

It has just come to my attention that 4 of the 5 board members voted for phase 3 permitting against the advise of the staff of the building department, the sheriff, the farm bureau, ranches, environmentalist and the public. Two of these board members will not even be around to watch the havoc on the most rural sections of this county.

Your planning and building staff are all ready working attempting to finalize phase 1 which is a huge work load. How can you expect to add another ill conceived phase to the work load.

Phase 1 has had little if any oversight or enforcement of the grows now how do you expect this next Phase to be enforced.

How can you even consider implementing this without an EIR? How many of you have actually seen the damage to our environment ? Have you been out to the rural communities being impacted by your decisions? I have a 60 year old well that this year for the first time is not recharging fast enough and I am having to haul water from a second well to water livestock. I am not the only person to have well issues this year.

Now you are going to allow extensive grows where will the water come from?

Those of us, and there are more then you seem to realize, that are not part of the marijuana industry are having to make hard decisions. This county has lost many businesses and citizens these past few years because they could no longer stand the explosion of illegal grows and lack of enforcement. Many of us are also contemplating moving we are not being heard nor supported.

It seems as though this has been pushed through because you feel it will save the county financially. Maybe you should be looking at different alternatives because when the industry implodes the county will have no money, the environment will have been destroyed and whole towns will become even more desolate.

I so hope you will revisit this decision as I really feel you truly do not realize what the county will loose I the end.

Sincerely,  
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