

Honorable Dan Gjerde, Chairman
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
Via Email BOS@MendocinoCounty.org

RE: Agenda Item 6a) Discussion and Possible Action Including Direction to Staff to Author (1) a Resolution to Terminate Cooperative Services Agreement (CSA) with USDA Wildlife Services; and 2) a Resolution to Vest Administrative Responsibility for Implementation of the Mendocino County Non-Lethal Wildlife Damage Management Program with the Mendocino County Animal Care Services

Dear Chairman Gjerde:

I'll keep this short and to the point: Please do not provide any consideration to these proposed resolutions.

As a livestock producer and part of a family that has produced food and fiber in Mendocino County since 1859, this asinine concept, pushed by anti-animal agriculture groups from outside our county, would be extremely detrimental to our County's leading industries. The Board had this discussion years ago. The Board certified and adopted the EIR for this program. To attempt to throw that work and expense out the window would be the epitome of ridiculousness.

Those who live in this amazing county, those who raise their children and their livestock, and those who spend great sums of money to visit and enjoy all Mendocino County has to offer deserve to feel safe. No one should have to deal with problem animals that are a serious threat to life. The men and women who constitute the USDA Wildlife Services program are great assets to all of us, whether in the livestock industry or not. They work hard and use the best of judgement in all cases to protect all lives. The County should be strengthening the IWDM Program, not neutering it.

Please resist the flood of mass-produced emails from out-of-county activists that are not vested here in Mendocino County. Listen to those who live here, make a living here, and vote here.

Regards,
Michael Delbar