

A Note About
"BOS 4-19-21 Agenda Item 3b"

Dear BOS,

I am writing to add my vote of NO to expansion of pot growth as described in Agenda Item 3b.

I'm definitely concerned about water. It took a lot of our money to drill our well, and pot grows can use a lot of water. If our well goes dry it will be devastating. I can see using water to grow food. I can see conserving water so we have water to drink. These are essential to life. Pot is not.

I have some experience with the law and I see that some lawyers have written about the possible lawsuits to come if we don't stop here and do some assessments on the environment and residents' quality of life, there could be some lawsuits. I saw that Humboldt County, which is ahead of Mendocino County in developing pot growth, is being sued in their Superior Court. In these times, when people don't have food on the table, can we really risk spending money that should be going to help people in need on lawsuits that come about because of poor planning?

Also, we have improved our property a great deal since we bought it. But since the fires many properties around us have transitioned to growing pot (not sure if they are legal or illegal). This drives down property values since no one wants to live in an area filled with crime, with traffic going back and forth to service the huge pot grow down the road, and where water isn't available. It's not fair to residents who have tried to improve their properties to see the value of their main asset go down the drain because of ever more pot grows.

Now I know that the pot grows on the agenda are about rangeland, but honestly, the county has done such a poor job policing the illegal pot grows around us that expansion is a scary thought. No, please clean house first with the pot grows that do exist before moving forward.

Please vote NO on this agenda item.

All the best,
Priscilla Yeh