

I have lived in Covelo, CA for nearly 22 years. When I first arrived, I thought that I had found heaven--a beautiful valley filled with wildlife and wonderful people. Now Covelo is filled with gun toting, fast driving, money hungry pot growers who are gobbling up our water, ruining our resources, and contributing zero to our community. Like many other people in the county, I am now seriously considering leaving. I don't want to live in a county that cares nothing for its history, its health and well being, and its legitimate citizens who want only to live quietly and bring up their children in a safe environment.

What I cannot fathom is what the county expects to gain from allowing huge grows to be set up by illegal foreigners who are not going to pay taxes or, indeed, do a single thing to make the county stronger or more bountiful. Are you being threatened by the Cartels? Are you being paid by them to turn a blind eye to what is happening here? Our sheriff, Mat Kendall is aware that we are in grave danger and yet the Board of Supervisors is not scrambling to find enough funding/manpower/support to enable law enforcement to intervene on our behalf. I truly do not understand your thinking.

My greatest hope is that you have a change of heart. Please consider this county's rich history as well as it's potential to be a wildlife refuge and a wonderful destination for conscientious tourists.

Our future is in your hands, please use your hearts and your fine minds as you consider the best way for this very special county to move into the future.

Sincerely,

Crispin Littlehales