

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

For over forty years I have watched this beautiful county dry up. It's mid April, our spring should be gushing, it's not, the flow is casually coming out of the 1/3 full 1" pipe.

The County would be wise to put a hold on any growth industry that uses large quantities of water. To make decisions today as though the good old wet days (when we were a rain forest) are coming back is foolhardy and dangerous. Repeat after me, "Climate emergency". Thank you.

We are in an historic drought, with innumerable historic wildfires scaring the hell out of us time and time again. All of us awakening to the desperate need to conserve every available drop of water that comes our way. I am dumbfounded that cannabis expansion is even on the table, let alone that four of you support it.

The natural beauty which opens before us in every direction, has been scarred and mutilated enough. Leave the rangelands alone.

Better to clean up the paperwork mess already on your desks and driving everybody crazy. There's still time to chill out, educate, and move in a direction that accommodates our dicey water situation and respects the land we live upon. Some things can't be undone or mitigated. Just say, "Not now" for now, ok. More thinking = good idea.

I'm really sick of seeing hoop houses and more hoop houses and more hoop houses. I'm sick of the dust and damage to our roads from the big trucks which support the big grows. And the nighttime glows from the grows destroying the dark and the natural rhythms of day and night - do we even know, can we even calculate the damage? I could go on...

Better idea all around: allow the people time and opportunity to get educated and vote on these proposed destructive changes to our environment. Quality of life has been so appreciated here in the past. May those considerations continue to be important.

Water is life and we no longer have enough.

Thank you for your consideration.

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