

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors:

As a homeowner here in Covelo for 17 years now, I have concerns about the proposal in Tuesday's meeting agenda item 5b for the County to turn over the cannabis permitting process to the State of California. I would like the County to thoroughly consider the most likely negative effects such a move will have.

Yes, the County would be relieved of its complicated permitting responsibilities. But, is it worth the potential sacrifices that come with the State's fewer restrictions than the County's? I believe such a move will result in even greater destruction to our lands, waterways, forests, air, light, and noise quality, and harm to people, birds, fish, and other animals that most of us value so much?

I (*along with others*) am appalled to see the numbers growing of recently-constructed multiple greenhouses on properties here in beautiful Round Valley. I see greed taking over the health and beauty of our natural resources. I see a great lack of control, which will increase when the State takes over.

We who live here know our County best. It is very worthwhile to keep the cannabis licensing process local to deal with local problems occurring now and in the future, such as making the permitting process less of a financial hardship for small farmers and making our natural resources safer from greedy and illegal growers.

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