

This is a short personal note regarding the Commercial Cannabis Activity Land Use Development Ordinance that you will be discussing at your April 19 BOS meeting, item 3b. I previously sent a cc of the letter I wrote to the Planning Commission on this topic and have been involved with the writing of the Sanhedrin CNPS Chapter's letter so you have received more extensive comment from me already.

The point that I consider most critical is NO expansion into rangeland. Protecting the watersheds of our resource lands is essential as we face an uncertain future of droughts.

In addition cannabis is a thirsty crop and our water resources are limited throughout most of the county. The cumulative impact of the crop's water use is cause alone for an EIR. An extensive cannabis industry is not an appropriate fit for our county's resources. Look at all the soil that is being trucked in to grow it successfully here. Grows need to stay small, certainly not even close to the 10% that is being proposed.

I am disturbed by the proliferation of hoop houses.

I support the RVMAC's request not to allow hoop houses. They generally require grading, require generator if there is no power source, cause light pollution, use lots of plastic that will become trash, and degrade the landscapes of rural areas. I suspect that they have a large carbon footprint that undermines our efforts to address climate change. Our county's resource lands including farmland should be working to help the state sequester carbon to reach a goal of carbon neutrality rather than compounding the problem.

I respectfully ask that you consider the many negative impacts this ordinance would bring to Mendocino County if adopted as written and vote no.

Sincerely, Cathy Monroe, Redwood Valley