

7/31/20

From: Dori Kramer, 3rd District

To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Subject: BOS 8-4-20 Meeting Agenda 5b, regarding abandoning the County Cannabis Ordinance

Dear Supervisors,

I recently learned of the major changes proposed by the Planning Department to drop our Cannabis Ordinance and let State regulations prevail. Sacramento is quite far from here and I'm concerned that relying on the State agencies to manage Cannabis grows in this County is not realistic. The existing Ordinance may need revision and most definitely needs enforcement and oversight. I would appreciate the opportunity to participate in potential revisions to the Ordinance and strongly encourage PBS to conduct enforcement of our existing Cannabis Ordinance.

Most concerning is that this proposed action will expand Cannabis growing in Rangeland, which is one of the main reasons I opposed Measure AF. But expansion into Rangeland, when the County can't handle the current Cannabis situation, is irresponsible. As the former Sheriff Tom Allman stated at the December 2019 BOS meeting, the decision to expand Cannabis cultivation into Rangeland Zoning "should be voted on by the public". I fully agree!

The public had no input into this proposed major change to Cannabis governance. We want to hear directly from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Food and Agriculture in a public meeting and know what their views are on these on these proposed changes.

Sincerely,

Dori Kramer