

April 18, 2021

Dear Supervisors,

I'm writing to ask you NOT to adopt the proposed Cannabis Land Use Ordinance without a county-wide Environmental Impact Report. I live in Cherry Creek Ranches, a 6000 acre subdivision north of Willits between highway 101 and 162. Cherry Creek runs through the heart of our subdivision. Historically Cherry Creek has flowed year round and has hosted a resident population of Rainbow Trout. With every year now we see longer stretches of the creek running dry earlier. We currently have at least 7 cannabis farms operating within this watershed and it is likely they are having a significant impact on Cherry Creek's summer flow because of high water use.

How can you propose expanding cannabis without studying the cumulative impacts? I can only imagine what will happen if cannabis growing is expanded in range lands throughout the county. These lands do not have adequate water to support even the existing cannabis operations.

This situation reminds me of the asphalt plant that was unleashed on my neighborhood 6 years ago without the proper environmental review. People were inundated with toxic fumes and it turned into a huge fiasco for the County. From this we can learn how important it is to study and understand environmental impacts before unleashing potentially harmful development in our neighborhoods. Please do not put our creeks at further risk for industry. This is the wrong direction to go at this time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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