

DEar Board of Supervisors:

I am writing a letter opposing moving into Phase III before problems with Phase I have been addressed and more importantly until the social, ecological and serious water problems are recognized by this board. The board has yet to divulge what they plan to do about the CEQUA issue which is holding up final permitting for a large number of growers. Lake Mendocino is nearly dry and it is only April. Rural communities are overwhelmed with the influx of people and struggling with insufficient services and infrastructure to handle all the problems that are arising as a consequence. Where have the millions of dollars gone in taxes collected to address even a fraction of these problems? We need to make sure the type of agriculture practiced is consistent with the environment; covering prime ag land with thousands of hoop houses that produce pollution of many kinds, including light, noise and chemical, is not a proper use of our lands. Large grows run by corporations with bottom line mentalities are not consistent with our beautiful surroundings. Phase Three will be another failure if it is carelessly handled. Take time to truly consider what the cosequences of your actions might be. I am Not in Favor of the Phase III as it currently proposed and want the board to not move on it at this time. Sincerely, Leslie Cardone