

Good afternoon, As an active board member of the Mendocino County Farm Bureau, I would like include my support for the approval of the 5 year service agreement with the USDA APHIS Wildlife Services to implement the integrated wildlife damage management (IWDM) program for Mendocino County as well as the approval of the related 2020/21 work and financial plan for the IWDM program. As a pear and grape farmer of over 400 acres, wildlife interaction is not uncommon. Every year significant financial damage is caused by coyote, pig and crow. The main source of this financial burden falls on the coyotes chewing on drip lines which requires several men in the field for several days to make the necessary repairs. I feel that limiting the IWDM to non-lethal options is a waste of initial effort and ends up doubling the required effort needed to properly handle the situation.

I appreciate your time,

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