

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

My husband and I own a diversified farm called Radicle Herbs which is a regenerative cannabis farm with a 5k outdoor and 5k mixed light in Covelo. I would first like to say that I am in support of the MCA memo, Hannah Nelson's memo and CCAG's memo. Below I would like to add some additional personal comments and reinforce some specific items.

- First and foremost I would like to highly support Hannah Nelson's recommendation that

"the Board direct the Ad Hoc and Staff work with me to review numerous technical and logistical concerns that I have identified. In some instances, the technical concerns involve simply clarification of vague or conflicting language. In other instances, my concerns involve the practical implications of enacting provisions that could impede the success of a new program."

I cannot emphasize enough the value that Hannah Nelson would bring to the table to help ensure the success of this extremely complicated issue we are in that has so many of our lively hoods in the beautiful county in your hands. I would feel much more confident to know she would be by your side because she understands the workings of licensing inside and out and that she is committed to helping this program succeed. It is also important that stakeholders in the program are consulted

- Phase 1 and Phase 3:

The County must ensure that any cannabis cultivation ordinance passed allows for Phase 1 cohort to continue to operate.

- I stand 100% behind the detailed recommendations brought forward by MCA on how to tackle Phase 1/Phase 3/CEQA
- Also, I would like to reiterate that increasing county staff is imperative. We will be in the same boat we are currently in if there is not a major effort to have enough staff to handle the huge increase of work that is about to take place.
- I would like to support CCAG's position to not allow 10% of acreage.
 - The Round Valley Municipal Advisory Committee has unanimously voted to not allow that level of expansion in Covelo.
 - I think it is important to look at sustainable economic development in the county. There is no demand for an increase of product in the state, especially during a world wide pandemic with the current economy. There is a legitimate concern that significantly increasing the amount of cannabis being grown in the county will have a detrimental effect to the economy. Bringing the price down, which would not be a problem for the large farmers but for small farmers it would be detrimental. Many large companies which are vertically integrated claim that it will help the economy but I fear it will have the opposite effect until there are more dispensaries in the state so that there is more avenues for product to sell.

- Even if every license holder doubled the amount of cannabis they are growing there is still the same concern as above. If sustainable economic development is important to the county, then allowing 22,000 sq ft (doubling the amount of cannabis grown in the county) + opening phase three for new cultivators would be a start.
- If and when we begin to see demand for more product or when we see interstate commerce open, then scaling up would be appropriate on a case by case basis with all environmental considerations taken into account.

Thank you for all of your time and consideration on these important issues.

Sincerely,
Blair and Daniel AuClair

