

Even if the only reason for denying the expansion of area for cannabis growth was the dire status of water availability and the toxic run-off into depleted rivers, streams and our water table, it would still be reason enough to deny that growth in Mendocino county. I expect the board to honor the voters denial of expanding cannabis into our rangelands in 2016 when we voted down Measure AF. At a time when trust in our government is at an abysmal low, it is time for you to listen to us and not the growers' promise of increased tax dollars at the detriment of our environment.

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