

I strongly oppose the phase 3 cannabis expansion. How could you even consider expanding into Phase 3 before dealing with all the negative impacts from Phase 1 and 2? The first two phases were poorly designed and implemented causing untold harm to local communities. I live northwest of Willits and we deal daily with noise and light pollution from legal and illegal cannabis grows. Our neighborhood springs are running dry because of the drought but also because so many cannabis grows have drilled new wells in the last few years. Growers are pumping illegally out of Outlet Creek, endangering an already fragile ecosystem. Some growers are aggressive and violent. Many do not have permits and even the ones that do only follow the rules when it is convenient. Code enforcement is overwhelmed and unable to deal with all the complaints.

There must be a way to regulate cannabis in our county without ruining the quality of life for long time non-cannabis growing residents. Please do not expand permits. Instead take the time to find a way to promote a sustainable cannabis industry that benefits everyone in the county.

Sincerely,
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