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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Don't throw out the Cannabis Ordinance, we need it more than ever.

As a local resident for many years, those are my observations:

For the last few years the cannabis industry has changed considerably.

Large scale operations do not belong on Rangeland. Rangeland is for wild life, grazing stock, the protection of the watershed and it's natural habitat.

If the local old farmers could have farmed on Rangeland, they would have done it a long time ago. Rangeland is not suitable for commercial agriculture. The land is steep, unstable, prone to land slides. It has a very limited source of water, extremely poor soil and prone to wild fires.

This is why all the farming is done on valley floors which has an abundance of rich soil, ample water supply, PG&E and easy access.

We now see all around us, mega size plastic green houses. In the early spring lit all night, frightening the wild life and disturbing the beauty of our night sky. The sound of generators is heard everywhere.

Bulldozers, excavators, loaders, trenchers are in full time operation to prepare terraces to accommodate thousands of square feet of plastic hoop houses. Most of those sites are not engineered. New roads have been cut through those hills by fly by night untrained heavy machine operators.

From March to July, semi trucks and trailers deliver to those sites thousands of yards of amended soils and ferterlizers.

This heavy concentration of nitrogen is been discharged into our fragile watershed and rivers.

Cannabis agriculture requires lots of water. Most properties on Rangeland have no water or not enough water. Trucking water is now the norm. It runs days and nights all week long from April to October. 15 truck at least drive by my house every day, my. Most of the trucks have no licenses and are destroying our roads. The drought is making things worst.

The amount of plastic used in Cannabis farming is horrible and makes this kind of farming one of the most polluting to the environment. Plastic hoop houses, thousands of soil in plastic bags, plastic fences, nylon mesh, thousands of miles of PVC pipes are littering the land. All those abandoned on site when things don't work out. The wild life and cattle are getting caught in it. Those are high risks for the fire crews.

Safety is now an issue. So much cash brings crimes. Burglaries and assaults are rempant during harvest time. Read the local news.

Rangeland is saturated with the existing grows, do not bring more.

We need to keep the Cannabis Ordinance in place, enforce it and keep the Rangeland Exclusion.

Sincerely

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