

Dear Supervisors:

We are writing to you today in regard to Agenda Item 6b) "Discussion and Possible Action Including Adoption of Resolution Creating the Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee".

As former members of the Board of Trustees at the Mendocino Environmental Center ("The MEC") and as former radio show hosts at KMEC, we are opposed to creating the Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee (MCCAAC).

As former insiders at The MEC we know that the MCCAAC is a gift of public funds to The MEC. The MEC initiated the MCCAAC. The MEC organized the MCCAAC. The MEC will benefit from the MCCAAC.

This action is especially inappropriate because The MEC is located in Supervisor John McCowen's district, and McCowen will be running for re-election next year. By voting to create and fund the MCCAAC, you will be putting a special interest above the public interest.

At best, the MCCAAC is political grandstanding. At worst, it may be a violation of campaign rules. It almost certainly will open an investigation by the California Fair Political Practices Commission.

Additionally, Mendocino County does *not* need a new bureaucracy. If the county's new -- and highly inefficient, and expensive -- cannabis-permitting bureaucracy is any measure, the MCCAAC will burden the county further. This is not good. The county will probably be in a deficit mode by 2020. Additionally, the county's unfunded pension liability exceeds \$200 million.

Also, the MCCAAC is unnecessary. The MCCAAC's proposed work plan is redundant with the work that other state and county agencies are already doing.

Finally, lead editorials in both the *Ukiah Daily Journal* and the *Anderson Valley Advertiser* have opposed the MCCAAC.

No one disputes the global warming...it's settled science. But creating the MCCAAC is wrong. It's wasteful. It's improper, and possibly illegal.

Thank you.

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