



Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road
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March 9, 2021

Re: Agenda Item 5e - Presentations - Discussion and Possible Action Including Direction to Staff Regarding Strategically Investing One-Time Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Disaster Settlement Funds (Sponsor: Executive Office)

Honorable Supervisors,

MCA appreciates the opportunity to speak to you regarding this topic. We understand this agenda item is merely to discuss investing of the funds, but we ask you to bear in mind, when the topic of how to utilize the funds is discussed, that cannabis operators receive parity with all other residents and businesses in the County. As we work as a community to distribute these Disaster Settlement Funds in a just and equitable way, we must ensure that we protect both the County and those who have been impacted.

As you may know, many grants and disaster relief programs are not accessible to cannabis businesses due to the current legal status of the plant at the Federal level. As such, it is even more important to ensure that our local cannabis community who have suffered from these disasters have access to locally available relief. We ask that it be made clear, in writing, as part of any relief programs offered for impacted local residents or businesses, that cannabis operators are eligible to participate in these programs.

Thank you for your consideration on this important topic.

Sincerely,

Mendocino Cannabis Alliance