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Dear Board of Supervisors:

It is obvious that Phase III of cannabis expansion is a truly awful idea. Phases I and II were disastrous because there was very little regulation. Phase III is in a class by itself because we are noticeably short of water in the county. We live in the Willits valley where this fact is painfully evident.

One water truck after another can be seen filling up near Commercial Street. Those loads of water are then taken to grows in nearby mountains, places that already have no water. Six new wells have been recently dug on Commercial and its extension, Valley Road, for new grows that are not permitted; they are pending. Why are they allowed?

The well-being of the public is at stake. We are having a drought; this by itself is truly scary. When one thinks of the likely summer fires, the lack of water is scarier. Why would you even consider implementing Phase III which would permit many, many more acres of cannabis cultivation which would use a lot more water, perhaps all the water.

Many wells in the Willits valley have already gone dry. By what reasoning could you possibly come to the conclusion that it's a good idea to allow a cultivation plan that would use much more water thereby emptying more wells. This Phase III is a threat to the entire county. Why would you do that to us? Where do you think we will be able to get water? Where will you get water?

Common sense demands you dump Phase III. Self-interest demands you dump Phase III. And we demand you dump Phase III.

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