

Greetings Supervisors McGourty, Mulheren, Haschak, Djerde, and Williams,

3b) Cannabis Land Use Ordinance: I write in opposition to expansion of land use for cannabis cultivation. I live in Redwood Valley and am particularly concerned about the expansion I am witnessing every day in this RUI neighborhood. The proliferation of hoop houses that have replaced sunset and sunrise views is astounding.

There's a time and a place for everything is a quote that bears attention in 2021 in Mendocino County. The time and place for the expansion of the cannabis sector or any other sector that increases the use of diminishing water resources at the start of the fire season is not now.

Today, April 19, the Redwood Valley Water District will cut off water connections to 200 ag users.

Tomorrow, April 20 the BOS agenda includes a declaration of drought in Mendocino County.

Clearly, it is critical to make wise decisions that consider the reality of drought and wildfire threats in this place we call home.

For me, the wise decision at this time and place is to take a breath and accomplish the necessary EIR to determine the impact of an expansion of the cannabis sector.

Thank you for listening.

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