

To the Mendocino County Supervisors

I have lived in Laytonville for 40 years. I raised my family here. I love Mendocino County for the beauty of nature all around us, for our sense of community & connection, and for our concern & care for our environment. We are, after all, a county who passed a ban on GMOs.

You folks (with the notable exception of John Haschak) have forgotten what's important. You've fallen into the trap of greed. You're ignoring the Sheriff, the Water Districts, the MMACs, the overwhelming majority of the residents of this county who elected you, the drought, climate change, our already dwindling water supply.

The proposed cannabis expansion will hugely impact our quality of life. This issue needs to be decided by the voters, not by the BOS. We need to have an EIR done about this issue before you even consider expansion. You need to allocate more funds for enforcement, both for the Sheriff's Department and for other regulatory agencies. (I have a good friend who lives next door to a major permitted grower. Not only has he depleted the water table but he's caused severe damage to the private dirt road and bridge he shares with several other parcels due to multiple daily water deliveries during the summer and fall. Now the neighbors can't receive deliveries of propane, water or fire protection due to the condition of the bridge. This grower charmingly assures everyone he will take care of it yet does nothing! This grower has similar issues with the neighbors of all his multiple grow sites. You need to clean this mess up before making it bigger).

In case you can't tell, I am adamantly opposed to both the 10% rule and expansion into rangeland. Also to the suggestion made by some that there be a cap of 1 acre.

Not until there's been an EIR and you provide some enforcement and it is put on the ballot to be decided by the voters.

Sincerely,
Lucy Andrews