

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing you today to consider Agenda Item 6(a) and to urge you to terminate Mendocino County's contract with the USDA Wildlife Services and its lethal Integrated Wildlife Damage Management (IWDM) Program, and establish a Non-lethal Wildlife Damage Management (NWDM) Program to be administered locally.

Wildlife Services doesn't serve wildlife—it serves ranching and agricultural interests. In 2020, California Wildlife Services killed 24,264 wild native animals statewide, including 56 black bears, 39 mountain lions ~ and 3,252 coyotes!

Sincerely,

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