



Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road
Ukiah, CA 95482

March 9, 2021

Re: Agenda Item 5c - Approval - Discussion and Possible Action Including Acceptance of the 2019 Mendocino County Crop Report Presentation from the Agricultural Commissioner (Sponsor: Agriculture)

Honorable Supervisors,

When reviewing the 2019 Crop Report provided for this agenda item, we were surprised to see that cannabis was still not included. MCA has consistently taken the position that cannabis is agriculture, cannabis farmers are farmers, and that the cannabis farming community deserves parity with traditional agriculture.

On December 8, 2020 the Board of Supervisors directed Staff to pursue potential consideration of cannabis as an agricultural activity. MCA strongly supported this consideration, as the designation of cannabis as an Agricultural Activity would provide some components of the parity we seek. It is in this same spirit that we request the inclusion of cannabis in the 2019 Crop report and future crop reports.

Additionally, we would like to request that the Ag Commissioner, as part of this report, provide an update on the status of the Hemp Pilot Program, including number of participants, determination on number of inspections, final testing standards that have been adopted and any other information currently available.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

Mendocino Cannabis Alliance

cc: Agriculture Division