



April 19th 2021

Re: BOS Meeting 4-20 Agenda Items 5c, 5d,& 6a

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

We are pleased to see Agenda Item 5c and 6a as they are very important to addressing some of the needs and concerns of Round Valley/Covelo.

We would like to offer our support for Agenda Item 5c. We are grateful to see a collaboration forming between the Round Valley Indian Tribes and Mendocino County. We desperately need blight removal in our community. The use of these funds, as outlined, would be used for things that are needed to move our Community in the right direction.

The situation we are experiencing in our valley has become so out of hand that something must be done immediately. The amount of abandoned cars left off the sides of the road are building up at alarming rates. The most tragic is when people burn them up and leave them on rural mountain roads. They end up being pushed down embankments, leaking hazardous fuel and oils into the forest. We hope Round Valley/Covelo will be eligible to receive these funds to help get things under control and send a powerful message that we will not accept this kind of abuse to land. We hope the board will offer it's full support for this Agenda Item.


CCAG would also like to support Agenda Item 6a and appreciates the work of Supervisor Haschak for bringing this item forward. Creating bridges in our community with the Round Valley Indian Tribes and the County is an important way to come together. It's a powerful message to showcase the support from both sides aligning with a common vision to make our community a safe and beautiful place. CCAG would also like to thank Supervisor Haschak for caring so much and doing all he can to help solve the many problems of our valley. He is actively engaged with his constituents, especially on important issues and listening to community concerns and connecting with our Tribal Community. We hope there will be unanimous support for this Agenda Item by the Board.

In regards to Agenda item 5d, CCAG would like to draw your attention to a few things on the Master Fee Schedule. Under the cannabis program section on page 14, there is no discounted rate for Cannabis renewal fees. We strongly believe that a renewal application with no changes from the previous year, should be given a discounted rate since the application is much more streamlined than one with substantial changes. We would like to recommend that this be examined and modified if possible.

We also encourage the Board to review the fees outlined for each cannabis permit. We were disappointed in 2019 when the fees were raised for Specialty cottage operators. The County should try to offer lowered fees to the smallest producers that have a much smaller footprint to inspect, as well as application to process. We would like to recommend that the Board direct Staff to assess the feasibility of lowering the cottage permit application fees and see if it's possible to achieve cost recovery with a lowered fee schedule for this license type. We noticed that there are fees listed on line items 1268 & 1269 for the Zip Tie Program, however that program has not been active for several years now. Perhaps it would be appropriate to delete items that are irrelevant at this time.

Thank you for considering our recommendations on all of these agenda items.

Respectfully,



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