

I waited all afternoon. Then went online to discover you all sitting talking about plastic grow houses etc. Below is what I had hoped to say to you today. It takes less than 2 minutes to read outloud.

My name is Carol Orton, I have lived in Willits, CA for 44 years.

My husband, Allen Sapoznick and I moved to Willits from San Jose in 1977 with our two little boys.

The day we drove over the ridge from Ukiah was the end of a three year drought in northern California.

The rains poured down and by the end of that rainy season in April 1978, Willits had received 68 inches.

Very soon our business, a retail bakery in down town Willits, was serving folks from all over the county.

Within 8 years we opened a new bakery across from the Courthouse in Ukiah, aptly named, The Courthouse Bakery, most of you know it as Schat's Bakery now.

Ever since 1977, the issue of rain, drought and fire have been huge concerns for me and my family.

I think it was 1979 when we all worked to feed everyone who came to fight the months' long fire that

Threatened Emandal Farm and all their neighbors below the San Hedrin ridge.

My biggest concern and question for the people who want to bring our county Big Marijuana Businesses

Is:

Who's going to supply WATER resources FOREVER, TO OUR HUGE COUNTY? Who's going to keep our local reservoirs full each year to get our town, and every town in Mendocino County, through another season.

Were any of you living here last fall, during the months of intense smoke that engulfed us all, day and night,

Were you here in 2019, when we had a fire come up the Redwood Valley ridge taking lives and households along the way before anyone could get firefighting equipment and WATER to stop the fires that jumped ridge to ridge.

Were any of you aware of the Brooktrails fire that would have destroyed the whole subdivision, last summer, 2020?

We were 'saved' by a huge 'bomber' jet that swooped into Little Lake Valley, Willits, and waved its wings to all of us huddled in the high school foot ball field praying, holding our children and our family dogs and cats and friends and neighbors....

That time...Brooktrails and Willits and Little Lake Valley and....who knows how much more land and homes and ranches and animals domestic and wild....were saved.

Who is going to keep our WATER available for human consumption and FIRE fighting availability

....If YOU, County Supervisors, Decide to SELL US ALL OUT

to Marijuana AGRIBusiness? Have I missed anything today ? Has any one Offered a lifetime answer to our

very local, Mendocino County, northern California, State Wide California issue of WATER...RESOURCES?

Respectfully submitted,
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