

I am writing as a resident of Mendocino to express my concerns regarding the Phase III cannabis cultivation permitting. Allowing this volume of cultivation is going to be severely detrimental to our local water supply, and I feel is extremely ill-advised for our county's natural resources. This is also opening up our community for a land grab by big business and investors, and will actively drive out current residents, while also driving away potential new residents with soaring real estate prices. With yet another severe drought and long fire season looming, now is not the time to encourage corporate farms to cultivate more, and drain even more from our local water supply that we cannot afford to lose. It is, however, the perfect time to take a stand for your residents and small local farms. By not encouraging mass grow sites, you have the opportunity to help your local farmers take their place in the local market, boost our local economy, and keep the profits from our land local, where it's needed. Please, make your priority your citizens and your land, not big business profits.

Thank you for your time,

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