John McCowen and Dan Hamburg) announced on Monday, Oct 29th at a public meeting in Willits that it will be recommending several fundamental changes to the existing Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance and that it will recommend these changes to the full board at a special meeting on November 16th. Included among these changes is the recommendation to open all the County's rangeland zones to new cannabis operations, to allow up to four permits per parcel, and to expand the outdoor cultivation area from a maximum 10,000 sq. ft. to one acre per permit! The Full Board will take public comment on these recommendations, and then, following discussion among the Board members, the Board will ask the staff (Planning and Bldg/Ag/County Counsel) to write up the Board's proposed changes to the Ordinance. These official changes will be brought back to the Board at a subsequent meeting. We imagine this process will move quickly as at least one Board member (McCowen) has stated his desire to change the Ordinance before the new Supervisors take office.

This will be a critical opportunity for the public to let the full Board know that it does NOT want to open the County's rangelands to new and expanded cannabis operations, and to comment on other proposed changes.

For more information, you can call Ellen Drell at 459-2643.

Thanks!

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