

Dear Supervisors,

I urge you to reject the proposed Commercial Cannabis Activity Land Use Ordinance. There are many reasons to limit the expansion of cannabis cultivation on range lands in the county. Pollution from chemicals is certainly one of these reasons. But nothing comes close to the main reason expanded range land cultivation is a very bad idea: the excessive use of scarce water which would accompany this expanded cultivation.

Water in Mendocino county is a scarce and precious commodity in all years. The springs and small creeks provide life for the native vegetation. Wild animals depend on these limited water sources for their very lives. This is the case in times considered "normal". But we are now in a serious drought situation. Expanded cannabis cultivation will monopolize the meager water sources effected by drought. Once allowed to develop an infrastructure for cultivation, the cultivators will cite your permission and their investments as the legal reason they need to take the water. This is inevitable.

This can be prevented now. Please vote against the Commercial Cannabis Activity Land Use Ordinance. The big cultivators will not "use" the land. They will abuse the land. Please stop this from happening.

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