

Supervisors of Mendocino County

April 13, 2021

Re: Oppose Phase Three Cannabis Regulation – Expansion of New Cannabis Farms

Supervisors:

We oppose expansion of Cannabis Farms.

Our Sheriff's department can't adequately enforce the current cannabis regulations without increased funding for more deputies. The Phase Three proposed regulation would only exacerbate the law enforcement issues.

The negative impact of the cannabis cultivation on our county's environment and limited water resources will only continue to deteriorate. We feel that if a site needs water to be trucked to it , then it shouldn't be cultivated, whatever the crop may be.

We also feel like a change in the cannabis regulation of this magnitude should be placed on the ballot and all Mendocino county residents should vote on it. If you want your constituents to become more involved in the decision making process, why not put it to a county wide vote instead the board of supervisors making the final decision? This decision will change our beautiful county forever. We realize that past logging practices are to blame for many of our environmental damages, but this expansion of cannabis will only add to the damages.

We urge all Board members to reject all of the proposed phase three regulation changes and to adequately fund the law enforcement of the cannabis regulations that we currently have.

Thank you,

Rick and Judy Carter