

Hello my name is Moriah Miranda I am not particularly sure which cannabis agenda item would be most fitting for this forum. I am speaking out against Mendocino County adopting Humboldt County's abatement program. I am a born and raised Humboldt County resident and recently my husband and I survived the abatement experience that we call nothing short of a terrorist attack" by a weaponized Planning Department. We had no Cannabis on our property, he is a union worker, heavy equipment owner/ operator, and I am an educator. My family, when I was a child, scraped together enough money to buy a Rural piece of clear cut property. My dad always wanted to retire there so after 25 years of no maintenance we began clearing brush, and putting a lot of time, money, and energy into the place...and then there is an abatement sweep. 3 of my elderly neighbors get abated with no Cannabis, one her husband had just died, days prior, the other had squatters in her house and had been begging the county for help for years to get them out, and the other was raising her grand kids...and then I get one. I could not believe it...aerial photos accusing me of grading a 12410 square foot flat (on the ground 4500) and had been done by the logging company before my dad bought the place. We went in to discuss this with the Code Enforcement Unit and got nowhere. We were told we had 10 days to have an engineer on the property "or the fines begin" so ultimately we had to complete an entire forest restoration program, including the 100 year flood culvert (that legal farmers have to complete...an estimated 100k project). My husband missed out on his entire season of work because he did all the on the ground work himself and we couldn't afford to hire it out, plus it had to be completed by October 15, 2019. In total we incurred financial losses of \$286k ...for a false positive. The threat in the abatement is basically civil asset forfeiture...they will seize your land if you don't do what they say (whether they are right or wrong). There is no department in place to go to when they have it wrong and don't listen to you...you are powerless, and that's wrong.

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