

Dear BOS,

Please vote NO to expanding cannabis cultivation in our rangelands.

No doubt this is a complicated issue, which is why it is important to take time to investigate the situation before voting for cannabis expansion.

The reasons I wish you to vote NO to this expansion include:

1. Glenn McGourty's Memo to Chairman Dan Gjerde brings up all excellent points that the BOS needs to address before adding more cannabis cultivation. Some of his points are: get illegal grows under control first by staffing up Code Enforcement and the Sheriff's Office, no expansion in a drought year, fix Phase 1 of the program before approving more permits, a pilot program for farmers who want to switch to cannabis cultivation, sun grown cannabis only (PLEASE YES-- we can't see the stars), no expansion into rangeland until there is a legal reliable water source, no to generators/pumps/night lighting/water trucking/excess grading/tree removal, and no fencing that blocks views.

2. There are so many major groups and citizens opposed to this expansion. Having read many of their impassioned pleas to slow down expansion, take the time for due diligence, and take care of the first two phases correctly, I have to side with them. Some of these groups include:

- Round Valley Water Organization
- Sheriff Matt Kendall
- former Sheriff Tom Allman
- Willits Environmental Center and many other environmental groups
- Farm Bureau
- Fish and Game
- Sierra Club
- Ukiah Daily Journal
- the Observer
- Mendocino Climate Action Committee
- small legal growers who have jumped through all of the hoops
- most of the people who have written in response to this agenda item

3. I was distressed that the vote during the last meeting was taken partially because one BOS member was tired (voted yes), one had a friend who wanted to grow cannabis (voted yes), and most didn't understand the complex implications of voting one way or another.

4. There hasn't been enough due diligence with environmental impact studies. Many groups opposing this agenda item are asking for this first. This just seems logical when precious resources like water, endangered species, carbon and other kinds of pollution, and resident safety are at risk.

5. This is such a complex issue that the BOS should issue a statement of what is and isn't legal right now. Then allow the people to vote. It's too important an issue that can drastically affect the quality of life for so many that it should NOT be left in the hands of a few BOS members, some

of whom don't even seem to care whether they are educated before they vote. They vote because their friends want to cultivate or they are tired and want to go home. Really?

We should live with rationed water because we need more pot?

Please vote NO to this agenda line item.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Yeh