

Dear BOS.

I am writing to oppose cannabis expansion in Mendocino County, CA. For one thing, you have not supported the family farms who were the backbone and mainstay of the Medical Marijuana movement. You made fees impossible to meet except to corporate or black market growers, and now huge farms are springing up like mushrooms in the back woods. Where there used to be farms with marijuana as a supplement amongst organic gardens now there is just hoop houses and marijuana mono-cropping, and plastic pollution and noise pollution, pesticides, guns, while the roads are being broken down with the importation of water, large trucks, and multiple workers coming up to work. What used to be country sounds at night have been replaced with the noise of generators, and there is no peace in the county with the exchange of gunfire from the 'legal' cartels. You could have supported your locals, they supported you. Instead, you threw them under the bus, and now you look to throw the whole county under the bus of pillaging natural resources in the name of profit, not to the people, mind you, but to you the BOS and to whomever is willing to pony up to play.

The water table which has supported the area for generations is dropping. Some farms next to large grows have lost their well water. We are in the middle of what looks to be a sizable drought, and all you can think of is selling out your local just barely making it farmers to the corporate carpet baggers who are coming in from all over to capitalize on the 'green rush' that people spent their lives and freedom for.

Shame on you. Vote no.