

Dear Supervisors,

Supervisor Mulheren recommended a time line to establish on site water supply and storage. I ask that you include in your amendment language such a time line for Phase 1 permittees converting to Phase 3

I'm very concerned that you allow a transition period for Phase 1 cultivators to secure a new water source if they have relied on trucked in water during summer months.

My well water supply is compromised in the summer months because a lavender farm of approximately 5 acres was installed adjacent to my property, the year after my first season. Prior to the lavender farm, my well was sufficient for my cultivation purposes.

There was no grading permit required for the lavender farm of five acres. There was no water impact analysis, no Water Board review, no CDFW review, no CalFire Review and no permit required by the County or the State, for lavender as for Cannabis.

I have begun engineering review for a possible pond construction, as an in ground water storage system seems most appropriate for my topography. The permitting and construction processes are significant and expensive. Coordinating engineering, soil analysis, planning department permit processing, engaging qualified construction contractors (if available) and arranging for weather appropriate for construction will take time under the best of circumstances.

Just as CDFA allows an attestation to proceed with CEQA, the County must adopt a similar progress reporting system to allow compromised water supply Phase 1 cultivators to secure another supply source.

Thank you for assisting in a reasonable transition.

Sincerely,

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