

It has been reported on the news that Governor Newsom has declared Mendocino and Sonoma Counties in a drought conditions state of emergency. It was also stated that there may be restrictions of taking water for agriculture purposes from the river.

I would request that the Supervisors have an emergency meeting and reinstate a moratorium on issuing any or renewing permits for cannabis cultivation. A 10,000 sq ft area of cannibals uses between 200,000 and 400,000 gallons of water to cultivate. This is more water than a family of 4 uses in a year. If they are unable to use water from the river, their only other means will be from wells and that will be devastating to families and their communities. Additionally, cannibals operations should be denied if they are in any way reliant upon well water for irrigation.

We are in our second year of a drought, and I found it disturbing that the moratorium for new applications for cannabis had been lifted and you had moved into phase 2. It is imperative that the moratorium be reinstated until we are out of drought conditions.

Looking forward to your response.

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