

Please protect our open spaces in Mendocino County. Remember our county is a lovely place to live and tourism is important to our communities. The smell and view of huge plots of pot is not the same as views of oaks and open land and even vineyards.

As residents of Ukiah, we realize that protecting our water for community use and fire prevention is much more important than using it for a huge increase in agricultural use, use that does not provide food for farming livelihoods and local consumption.

Voters have already rejected corporate pot production on a huge scale in our county. You, as a board need to represent those voters and hear their voices. That is the fair thing to do.

Large land use changes have always required Environmental Impact Studies to proceed. This is the right of citizens and neighbors to truly know land use impacts.

Lastly, your disregard of living plants and animals that share our open spaces is unconscionable especially in Earth day and month. What happens to the creatures we protect and love in our open spaces and towns, when we cannot speak for their safety. How much more fertilizer and chemical use can we and living things stand in our soils and water?

Sincerely,  
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